

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**SUBJECT: LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.**  
**FILE # 77-HQ-121928**

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>RICHMOND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>10/26/71</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/22 - 10/26/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b> <i>b6 b7c</i>	TYPED BY <b>shb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DAPLI</b>	

REFERENCES:

Bureau telephone call on 10/22/71;  
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ENCLOSURES:    TO THE BUREAU    (9)

- (1)      An article appearing in the "Richmond Times-Dispatch, (RTD) Richmond, Virginia, dated 1/30/65, captioned "Court Rulings Held Favoring Criminals"  
  
          An article appearing in the RTD dated 2/10/63, captioned, "A Lawyer Rebukes the Court"  
  
          An article appearing in the "Richmond News Leader" (RNL) dated 10/4/69, captioned "Anti-Militarism Called Threat"
- (2)      An article appearing in the RTD dated 11/12/68, captioned "Powell Would Oust Campus Extremists"  
  
          An article appearing in the RTD dated 4/17/66, captioned "Civil Disobedience Doctrine Assailed at Washington and Lee Session"  
  
          An article appearing in the RNL dated 2/13/65, captioned "Pre-Trial Publicity is Viewed as Threat"
- (3)      An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/6/67, captioned, "Powell Says Racial Good Will Can Curb Riots"  
  
          An article appearing in the RNL dated 11/11/68 captioned "Student Freedom Question Posed"  
  
          An article appearing in the RTD dated 11/18/70, captioned "U. S. Faces Internal Destruction Powell Tells Longwood"
- (4)      An article appearing in the RNL dated 8/12/64, captioned "Powell Heading to 'Stormy Seas' "

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- (5) An article appearing in the RTD dated 2/14/65 captioned, "Powell Asks More Control by Courts, Bar on News"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 5/3/66 captioned, "Powell Says Law and Order Suffer"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 8/9/65, captioned, "Legal Burden Relief Asked by Bar Leader"
- (6) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/6/65, captioned, "Court Decisions Seen Bolstering Rights of Accused"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 3/29/65, captioned, "Presidential Succession Action Urged"
- An article appearing in the RTD dated 1/12/65, captioned, "Lawyers Press Told to 'Balance' Trial Publicity"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/6/67, captioned, "Powell Urges Action to Stop Defiance of Law"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 6/26/65, captioned, "Rights of Accused Persons"
- (7) An article appearing in the RTD dated 5/21/68, captioned, "Crackdown Is Urged on Campus Anarchy"
- (8) An article appearing in the RNL dated 8/2/65, captioned, "Lawyer Agrees to New Burden"
- (9) An article appearing in the RNL dated 2/25/66, captioned, "Powell Voices Concern on 'New Left' "

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- An article appearing in the RTD dated 8/16/64,  
captioned, "New Bar Association"
- (10) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/8/67,  
captioned, "Civil Disobedience: Prelude to  
Revolution"
- (11) An article appearing in the RTD dated 5/9/71,  
captioned, "A Second-Rate Power?"
- (12) An article appearing in the RNL dated 12/9/64,  
captioned, "Powell Says Apathy to Crime Apparent"
- An article appearing in the RTD dated 11/13/58,  
captioned, "Soviet Threat is Stressed by Powell"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/7/60  
captioned, "Teaching Essentials Are Cited"
- An article appearing in the RTD dated 4/20/61,  
captioned, "Overthrow of Castro is Urged"
- (13) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/14/60,  
captioned, "Powell Hopes for Patriotism, Higher  
Standards in School"
- An article appearing in the RTD dated 8/24/58,  
captioned, "Soviets See Schools as Way to Lead  
World, Powell Says"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 1/3/61,  
captioned, "State Education Post Goes to  
Richmonder"
- An article appearing in the RNL dated 9/21/60,  
captioned, "Powell Urges More Textbooks on Communism"

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An article appearing in the RNL dated 2/6/62,  
captioned, "Communism Handbook Out"

An article appearing in the RNL dated 8/19/58,  
captioned, "Soviet Legal System 'Lacks Substance' "

- (14) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "Powell Is Said to Have Balanced View  
of Law"
- (15) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "A Brilliant Nomination"
- (16) An article appearing in the RTD dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "Powell Felt 'Humbleness' "
- (17) An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "Mr. Justice Powell"
- (18) An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "Text of Nixon Speech Nominating Court  
Members"
- (19) An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "It Always Has Been Hectic"
- (20) An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/22/71,  
captioned, "Powell Choice Pleases State"

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- (21) An article appearing in the RNL dated 10/22/71 captioned "Powell's Views Given In Various Speeches"
- (22) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Powell, Supreme Court Nominee, Shuns All Labels But 'Lawyer'"
- (23) An article appearing in the RTD, 10/26/71, captioned "Anti-Powell Effort Rapped"
- (24) An article appearing in the RTD, 10/23/71, captioned "Powell: One of 100"
- (25) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Mosque Crowd Cheers Choice"
- (26) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Nixon Labels Court Choice as 'Fantastic'"
- (27) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Bar Group Seen Treated to a Trick"
- (28) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Corporate Ties Listed for Powell"
- (29) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Virginia's Contributions to High Court Number 6"
- (30) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Powell, Sr.: 'Hate to See Him Leave'"
- (31) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/22/71, captioned "Council to Ask Okay for Powell"
- (32) An article appearing in the RTD, 10/24/71, captioned "Byrd Sees No Problems for Nominees"
- (33) An article appearing in the RTD, 10/24/71, captioned "Greene Scores Powell's Firm, Affiliation With City Clubs"

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- (34) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/23/71,  
captioned "Powell Reluctance Not Due to  
'Battle'"
- (35) An article appearing in the RNL, 10/25/71,  
captioned "Powell Denies Discrimination"

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- (36) Pamphlet entitled "Alienation of the Campus From National Defense", by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., an address before the Old Dominion Chapter, Public Relations Society of America, 10/3/69
- (37) Pamphlet entitled "Anarchy on the Campus", an address by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., delivered at the 62nd Annual Convention, Virginia Retail Merchants Association, Harrisonburg, Va., 5/20/68
- (38) Pamphlet entitled "Citizenship Education as to Law, Disorder, Extremism, and Civil Disobedience", dated 7/68
- (39) Pamphlet entitled "A Lawyer Looks at Civil Disobedience" by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.
- (40) Pamphlet entitled "Supplemental Statement on Constitutional Limitations", dated 2/67
- (41) Pamphlet entitled "Supplemental Statement to Report of Blue Ribbon Defense Panel" submitted to the President and the Secretary of Defense on The Shifting Balance of Military Power
- (42) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., on 9/5/67 entitled "Strategic Balance of Power"
- (43) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., on 2/10/67, entitled "Inadequate Discipline - A Failure of Professional Responsibility"
- (44) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 11/17/70, entitled "The Ideological Assault on America"
- (45) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 5/12/71, entitled "End of an Era and New Horizons"
- (46) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 4/15/71, entitled "Organized Crime and Electronic Surveillance - in Virginia?"

- (47) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 11/11/68, entitled "A Strategy for Campus Peace"
- (47) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 12/5/68, entitled "A Lawyer Looks at Director's Responsibilities"
- (48) Question and answer interview, [REDACTED] Review, of LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 4/16/68 b6  
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- (49) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 2/7/69, entitled "Reflections on the State of Public Education"
- (50) Speech given by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., 7/15/70, entitled "The Attack on American Institutions"
- (51) Article appearing in "U.S. News & World Report" by LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., entitled "Civil Disobedience: Prelude to Revolution?"

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] With regard to the interview of Negro Attorney,  
[REDACTED] set forth in this report, the Bureau  
should note that [REDACTED] was the subject of the case captioned,  
[REDACTED] aka, [REDACTED] OO: RICHMOND" Richmond [REDACTED]

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Richmond's knowledge of and dealings with [REDACTED]  
have shown that he is a "publicity seeker" and an individual  
who frequently makes statements to the press which have no  
basis in fact.

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b7C      The indices of the Richmond Division disclosed  
that [REDACTED] is the subject of Bureau file  
[REDACTED] and it would appear that this individual is identical  
with the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] mentioned  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of:

[REDACTED] :mfh  
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Office: Richmond, Virginia

Date:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

Character:

DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT -  
JUSTICE

~~U. S. SUPREME COURT~~

Synopsis:

*Supreme Court of the United States*

Records of BVS, Richmond, Va., reflect that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. was born on 9/19/07 at Suffolk, Va. He attended college at Washington and Lee University, receiving BS Degree on 6/14/29 and LL.B Degree on 6/9/31. Former Dean of Law School highly recommends. Employment at University of Richmond verified and satisfactory. Employment at David Lea Industries in 1927 verified. Employment in law firm of Christian, Barton, Parker, Epps and Brent at Richmond from 7/32 until 12/34 verified and very satisfactory. Employed in his present firm from 1/1/35 to date and is senior partner. Mr. POWELL is a member of the Va. State Bar in good standing and no actions by the Grievance Committee. Associates highly recommend in all respects as to character, honesty, reputation, judicial temperament and ability. Numerous attorneys contacted highly recommend as extremely ethical, able and efficient attorney and well qualified to be Supreme Court Justice. Federal, state and local Judges contacted and all recommend without reservation. Civil rights leaders favorable. Affiliations with various businesses and corporations and membership in civic organizations verified. Honorary awards and degrees received by Mr. POWELL set forth. Residences of relatives verified. Credit rating, Richmond, excellent. Arrest records, Richmond Police Department, negative. Present and former Va. Governors recommend. Tax records show no delinquent taxes and land records disclosed no restrictive covenants on property owned by Mr. POWELL.

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DETAILS:

On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that Bureau of Vital Statistics records reflect LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. was born September 19, 1907, at Suffolk, Virginia.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that birth records for the State of Virginia were not kept from 1896 until June 14, 1912, and that as a result, POWELL personally submitted his birth certificate to the Bureau of Vital Statistics on March 14, 1947. This certificate is marked, "Delay - 56 #488". This record reflects POWELL's father as LOUIS F. POWELL and his mother as MARY LEWIS GWATHMEY POWELL.

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[REDACTED] Accountant, residing at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, on October 24, 1971,  
advised he formerly attended The McGuire School with  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. He said this school was a private high  
school which went out of business about 1945. He recalled  
LEWIS POWELL as being an outstanding leader in school who had been  
at the top of his class. He said he has continued his friend-  
ship with POWELL since the 1930s and feels he knows of no one  
more qualified for the position of Justice on the U. S. Supreme  
Court. He said Mr. POWELL is an outstanding person as to  
character, reputation and loyalty and that he is extremely glad  
to recommend him for this high position.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Lexington, Virginia, on October 26,  
1971:

Mrs. [REDACTED] Registrar's  
Office, Washington and Lee University, advised that their  
records reflect that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was admitted  
to the University on September 10, 1925. He received a  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce Magna Cum Laude on  
June 14, 1929. On September 15, 1928, at the beginning of  
his senior year, POWELL entered the Law School and received  
a Bachelor of Law Degree on June 9, 1931.

Mr. POWELL was awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan  
Award on June 9, 1931, which is awarded to the graduate who  
excels in unselfish service to the University, who maintains  
high ideals of a spiritual quality, and who performs outstand-  
ing and unselfish service to others. He was elected to  
membership in Phi Beta Kappa in 1929 (exact date not recorded)  
and elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa on April 26,  
1928. Mr. POWELL was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws  
Degree from the University on June 3, 1960.

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[REDACTED] Professor of Law and [REDACTED]  
Washington and Lee University, advised  
that he recalls LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., as an outstanding  
student who was intelligent, responsible, and exceedingly  
well adapted to the study of law. He was always active in  
student affairs and respected by both members of the faculty  
and other students. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that while he was  
serving as [REDACTED] he had numerous opportuni-  
ties to observe Mr. POWELL in his service on the Board of  
Directors of the University and found that he was always  
responsible, level-headed, calm, and discerning on matters  
before the board. He also said that Mr. POWELL had been  
active for a period of time in the Law School Association  
and had always contributed significantly in matters in  
which he participated. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL  
has outstanding background, experience, and ability in  
matters of law and has always displayed a highly responsible  
and judicial temperament in matters in which he has observed  
him. He stated that Mr. POWELL as well as members of his  
family is a person of outstanding reputation, highest moral  
character, loyalty, and integrity. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that  
he considers Mr. POWELL to be eminently qualified for a  
position on the U. S. Supreme Court, and recommends him.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

Dr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, in June of 1971, advised on October 25, 1971, that he came to the University of Richmond in the Fall of 1938 from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. He stated that he was [REDACTED] in 1938 and that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. taught Government and Business in his department for two years. He stated that since that time he has been associated with Mr. POWELL, both professionally and socially, and he stated that Mr. POWELL is an individual who is highly honored, honest, above board in all his dealings with his fellow man, and whose ethics are of the highest standards. He stated that he could not speak too highly of Mr. POWELL as to his character, reputation and loyalty and he feels Mr. POWELL is one of the outstanding citizens of the United States, and recommends him for the position.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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Dr. [REDACTED] University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 25, 1971, that his records reflect that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. was an instructor of government and business in the evening school of Business Administration from the Fall term of 1938 through the Spring term of 1940.

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Dr. [REDACTED] advised that he has personally known Mr. POWELL for approximately 25 years. Dr. [REDACTED] advised that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. POWELL was on the Richmond City School Board, Richmond, Virginia, for a number of years during the same period of time and in all his dealings with Mr. POWELL, he has found him to be an outstanding citizen; one whose ethics are above reproach and an outstanding citizen of the United States. He stated that he has known him both professionally and socially, and he knows of no one he would recommend more highly than Mr. POWELL for a member of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] David Lea Industries,  
Hopkins Road, stated that all employment records for this company  
since 1950 have been destroyed.

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b7C [REDACTED] employee, David Lea Industries, supra,  
since [REDACTED] advised that he worked with LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR., in 1927 when Mr. POWELL was working during the  
summer months between school semesters. [REDACTED] spoke very highly  
of Mr. POWELL in every respect.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] Export Leaf Tobacco Company, 1601 West Leigh Street, Richmond, advised that his company is 100% owned by the British American Tobacco Company. He stated there are no employment records available for those employed by the British American Tobacco Company back in the 1920's.

He stated that the British American Tobacco Company Warehouse was located at 1601 West Leigh Street, in the early 1920's.

He stated he was not personally acquainted with Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] Christian, Barton, Parker, Epps and Brent, Law Firm, 1200 Mutual Building, 9th and Main Streets, advised that her office records show that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., came to work for this firm around July, 1932 and was employed as an associate lawyer until December, 1934.

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b7C Miss [REDACTED] stated that she was [REDACTED] for Mr. POWELL during his stay there and recalls that he came to the firm immediately following his tenure at Harvard University, where he obtained his Master's Degree. She stated that Mr. POWELL is of the highest calibre, and she would recommend him for any position he was seeking.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, Gipson, Attorneys-at-Law, 700 East Main Street, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., has been employed with this firm since January 1, 1935, and is still so employed. He was an associate member from 1935 until 1938 when he was made a full partner.

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Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that from May 1942 to February of 1946, Mr. POWELL was on military leave, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force.

Mr. [REDACTED] had nothing but praise and the highest regard for Mr. POWELL and would recommend him for any job that he applied for.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Bureau of Business Management,  
Department of Public Works, 217 Governor Street, stated there  
are no records available for any employee with the Department  
of Public Works for the City of Richmond before the year 1950.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was not personally acquainted  
with Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. and in his inquiries of  
employees presently with the Department of Public Works, who  
may have have been employed in the late 1920's or early 1930's,  
failed to develop anyone who was personally acquainted with  
Mr. POWELL or knew of his employment with that department.

He felt that Mr. POWELL may have been employed with  
one of the many survey crews which were operating with summer  
part-time help.

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BAR MEMBERSHIP



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] Virginia State Bar, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., has been a member in good standing of the Virginia State Bar since July 15, 1931, and that no grievances have been filed against Mr. POWELL.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has known Mr. POWELL since 1963 and that Mr. POWELL's character and reputation are absolutely beyond reproach. He advised that he knows of no activities of Mr. POWELL which would reveal a lack of honesty, sobriety, trustworthiness or discretion. He stated that he has no doubts whatsoever as to Mr. POWELL's loyalty to the United States, and that Mr. POWELL associates only with the most outstanding individuals and organizations.

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Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that Mr. POWELL is a veritable giant in the legal profession and, in Mr. [REDACTED] opinion, is pre-eminent in the legal field. He stated that it is his opinion that no one is more qualified than LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for a judicial appointment with the United States Government, and he believes that Mr. POWELL would be an outstanding jurist.

[REDACTED] Member, Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, and [REDACTED] advised that he is [REDACTED] and that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since 1936.

He advised that his records reveal that Mr. POWELL was certified to practice before the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on November 26, 1932.

He stated that Mr. POWELL is an individual of impeccable character, has an unblemished reputation wherever he is known, and that Mr. POWELL's honesty and loyalty to the United States are unquestioned. He advised that, in his opinion, Mr. POWELL is one of this Country's outstanding men, and he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory whatsoever concerning Mr. POWELL.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that Mr. POWELL has the finest legal mind of any individual he has ever known, and he believes that Mr. POWELL is eminently qualified for a Federal judicial position, and he highly recommends Mr. POWELL for such a position without any reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, and [REDACTED] of the Virginia State Bar Association, advised on October 25, 1971, that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. has been an active member of the Virginia State Bar Association since 1932. He attended the Seventh Midwinter Meeting of the Association at Williamsburg, Virginia, January 23-24, 1970, and has been very active in the Association from time to time.

[REDACTED] was unable to determine from records or recall various committees and subcommittees on which POWELL may have served.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has known POWELL since 1960, both personally and professionally, and considers him to be a person of excellent character and reputation, highly regarded in Virginia in the field of law and unquestionably loyal to the United States. [REDACTED] advised that he has no personal knowledge regarding POWELL's stand on civil rights but POWELL has always displayed a thoughtful approach to every problem and he knows no one who is less prejudice in any matter than LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. He stated that POWELL has always displayed the epitome of judicial temperament and is one of the fairest, most equitable persons he knows. [REDACTED] stated he feels that there could have been no better choice for nomination to the United States Supreme Court than POWELL and he would recommend him highly without any reservation whatsoever.

*Prejudiced*

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ASSOCIATES

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The following investigation was conducted at  
Richmond, Virginia, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Richmond, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond Bar Association, advised on October 23, 1971,  
that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.,  
since about 1925 when they were high school classmates at  
McGuire's University School in Richmond. [REDACTED] stated that  
during this time nothing has ever come to his attention  
which would cause him any hesitation in recommending POWELL  
for a Supreme Court appointment. [REDACTED] characterized POWELL  
as a "solid American" whose loyalty, character, and reputation  
have never been put at issue. [REDACTED] commented on POWELL's  
judicial ability and temperament by saying that POWELL is  
one of the best legal minds he has ever encountered. He  
described POWELL further as "moderate" with respect to his  
judicial temperament, adding that he is eminently fair with  
respect to civil rights and related issues. [REDACTED] stated that  
he knows of no organizations of which POWELL is a member  
or business or real estate ventures in which POWELL has  
participated which could be considered tainted by civil  
rights problems. [REDACTED] further advised that he is unaware  
of any avenue of criticism by which POWELL could be attacked.  
[REDACTED] stated, however, that some members of POWELL's firm  
participated in the Prince Edward County School desegregation  
suit in Virginia in 1954, arguing for the side of the School  
Board. POWELL himself, however, did not participate in this  
suit. [REDACTED] added further that POWELL was Chairman of the  
School Board in Richmond during the early desegregation  
crisis and, to his knowledge, POWELL never received any  
criticism for conducting himself in an unfair manner. Rather  
[REDACTED] feels POWELL was eminently fair, handled all difficult  
situations very adeptly, and both Negro and white citizens  
were very well satisfied with POWELL's chairmanship.

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JPB/pfm

On October 23, 1971, the following investigation was conducted at Richmond, Virginia, by SA [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Richmond, was interviewed concerning her knowledge and association with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has been acquainted with Mr. POWELL and his entire family for a period in excess of 40 years. Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that she was also very friendly with Mr. POWELL himself. She further advised that Mr. POWELL and his entire family are of impeccable character and reputation and his loyalty to the present form of government in the United States is unquestionable.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] further stated that all of Mr. POWELL's associates are of equally impeccable character and reputation. She also stated that throughout her entire period of association with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., she has always known him to have been fair and impartial when dealing with problems involving civil rights and racial equality.

Mrs. [REDACTED] concluded her remarks by indicating that she feels POWELL is an excellent choice for the position in question. Mrs. [REDACTED] is presently an associate with the insurance firm of Mallory, Keck, and Smith, located at 3414 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. She recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

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JPB/pfm

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C On October 23, 1971, the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond, was contacted and interviewed  
concerning LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

The [REDACTED] is a retired teacher, having  
spent 40 years as an educator in the Richmond Public Schools  
System. He is also a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia.

WHP [REDACTED] advised that his knowledge and  
association of Mr. POWELL stems from their association while  
POWELL was the Chairman of the Richmond School Board.

[REDACTED] advised that, during his tenure as Chairman  
of the School Board, Mr. POWELL demonstrated a fairness and  
impartiality in dealing with all the problems of that office.  
[REDACTED] stated that POWELL is greatly respected and consi-  
dered to be an individual of impeccable integrity.

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b7C [REDACTED] stated that he is not in a position  
to comment on Mr. POWELL's legal acumen and scholarship;  
however, he did state that, speaking as a person attuned  
to the problems of the Negro community in Richmond, Virginia,  
he has never known Mr. POWELL to demonstrate any questionable  
attitudes or behavior with reference to the civil rights  
problem. [REDACTED] also volunteered the statement  
that the President and the Congress would experience an  
extremely difficult time in finding another man as well  
qualified as Mr. POWELL is for the position sought, and he  
would recommend him highly.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

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Mr. [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has known Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for approximately 25 years and considers Mr. POWELL one of his closest friends. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL served on the Richmond School Board from 1952 to 1961, while he, Mr. [REDACTED] and that in his own opinion there is not a fairer or more conscientious man in the country. He stated that Mr. POWELL has a brilliant mind and is a perfect gentleman at all times and is well respected by men of all races.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that while Mr. POWELL was on the Virginia Library Board he believes that he did everything in his power to help all people of the State of Virginia, regardless of their race.

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He stated that Mr. POWELL served on the Virginia State Library Board from 1954 to 1964, and that during this time he was also associated with the Virginia State Board of Education and the Richmond Department of Education.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he knows of no instance during his 25-year friendship with Mr. POWELL that POWELL came into any situation that could be considered controversial and he considers POWELL highly qualified to serve the United States as a Supreme Court Justice. and, therefore, would recommend him highly.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SAC DONALD W. MOORE, JR. at Mechanicsville, Virginia:

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Mechanicsville, Virginia,  
[REDACTED] Richmond Symphony, and local Richmond business-  
man, advised on October 25, 1971, he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR. for 40 years. He considers POWELL's character,  
reputation and loyalty to be above reproach. He said POWELL  
is a learned attorney and he would highly recommend him for  
any position in the Federal judiciary.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

Mr. [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, [REDACTED] Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 23, 1971, that Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is currently a trustee of the Richmond Memorial Hospital and that he has known Mr. POWELL personally since 1954.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that while he does not socialize with Mr. POWELL, he has dealt with him [REDACTED] on numerous occasions over the past years and has found Mr. POWELL to be "a perfect gentleman" and a man whose honesty and compassion is unquestioned and he believes that Mr. POWELL is "color blind" when it comes to races.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has the highest respect for Mr. POWELL and can not find words to adequately describe the way he feels concerning the man's character and the man's regard for the welfare of his fellow man.

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Mr. [REDACTED] further stated that he knows of nothing in which Mr. POWELL has been involved since 1954 that could be construed as controversial and stated that some people may complain because he is conservative.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he would characterize Mr. POWELL as a moderate and feels confident that the country could benefit from the service of a man of Mr. POWELL's abilities. He recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On October 23, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED] New Kent Courthouse, Virginia, [REDACTED] Richmond Bar Association, advised that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for many years and stated that he does not feel there are adequate words in the English language to describe POWELL's capabilities as a lawyer or to describe his own pleasure at seeing POWELL receive the appointment. [REDACTED] advised that nothing has ever come to his attention which could give rise to the slightest question in regard to POWELL's loyalty to the country, his character, his reputation, or his integrity. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL's judicial ability and temperament have never been questioned to his knowledge. [REDACTED] added that he feels, with respect to civil rights matters, that POWELL has been eminently fair. [REDACTED] recalled that POWELL was the Chairman of the Richmond School Board during a time when the original desegregation crisis occurred in Richmond. [REDACTED] stated that he feels both Negro and white citizens were greatly satisfied with the manner in which POWELL handled the crisis and appeared to feel that he had been extremely fair in all of his decision making. [REDACTED] stated that he is aware of no organization of which POWELL is a member or known business venture in which POWELL has participated which could be criticized for its stand on or treatment of civil rights matters. He recommended Mr. POWELL.

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BNT/pfm

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Richmond,  
Virginia:

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia State Board of Education, advised that  
he has known Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for approxi-  
mately 50 years and knows him to be a man whose integrity  
is beyond question. He stated that Mr. POWELL has one of  
the keenest minds of any lawyer he has ever known and he  
feels that POWELL will be fair to any American regardless  
of race.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that, during the 1954 massive  
resistance campaign organized by the more conservative  
element in the State of Virginia, that LEWIS POWELL took a  
more moderate stand, fighting the massive resistance campaign,  
and ultimately the massive resistance campaign was abandoned  
for limited integration.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he knows of nothing derogatory  
about Mr. POWELL and stated that Mr. POWELL had helped write  
the City Charter of Richmond and that he had served with  
POWELL on the Richmond Board of Education as well as the  
Virginia State Board of Education.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL's law firm represents  
the bank with whom Mr. [REDACTED] is employed and that he knows  
that several well-known Negroes in Richmond would support  
POWELL. He listed as one Negro Richmonder who would support  
POWELL as Mr. [REDACTED] an attorney in the City of Richmond,  
and he felt sure [REDACTED] Virginia Union University  
would support Mr. POWELL.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he did not think the President  
of the United States could have chosen a finer or more quali-  
fied man for the U. S. Supreme Court, and he was glad to add  
his recommendation on behalf of Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 23, 1971, that she is currently [REDACTED] Richmond Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia, and that she has known Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. since 1952 and worked with him when he served as Chairman and a member of the Richmond Board of Education from 1952 to 1961. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that during Mr. POWELL's chairmanship, he was accepted by all races as being fair and that she feels he has numerous friends in the minority races in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL participated in writing the Richmond City Charter of the City of Richmond and was Chairman of the Commission dealing with the laws pertaining to the Richmond City School System.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that during the turbulent years when the state was pushing massive resistance to the integration of public schools, Mr. POWELL was opposed to some of the state laws in existence at that time but that he was powerless to do anything about them.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she considered Mr. POWELL a moderate but knows that through the years he has tried to do what is best for both races and that she feels that Mr. POWELL has compassion for his fellow man and wants to see him achieve as much as he is capable of achieving regardless of his race.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL is a man of integrity and is far above the average person in intelligence; consequently he has exceeded the average man in achievements. She stated the only possible avenue of criticism that someone might level at Mr. POWELL is that he is considered by many to be conservative but as far as she is concerned, this is an asset.

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b7C Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that as far as she is personally concerned, Mr. POWELL is probably the most outstanding man she has known in public service and that she highly recommends Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Virginia Union University,  
Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.  
for eleven years in a professional capacity. Mr. [REDACTED] continued  
that [REDACTED] has observed  
POWELL as an outstanding citizen of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. [REDACTED]  
added that Mr. POWELL's firm has on occasion represented his  
university and further advised that he considered POWELL an  
outstanding individual and would highly recommend POWELL for a  
position with the United States Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b6  
b7C [REDACTED] Richmond,  
Virginia, advised his opinion of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.  
has not changed in any respect since he initially recommended  
him to both President NIXON and Attorney General MITCHELL  
approximately three years ago.

[REDACTED] advised he has known POWELL nearly forty  
years, both socially and professionally. They have been  
involved in numerous civic activities together and [REDACTED]  
assisted POWELL in the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that POWELL is highly regarded for  
his fairness and objectivity. He stated that POWELL exercises  
impartial judgment, honestly and carefully considered.  
[REDACTED] stated that POWELL is not politically oriented and  
cannot be considered as either a conservative or a liberal.  
POWELL will listen carefully and make up his mind intelligently.

[REDACTED] b6  
b7C [REDACTED] stated POWELL did a great deal to maintain  
calm while on the Richmond School Board at a time when edi-  
torials and other opinions were flaming..

[REDACTED] stated POWELL has a good constitutional  
mind, and that he believes in law and order and in working  
through proper legal process.

[REDACTED] stated POWELL's veracity and integrity  
and the general esteem of his fellow men are without boundary,  
and he was glad to recommend him.



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WHP/vlr

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b7C [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, [REDACTED] Virginia State Bar, and Professor of Law, at the University of Richmond, advised on October 26, 1971 that he has been a close personal friend of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., and has known POWELL since he was a young boy. He has also known the parents of Mr. POWELL and stated that he has only the highest regard for POWELL and members of his family.

He said that in his opinion POWELL is the best organized man he has ever known, and he is a great man for law and order. He said that President NIXON could not have made a more appropriate appointment.

He said that POWELL is a man of extremely fine character, reputation and loyalty and a person who exercises the very greatest of judgment in all matters. He said that POWELL is very even tempered and so far as he knows is in excellent health. He has always exhibited a great deal of common sense and always has done what is proper.

He said he knows of no conflict of interest and that he is certain that POWELL would have no racial prejudices, as he has heard him state that he, POWELL, believes that everyone should have a fair deal regardless of race, and that he plays no favorites.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] said that he is extremely happy to recommend Mr. POWELL for the appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court as he considers him an outstanding person in every respect.

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WKC/vlr

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

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[REDACTED] Miller and Rhoads Division of Garfinckel, Brooks Brothers, Miller and Rhoads, Inc., advised that he has had an intimate association with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for the past 15 or 20 years. Mr. [REDACTED] stated Mr. POWELL is a person, who in his opinion, is of the highest moral character, outstanding in his profession as an attorney, and who maintains the highest reputation among his business and personal associates.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that based upon his dealings with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., he would recommend him without reservation.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that in 1968 the Swift Creek Land Investment Company Inc., purchased approximately 50 acres of land in Chesterfield County, Virginia, and advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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Mr. [REDACTED] United Virginia Bankshares, Inc., at United  
Virginia Bank, 9th and East Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia,  
advised he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL JR. for approxi-  
mately four years [REDACTED]

as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of the  
lead bank in the company, namely, United Virginia Bank/  
State-Planters, Richmond, Virginia. Additionally, [REDACTED]  
stated Mr. POWELL helped create the bank holding company  
which exists.

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In the opinion of [REDACTED] President NIXON could  
not have made a better choice for associate justice of the  
United States Supreme Court. [REDACTED] considers Mr. POWELL's  
personal integrity, humanity and general behavior exemplary  
and he is a truly inspirational legal talent. He stated  
that Mr. POWELL has a quiet dignity and conservative demeanor  
and is a man about whom [REDACTED] knows nothing in the slightest  
of a derogatory nature. In his opinion, Mr. POWELL is an  
outstanding choice for the Supreme Court and he recommends  
him most highly for the position.

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RHG/pfm

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] Richmond "Times-Dispatch", advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since 1946 when POWELL was the Chairman of the Richmond Charter Commission [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He related that his association with POWELL has been strictly professional and that he knows him as an attorney of high reputation and integrity, whose devotion to the country is unquestioned. He related that Mr. POWELL has high regard and respect for the Supreme Court although he believes Mr. POWELL feels that the recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions have gone too far in protecting the criminal's rights. Mr. [REDACTED] related that on civil rights issues he believes that LEWIS POWELL would not be prejudiced in any manner and that he would consider him a moderate conservative, with emphasis on the moderate, although he cannot give POWELL's views on civil rights insofar as bills and legislation are concerned, since POWELL has never been a political figure. Mr. [REDACTED] related that Mr. POWELL would have the utmost respect for the law and would abide by the law of the land. In this regard, Mr. [REDACTED] went on to say that Mr. POWELL has been very meticulous on the law and that he has a firm foundation in matters of law and would add to the dignity of the U. S. Supreme Court. He stated further that Mr. POWELL is not one prone to speak out on matters which he is not totally familiar with nor is he one to prejudge issues before being apprised of all the facts.

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b7C According to Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. POWELL's background and positions he has held and certainly his temperament would qualify him for a position on the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he knows of nothing in the background of LEWIS POWELL which would preclude him from being confirmed as a U. S. Supreme Court Justice, and he was happy to recommend him.

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[REDACTED] Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, that he has been personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for about four years and that POWELL has the reputation of being a most capable attorney and one of great legal ability. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL was admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on April 5, 1934.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
he was instrumental in having POWELL become an honorary member of the Federal Bar Association and that he became an honorary member on December 12, 1966.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that from POWELL's reputation, he appears to have the proper judicial temperament to be an appellate judge and that he is considered to be an individual of the highest character, integrity and honesty.

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b7C  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he knows nothing whatsoever concerning POWELL's views on civil rights matters but from everything he has heard concerning him, POWELL upholds the dignity of every man, regardless of his race, color or creed and is most conscious of the human rights of man. Mr. [REDACTED] informed he would recommend without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

U. S. Congressman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Virginia, on October 23, 1961,  
advised he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. since 1951,  
first meeting POWELL when Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] has  
worked with POWELL [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] is currently in contact with Mr. POWELL  
with respect to the defense posture of the United States.

Mr. [REDACTED] described Mr. POWELL as a conservative  
Democrat, who is mentally alert, and an independent thinker  
as well as a person of excellent judicial temperament. Mr.  
[REDACTED] further described POWELL as a person who has no  
particular leanings with respect to civil rights and a person  
who has very strong beliefs in law and order. Mr. [REDACTED]  
stated Mr. POWELL has always been a person of excellent  
moral character, excellent reputation, excellent associates,  
exceptionally mature, emotionally stable, very reliable,  
honest and a loyal American citizen.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised to his recollection and knowledge,  
Mr. POWELL has never belonged to any racially-prejudiced  
organization and has made no comments publicly relative to  
civil rights. Mr. [REDACTED] advised to his knowledge, Mr.  
POWELL is not prejudiced in any manner.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated in his opinion, President  
RICHARD M. NIXON could not have selected a person better  
qualified, nor a person with better judicial temperament for  
the Supreme Court than Mr. POWELL. Mr. [REDACTED] highly  
recommended POWELL.

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JAE/pfm

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] U. S. Congressman, [REDACTED]  
Virginia, stated he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.,  
professionally and socially for about 20 years. He  
described POWELL as a man of outstanding character with a  
completely favorable reputation and the type of individual  
who chooses his associates with discretion. He believes  
Mr. POWELL to be a completely loyal American citizen with  
nothing in his background which might be considered contro-  
versial.

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b7C Congressman [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL is  
highly capable in legal matters with a judicial temperament  
that qualifies him for a position as an Associate Justice  
of the United States Supreme Court. He highly recommended  
Mr. POWELL for such a position.

Congressman [REDACTED] further advised that Mr. POWELL  
is not closely aligned with any political party and he  
considers him to be independent in his political beliefs.

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b7C [REDACTED] member of the United States Congress for the Third District of Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 24, 1971, that he has been personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. since 1948 and that he has been in his company on numerous occasions, both socially and business.

Congressman [REDACTED] stated that he has been present during numerous discussions of legislation at which time POWELL presented proposed legislation and statutes and that POWELL has always exhibited himself to be a lawyer of great ability and one who would be most capable of being an Appellate Judge, particularly a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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b7C Congressman [REDACTED] advised that POWELL has been most tolerant in civil rights matters; that he is an individual of compassion who respects the rights and human dignities of all men, regardless of his race, color or creed.

Congressman [REDACTED] advised that when POWELL was Chairman of the School Board for the City of Richmond, Virginia, he frequently expressed himself as being against massive resistance and for the orderly integration of schools and particularly he was one of the proponents of the building of the John Marshall High School in the City of Richmond, where it is now located, knowing at the time that the school would become an integrated school and he was instrumental in having this school built at the present sight so that it could be integrated.

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b7C Congressman [REDACTED] stated that POWELL is a very quiet individual of high intellect, who has the highest character and integrity and one whose honesty is above reproach. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL is of the proper judicial temperament to be a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



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Congressman [REDACTED] stated that he recently sent a letter to the President of the United States recommending LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for consideration as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court and that he intends to accompany POWELL before any Senate Committee which investigates POWELL's qualifications.

Congressman [REDACTED] recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

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RHG/pfm

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

[REDACTED] advised that he has the highest regard for the character, integrity, and loyalty to country of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. He stated that he has an outstanding reputation in the legal field and that he would "without reservation and unqualifiedly" recommend him for the highest court. He also stated that in the field of civil rights he would regard LEWIS POWELL as one who would take the issues at hand and render a fair, impartial decision.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On October 25, 1971, Honorable [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Winchester, Virginia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he is not personally or professionally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., however, he has met him on several occasions at social functions in Richmond, Virginia, when he, [REDACTED] was a Virginia State Senator.

He stated from his association with POWELL, he has found him to be of excellent reputation; high moral character and loyal American citizen. He said from his association with POWELL, he would highly recommend him for the position of Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

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b7C [REDACTED] University of  
Virginia (UVA), Law School, Charlottesville, Virginia,  
and current Judge on World Court, Geneva, Switzerland,  
advised he has had a pleasant association with LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for approximately 40 years.

He stated before POWELL became well known in  
the legal field, that his capabilities were recognized  
and attempts have been made to recruit him for the UVA  
Law School faculty.

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b7C [REDACTED] stated that he worked closely with POWELL  
as co-members of a commission on Constitutional Revision in  
Virginia and at that time became quite familiar with POWELL's  
confidence and ability. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL is very  
able mentally; is extremely well balanced and would make a  
strong, able and respected member of the Supreme Court. He  
had no idea as to POWELL's attitude on civil rights other than  
to note that POWELL is characterized as a "law and order" man  
who believes in the authority of government but in no sense  
of the word would he be considered an extremist. POWELL  
would give a balanced judicious decision on any problem  
posed and would be fair and impartial.

[REDACTED] stated he would recommend POWELL strongly  
as to character, reputation, integrity and ability. He  
stated that he personally applauded POWELL's nomination and  
it was not a parochial instinct due to the fact that POWELL  
is a Virginian but rather because of his extreme confidence  
in POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Charlottesville, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Law School, University of Virginia (UVA), Charlottesville, advised that he first met LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., in 1964 or 1965, at a Bar Association meeting in Chicago, Illinois. He has had professional contacts with POWELL at American Bar Association meetings since that time.

He became better acquainted with POWELL during the past two years during which time POWELL's daughter, MARY, attended the UVA Law School.

He stated that based on his association with POWELL, he considers him to be a fine gentleman, an outstanding lawyer and a person of great integrity. He has no information on POWELL's attitude on civil rights but believes he would reflect current Constitutional law. He stated that POWELL exemplifies and exudes judicial temperament, and he would recommend him highly for the Supreme Court of the United States.

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b7C [REDACTED] UVA Law School, advised that he has known POWELL quite well due to participation on an American Bar Association project and also through service [REDACTED] He worked closely with POWELL during this period and even became involved in disagreement with POWELL over some of the Commission's issues. He stated that POWELL understands the merits of argument, has a first-rate legal mind and he has the greatest respect for POWELL.

He advised he had no personal knowledge regarding POWELL's attitude on civil rights but stated that POWELL had served on the Richmond School Board for many years during the period of stress and had always argued to keep the schools open.

POWELL also has written an article on civil disobedience which was published three or four years ago in the "Washington and Lee Review" and which he defended quite well the integrity of the courts, respect for legal institutions and that the law and the courts should be used to effect any changes. *m*

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b7C [redacted] stated that based on his association with POWELL, he would consider him to be highly qualified and suited from morals, character, reputation and judicial temperament for appointment to the Supreme Court. and would so recommend.

Professor [redacted] UVA Law School, advised that he has known POWELL since they grew up together in Richmond, Virginia. He stated although they attended different schools, he, [redacted] had practiced law in Richmond during 1937 and 1938, and was a neighbor during that time to POWELL. He has had renewed association during the last eight years, during which time he has been active in the American Bar Association.

He advised that POWELL possesses judicial temperament to an unusual degree. He is scholarly, poised, and would be an asset on the Bench.

[redacted] stated he had no knowledge regarding POWELL's attitude on civil rights except that he knew POWELL to have been involved in the school issue in Richmond, Virginia, and in the State during troubled years and was respected for his open mind and desire to prevent the schools from being closed. [redacted] stated that POWELL is a man of excellent legal ability, well regarded in his profession, and he would recommend him without reservation for an appointment to the Supreme Court.

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b7C Professor [redacted] UVA Law School, advised that he has known POWELL since 1956, at which time [redacted] had entered Law School and was residing in Richmond, Virginia. He has had very close contacts with POWELL. [redacted] of which [redacted] served [redacted] from March 1968 to January 1969. [redacted] stated he has sustained contact during the [redacted] period and knows of no one whom he respects more highly in the legal field than POWELL. He had absolutely no reservation regarding POWELL's character, reputation and loyalty and considers him to have an exceptional judicial temperament, being very even-tempered, moderate and poised. He has qualities of mind which thoroughly suit him for appointment to the Supreme Court.

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b7C [redacted] stated that he is presently reviewing many of the written works of POWELL prior to testifying before the Judicial Committee in Washington, D.C., next week on POWELL's appointment. From the review of POWELL's written reports, he would consider him to be a moderate on civil rights and compared POWELL's views as being close to those of the late Supreme Court Justice BLACK, whose opinions were filed during the mid-1960's.

[redacted] stated that he would recommend POWELL without any reservation whatsoever.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Lexington, Virginia:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University, advised he did not teach at the University at the time LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was a student but he has known him for approximately 20 years. He stated Mr. POWELL has been active in the Law School Association and has participated in a most constructive manner. He stated, through his observation of Mr. POWELL, he considers him, in ability, experience, and temperament, to be outstanding in the law field. He stated Mr. POWELL is a very level-headed, scholarly, intelligent individual of the highest integrity, reputation, and character. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL and has never seen him display bias or prejudice in any form. Mr. [REDACTED] advised he considers Mr. POWELL to be eminently qualified for a position on the U.S. Supreme Court and recommends him without reservation.



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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law and former Commonwealth Attorney, Giles County, Pearisburg, Virginia, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] he has known LEWIS POWELL for approximately thirty years, having become associated with him in the Virginia and American Bar Associations and also having done legal work with Mr. POWELL's law firm. Mr. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] for many years and, thus, he has contacted Mr. POWELL on many, many occasions.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated, in his opinion, Mr. POWELL's integrity is above reproach, his legal qualifications are infinite, and he considers him to be the most qualified nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States that has been nominated in the past twenty years.

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The above interview with Mr. [REDACTED] was conducted on October 26, 1971.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised he recommended Mr. POWELL fully and completely.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971:

[REDACTED] City of Bristol, Bristol, Virginia, advised that he was a classmate of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., at Washington and Lee University Law School, Lexington, Virginia, and has known POWELL approximately 40 years. This relationship has been on a casual basis socially and regularly on a business basis. [REDACTED] knows POWELL to have excellent legal ability and that POWELL maintains the highest regard and reputation among other members of the legal society in the State of Virginia.

[REDACTED] stated that POWELL, to the best of his knowledge, was not a member of any racially prejudice organization and believed him to be neutral on civil rights matters with excellent judicial ability and reasonable and balanced temperament. He recommended Mr. POWELL.

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[REDACTED] member of Woodward, Miles, and Flannagan Law Firm, Bristol, Virginia, [REDACTED] of the Virginia Bar Association, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for approximately 25 years on both a professional and social level. [REDACTED] advised he knows POWELL's family personally and considers them to be people of unapproachable character and friendliness. [REDACTED] stated that he has been associated with POWELL through the bar association handling cases and on various other civic boards and councils. [REDACTED] believes POWELL to be of exceptional quality with an excellent legal mind and would recommend him without reservation for any legal position. *Prejudicial*

[REDACTED] member of the law firm of Woodward, Miles, and Flannagan, Bristol, Virginia, and former President of the Virginia State Bar, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for approximately 30 years on almost a strictly legal level and has attended very few social functions with POWELL. [REDACTED] believes POWELL has one of the finest legal minds in the State of Virginia and is exceptionally qualified for any judicial position. WOODWARD knows POWELL to be an even-tempered individual with unquestionable character and holding the highest regard of his associates, and he was glad to recommend him.

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The following investigation was conducted at Richmond, Virginia, by SA [REDACTED]

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b7C On October 24, 1971, [REDACTED] Richmond, was interviewed concerning the nomination of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., to the United States Supreme Court. Mr. [REDACTED] the Richmond-based law firm of Blanton, Shaia and Kelly, 700 East Main Street, Richmond. It is further noted that Mr. [REDACTED] of the Virginia State Bar.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that, in his opinion, LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., is eminently qualified for the position in question. He advised that POWELL possesses an excellent legal mind and is a devoted student of the law. [REDACTED] further stated that POWELL possesses a keen insight into all complicated phases of law and is able to state the problem in clear and concise language.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he has, on many occasions during the past 15 to 20 years, been associated with POWELL in various legal and professional organizations in the Richmond area. He stated that, although POWELL has no judicial experience, he is absolutely certain that his legal scholarship more than qualifies him for a position on the Supreme Court, and he so recommended.

[REDACTED] stated that he has always known POWELL to be a moderate concerning civil rights problems. He further stated that he is aware of no information concerning POWELL's stand on the civil rights question which would detract from his ability to function as a fair and impartial Justice of the Supreme Court.

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b7C [REDACTED] advised that POWELL's character and associates are impeccable and at no time during his association with him has he ever doubted his loyalty to the presently instituted form of the United States Government.

[REDACTED] stated that the only negative factor involved in the POWELL nomination is the nominee's rather advanced age. However, [REDACTED] reiterated that, in his opinion, the President could not have found a more qualified individual to fill this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on  
October 25, 1971:

Honorable [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and prominent Negro attorney, was interviewed at  
his law office, [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, and fur-  
nished the following information:

He has been personally acquainted with Mr. LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for the last five years. Through this  
association, he has come to know Mr. POWELL as a man of un-  
impeachable character and associates and a person who is most  
highly esteemed by his peers in the legal profession. He  
further described Mr. POWELL as a man completely loyal to the  
United States and an advocate of law and order.

He considers Mr. POWELL to be one of the most respec-  
ted members of the Virginia Bar and a man who is eminently quali-  
fied in the field of law.

He is aware that Mr. POWELL has been nominated for  
the position of Justice on the United States Supreme Court.  
He believes that despite having no prior judicial experience,  
Mr. POWELL has the ability to be an excellent Justice of the  
Supreme Court.

With respect to the civil rights area, he considers  
Mr. POWELL to be a moderate. He believes that Mr. POWELL has  
had no first-hand experience in dealing with the race problems  
in this country which may serve as a shortcoming in his evalua-  
tion as a Supreme Court Justice of civil rights cases. He  
added, however, that he considers Mr. POWELL to be a fair  
person who is interested in seeing progress being made in the  
civil rights field, however, such progress should be made  
slowly.

The only other shortcoming that he can think of  
with regard to Mr. POWELL is that of Mr. POWELL's age. He

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mentioned that Mr. POWELL is 64 years of age.

He recommends Mr. POWELL for the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at  
Richmond, Virginia:

Mr. [REDACTED] in the  
law firm of Hill, Tucker, and Marsh, 214 East Clay Street,  
advised that he has been personally acquainted with LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for the last 25 years. Through his  
acquaintance with POWELL, he has come to know him as a  
person of excellent character and reputation, who associates  
with only individuals of like character and reputation.  
Mr. [REDACTED] described Mr. POWELL as being a responsible  
and civic-minded citizen and one whose loyalty has never  
been questioned.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. POWELL to be a person quite  
knowledgeable in law. With regard to civil rights matters,  
Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. POWELL as a moderate, indicating  
that Mr. POWELL has been in favor of progress in the civil  
rights area, however, desirous that this progress be made  
with caution.

Mr. [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been nomi-  
nated for the position of Justice on the United States  
Supreme Court and, for this position, Mr. [REDACTED]  
Mr. POWELL without reservation. Mr. [REDACTED] that on  
November 3, 1971, he intends to testify before a Senate  
subcommittee concerning Mr. POWELL's appointment at which  
time he will recommend Mr. POWELL without reservation.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

[REDACTED] Attorney with Williams, Mullen, and Christian, Attorneys-at-Law, 510 United Virginia Bank Building, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. since 1942 on a professional, civic, and social basis. [REDACTED] stated that he considers Mr. POWELL to be a man of impeccable honesty and sterling character. He also advised that Mr. POWELL is a very trustworthy person whose reputation is above reproach.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL is a fine, upstanding citizen who, to his knowledge, has never belonged to any organizations or movements which could be considered undesirable or disloyal.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he considers Mr. POWELL to be a fine lawyer and one who is immensely qualified for the position for which he is being considered. He further advised that, in his opinion, Mr. POWELL would be considered to be a moderate in civil rights matters and has a fine temperament as a lawyer and would make an extremely competent judge, and he so recommends him.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Southern Title Insurance Company, Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. since the early 1920s. [REDACTED] continued he has known POWELL both socially and professionally and has practiced with POWELL on numerous cases. [REDACTED] stated he holds POWELL in the highest regard, and further advised he could not think of a better person to be nominated for a position on the Supreme Court of the United States. [REDACTED] added in his estimation POWELL possesses a brilliant legal mind, and further stated he could not think of any derogatory information as to POWELL's character, reputation, loyalty and associates. Mr. [REDACTED] related he was happy to recommend Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Lawyer, Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has known POWELL for a period of close to fifty-five years, and he further advised that he has opposed POWELL in court on three occasions. [REDACTED] continued that in his estimation POWELL is a thorough, honorable and brilliant attorney. [REDACTED] stated he highly recommends POWELL in his nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States, and further advised President NIXON could not have nominated a better man, and he was happy to add his recommendation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Lawyer, Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has known of POWELL for a period of six years, but has not personally met POWELL, nor has he practiced with or against POWELL. [REDACTED] continued that he used to be [REDACTED] for United States District Judge ROBERT R. MERRIGE, JR., and that during that time he observed POWELL practice in court, and stated from his observations he considers POWELL a brilliant attorney. [REDACTED] added that he is presently with a private law firm, and that he has heard his colleagues and other associates speak very highly of POWELL in all regards. He recommended Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Hopewell, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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[REDACTED] Attorney, Hopewell, Virginia, residing in Prince George, Virginia, advised that he had known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for at least twenty years. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL had been associated with his, [REDACTED] cousin, [REDACTED] in the law firm of [REDACTED] in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he was familiar with the career of POWELL, and considers POWELL to be of excellent character and to have an excellent reputation. He also considers POWELL to be an outstanding student of law and an excellent candidate for a position as Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He concluded that he was glad to recommend Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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[REDACTED] of the firm of Sands, Anderson, Marks and Clarke, Ninth and Main Streets, Fidelity Bank Building, Richmond, Virginia, advised he had known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for approximately forty years. In 1933, he had been associated with POWELL as a [REDACTED] in Richmond, Virginia. He stated he worked closely with POWELL during this time until 1935, when POWELL left the firm. Mr. [REDACTED] stated since then he has followed POWELL's progress and career and considers him to be of excellent character and reputation. He also stated that in line with recent comments concerning possible discriminatory practices by Mr. POWELL, he felt that there was "nothing to it". He advised he considers POWELL to be one of the "most broad-minded individuals" and that POWELL followed the "letter of the law" as well as the "morals behind it". Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would recommend POWELL for a position as Justice on the United States Supreme Court without any reservations whatever.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia on October 25, 1971:

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Southern States  
Cooperative, Inc., 7th and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia,  
advised that Mr. [REDACTED] was on vacation until November 1,  
1971 and further that he could be reached in care of his  
daughter and son-in-law, Major and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Westover Air Force Base,  
Westover, Massachusetts (no phone number known) or  
Mr. [REDACTED] father-in-law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Haven, Connecticut, Telephone Number  
239-[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known Mr. LEWIS  
POWELL for the past forty years as fellow attorneys. Mr. [REDACTED]  
stated that Mr. POWELL is a scholar, is learned in the law,  
and is intellectually honest. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL  
is a very fine gentleman, is courteous, and a very able lawyer.  
Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he considers Mr. POWELL to be "super"  
highly qualified for a position as a United States Supreme  
Court Justice and based upon his knowledge of Mr. POWELL,  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised he would highly recommend Mr. POWELL for  
that position. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he knows nothing  
derogatory regarding Mr. POWELL in any way and stated that  
he does not believe Mr. POWELL to be prejudiced toward anyone  
in reference to race, creed or religion. Mr. [REDACTED] stated  
that he could think of no one, who in his opinion, would  
be a better Supreme Court Justice than Mr. LEWIS POWELL.  
Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL is of extremely high  
character, reputation, loyalty and associates and is well  
regarded in the City of Richmond, Virginia and for that  
matter in the whole State of Virginia.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Room 722  
Mutual Building, 909 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia,  
advised he has known Mr. LEWIS POWELL for the past 25 years.  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. POWELL is of excellent character,  
reputation, loyalty and associates and stated that he knows  
of nothing derogatory regarding Mr. POWELL in any way.  
Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL is exceptionally well  
qualified for a United States Supreme Court Justice as  
pertains to Mr. POWELL's legal background and personal  
background. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he knows nothing  
which would indicate that Mr. POWELL is prejudiced in any  
way toward any one individual or any group of individuals.  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised that on September 25, 1971, the Board  
of Governors of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association,  
Richmond, Virginia, unanimously endorsed Mr. POWELL as a  
United States Supreme Court Justice and so notified both  
the President of the United States and the Attorney General  
of the United States of this endorsement by letter.  
Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he knows of no one who is better  
qualified to be a Justice of the United States Supreme  
Court than Mr. LEWIS POWELL, and he was glad to recommend  
him.

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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] on  
October 26, 1971; that he has been acquainted with LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for 23 years and is a close friend of  
POWELL's.

[REDACTED] advised that POWELL is a very quiet,  
reserved individual, who has a great legal mind and the  
judicial temperament to be a judge of an appellate court,  
particularly the United States Supreme Court. [REDACTED]  
stated that POWELL has good legal ability and that he has  
been involved in cases with POWELL on a number of occasions  
usually as an opposing attorney and POWELL has always exhibited  
his ability as being an individual who is well versed in the  
law.

[REDACTED] advised that POWELL is a very community-  
minded individual and in civil rights matters, he considers  
him to be an enlightened moderate, not a segregationist and  
one who would uphold every man's dignities and rights, regard-  
less of his race, color or creed. [REDACTED] advised that to the  
best of his recollection, POWELL was one of the leaders in  
having Negroes become members of the American Bar Association;  
the Virginia Bar Association and the Richmond Bar Association.

[REDACTED] stated that POWELL also, when he was Chairman  
of the Richmond School Board for the City of Richmond, Virginia,  
was one of the leaders in making it possible for the Richmond  
School System to become integrated on an orderly basis.

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[REDACTED] advised that both POWELL and he are members  
of the Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia; that the group  
does not have any members of the Negro race, however, neither  
POWELL nor he set the policy of the Club and he is not sure  
that it is not possible for a Negro to become a member of the  
Club if a Negro applied for membership and presented the  
proper credentials. [REDACTED] advised that it would be to



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the advantage of any prominent lawyer such as POWELL to be a member of the Commonwealth Club for legal purposes and that POWELL is a member of other groups, some of which are integrated.

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b7C [REDACTED] advised that it is alleged that the law firm of which POWELL is a member does not have any attorneys of the Negro race but that POWELL's firm, just as any other law firm, hire qualified attorneys to handle cases for that firm and that he is of the opinion POWELL and his firm would hire a qualified attorney of the Negro race if the needs of the firm required such. He recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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[REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, [REDACTED]  
advised he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for five years.  
He stated he would highly recommend him for any position sought.  
He further advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory  
nature concerning Mr. POWELL.

[REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised his firm has done business with the law firm of  
Mr. POWELL for many years, and he knows him personally. He  
advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning him. He  
further advised he would highly recommend him for any position  
sought.

[REDACTED] former member of the House of  
Delegates, State of Virginia, [REDACTED] advised that  
he knew Mr. POWELL through his father, who is connected with  
Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, Richmond, Virginia.

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Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he would highly recommend  
Mr. POWELL for any position sought. He further advised he knew  
of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL.

[REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised his firm has been doing business with  
Mr. POWELL's firm for several years. He advised he knew of  
nothing detrimental as to Mr. POWELL's character, ability,  
or legal ethics. He stated he would highly recommend him for  
the position for which he is seeking.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Petersburg, Virginia:

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b7c [REDACTED] Petersburg  
advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for approxi-  
mately 20 years. He stated that Mr. POWELL is one of the finest  
men he has ever met and would make an outstanding competent jurist.  
He stated that Mr. POWELL's character, loyalty, reputation and  
associates are above reproach.

[REDACTED] further advised that he feels Mr. POWELL is well  
qualified for any position he would seek. He advised that he  
would highly recommend him, and that he has known nothing of a  
derogatory nature regarding Mr. POWELL and has never known him  
to be a member of any group or organization which is racially  
prejudiced.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] member of the law firm of  
DERVISHIAN, DERVISHIAN, and HUTZLER, Richmond, Virginia,  
advised that he is familiar with LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. on a  
professional basis and to his knowledge, POWELL's character,  
reputation, and loyalty are beyond reproach. However,  
[REDACTED] stated that although his field of law practice is  
not conducive to everyday association with POWELL, he stated that  
in his dealings with POWELL, he felt that he was a fair and just  
individual. [REDACTED] stated that to his knowledge, POWELL  
holds no membership in any racially prejudiced organization.  
[REDACTED] further stated that to his knowledge, POWELL is a  
qualified and competent individual of honorable judicial  
temperament and he would recommend him highly for a judicial  
appointment.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

[REDACTED] of the law firm of GODDIN,  
MAJOR, ELMORE, SCHUBERT, HYMAN, and ELMORE III, Richmond,  
advised that he has been familiar with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL,  
JR. for a number of years. [REDACTED] advised that POWELL's  
character, reputation, and loyalty are beyond reproach and  
stated that he is one of the most qualified men he knows.

[REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge, POWELL is  
not presently nor ever has been a member of any racially  
prejudicial organization.

[REDACTED] also advised that POWELL is of an honorable  
judicial temperament and would recommend him for a judicial  
appointment.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] the Richmond Bar Association and [REDACTED] of the law firm of GODDIN, MAJOR, ELMORE, SCHUBERT, HYMAN, and ELMORE III, Richmond, advised that he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. since childhood. [REDACTED] advised that he feels POWELL's character, reputation, and loyalty are beyond reproach and would recommend him highly for a judicial appointment. [REDACTED] further stated that to his knowledge, POWELL holds no membership in any racially prejudiced organization. [REDACTED] also stated that POWELL is of honorable judicial temperament and further characterized him as a "moderate".

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Richmond,  
Virginia:

[REDACTED] Attorney, First Federal Savings  
and Loan Association, advised that he does not know LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. personally, but that he has heard of Mr.  
POWELL and has never heard anything derogatory whatsoever  
concerning Mr. POWELL.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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[REDACTED] practicing attorney and [REDACTED] in Richmond, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, advised that he knows LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., only by reputation and has had no legal transactions with him personally. He advised he knows that Mr. POWELL enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal profession and stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning this individual.

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[REDACTED] Mutual Building, practicing attorney and [REDACTED] in the Eastern District of Virginia, advised that he is personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., whom he has known for a number of years. He advised Mr. POWELL enjoys very fine reputations in both the legal profession and in his community, and that his character is beyond reproach. He stated that Mr. POWELL's ability as a practicing attorney is unknown to him and that Mr. POWELL's courtroom experience has been very limited. He advised he considers Mr. POWELL to be a conservative in his interpretation of the law and that Mr. POWELL, on several occasions, has been critical of some of the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he could not point out specific instances of this criticism of the U. S. Supreme Court but that in general it dealt with what is considered the liberal view of the court in the field of law enforcement. He advised he was aware of no specific criticism on the part of Mr. POWELL of the U. S. Supreme Court in the field of civil rights. He recommended Mr. POWELL.



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b7C Special Agent [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia,  
on October 26, 1971:

Mr. [REDACTED]  
a prominent Negro attorney, advised that he knows LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. only by reputation and does not know  
Mr. POWELL personally. He stated that Mr. POWELL's repu-  
tation in Richmond, Virginia, is outstanding and that  
Mr. POWELL is regarded most highly in the legal community.  
He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory con-  
cerning Mr. POWELL and that Mr. POWELL is generally regarded  
as having one of the finest legal minds in the country. He  
advised that he believes that Mr. POWELL is exceptionally  
well qualified for a judicial position with the United States  
Government and he would highly recommend Mr. POWELL for such  
a position. He further advised that Mr. POWELL's reputation  
in the civil rights field is "middle of the road" and he has  
never heard any derogatory statements made about Mr. POWELL  
by either black or white attorneys in Richmond, Virginia.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
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On October 26, 1971, the following persons  
were interviewed:

[REDACTED] Attorney [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Christian, Barton, Parker, Epps, and Brent  
Law Firm, Suite 1200, Mutual Building, 9th and East  
Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has  
known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. approximately forty  
years since POWELL first came to work as a young attorney  
after having completed his Masters Course in Law at  
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Approximately four years later, in the early  
1930s, Mr. POWELL left the firm to join the law firm  
he is presently associated with as a partner. During  
that period of time, [REDACTED] has observed that Mr. POWELL  
is a man of unquestionable great character, a brilliant  
legal mind, and eminently qualified to be a Justice (for) of  
the United States Supreme Court. [REDACTED] believes that  
Mr. POWELL has the temperament to be an excellent Associate  
Justice, and in [REDACTED] judgment, would be unqualifiedly  
fair minded in his dealings in civil rights matters  
effecting the lives of members of minority races and  
groups. Mr. [REDACTED] said there was nothing about which  
he was aware in the background of Mr. POWELL which would  
be detrimental to him in obtaining the high office of  
Justice of the United States Supreme Court and recommends him.

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The Honorable [REDACTED] Attorney and  
Hustings Court Judge, City of Richmond, City Hall,  
10th and East Broad Streets, Richmond, Virginia, stated  
that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. approximately  
ten years from having associated with him prior to and  
during their service on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] when [REDACTED] for  
the City of Richmond, Virginia. In Judge [REDACTED]  
opinion, LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is qualified without

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reservation to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court from the standpoint of his basically excellent character and morality, his fine legal mind, and his judicial ability to thoroughly grasp a situation and arrive at a conclusion based on the applicable law and the facts presented. Judge [REDACTED] recommended LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for the office of Associate Justice without reservation.

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Mr. [REDACTED] City of Richmond, City Hall, 10th and East Broad Streets, Richmond, Virginia, said that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for approximately ten years. Mr. [REDACTED] considers LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. completely qualified to serve as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court and believes that he would represent in a fair-minded manner the interests of all segments of American society regardless of race, creed, or ethnic background. He said that he knows Mr. POWELL to be an upright decent man of unimpeachable good character who has no weaknesses to his knowledge, and he would recommend highly.

Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney [REDACTED] Christian, Barton, Parker, Epps, and Brent Law Firm, Suite 1200, Mutual Building, 9th and East Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, related that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for approximately thirty-five years. Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. POWELL is perhaps as well qualified as anyone in the United States of America to be appointed to the high office of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL is a brilliant legal scholar, a man of unimpeachable good character, of unquestionable loyalty to his country and believed by [REDACTED] fair and honorable in his dealings with members of any and all minority interests. Mr. [REDACTED] believes that Mr. POWELL will serve his country with great distinction on the United States Supreme Court when affirmed by the United States Senate, and so recommends him.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney [REDACTED]

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Jeffreys and Lawler Law Firm, Suite 615, Mutual Building, 9th and East Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, related that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. approximately twenty-five years and considers him to be a most excellent choice to be a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. POWELL to be a great lawyer and a great American who has a fine judicial type temperament and who will represent the wide interests of all Americans if finally affirmed by the United States Senate as a Supreme Court Justice, and he so recommended.

Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney and [REDACTED] Jeffreys and Lawler Law Firm, Suite 615, Mutual Building, 9th and East Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, related that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. over twenty years. He said that Mr. POWELL is a loyal American citizen of unquestionable excellent character and morality. He is a great legal mind and has the temperament to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by virtue of his eminently fair and impartial attitudes with respect to legal questions.

Mr. [REDACTED] believes that the selection of Mr. POWELL by President NIXON for nomination to the Supreme Court is one of his wisest appointments. He also recommends.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney, Legal Department, A. H. Robins Company, Incorporated, 1407 Cummings Drive, Richmond, Virginia, and former member of [REDACTED] related that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is an excellent choice to fill a vacancy on the United States Supreme Court by virtue of his fine legal qualities, his great reputation in the legal profession, and his personality as a man. Mr. [REDACTED] said that Mr. POWELL will make an excellent Justice of the Supreme Court and his only reservation in this regard was that Mr. POWELL, at age 64, seems somewhat older than Mr. [REDACTED] would like to have a man assume responsibility of a Supreme Court Justice. Beyond that, however, Mr. [REDACTED] knew

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of no shortcomings in the background of Mr. POWELL to fulfil the role of a Supreme Court Justice.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED] Mutual Building, 9th and East Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, related that he has been an attorney for forty-eight years and known of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for approximately forty years. Mr. [REDACTED] considers Mr. POWELL to be as well qualified as anyone in the legal profession to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He said that Mr. POWELL is a man of great integrity as a person and ability as a lawyer who has the appearance of having a great judicial temperament. For this reason, he recommends him most highly for the position involved.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] Chesterfield Court House, Virginia, advised he has never met LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., personally but knows him by reputation only. He said all comments concerning POWELL's abilities as an attorney and as an individual have been excellent, and that he knows of no reason why he should not be considered favorably for the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and he so recommends him.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Petersburg, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] the Virginia Bar Association, currently in law practice at Petersburg, Virginia, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since the early 1920's. He stated he has never known anything derogatory regarding POWELL and has served with him in Bar Association legal matters and activities. He stated that POWELL has never discussed political beliefs but believes POWELL to be of a conservative judicial temperament and further believes POWELL to be very fair, conscientious and highly capable. He stated POWELL is not known to be racially prejudiced, nor has POWELL ever been known to be a member of any racially prejudiced group or organization.

[REDACTED] stated that he would highly recommend POWELL for any position he is seeking and believes he would be an outstanding jurist.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] at Charlottesville, Virginia,  
on October 23, 1971:

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[REDACTED] Attorney At Law, residing at  
[REDACTED] Ivey, Virginia, advised he has been socially and  
professionally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL in  
excess of 20 years. [REDACTED] advised that throughout this  
20 years, he has always held POWELL in highest esteem based  
both upon his professional ability and his dedication to the  
legal profession. [REDACTED] advised that during the period of  
time he has been acquainted with POWELL he has never heard  
POWELL say or do anything which would reflect adversely to  
his loyalty to the United States in any way. In addition,  
[REDACTED] advised that through his professional and social con-  
tact with POWELL he has never noted any extremist attitude or  
point of view expressed on the part of POWELL. [REDACTED]  
advised that to the best of his knowledge POWELL enjoyed  
an excellent reputation amongst his peers, associates and  
other contacts within the legal profession, and also enjoyed  
the reputation of being a man of high character, exceptional  
integrity, and extreme competence. [REDACTED] advised that in  
his personal dealings with POWELL, POWELL always displayed  
the utmost discretion and never violated any trust. [REDACTED]  
further advised that he would highly recommend POWELL for  
any Government position based upon POWELL's high degree of  
professional legal ability, outstanding personal attributes  
and honesty. [REDACTED] believes POWELL to be of moderate temper-  
ment with a "reasonable" attitude toward all issues in which  
[REDACTED] had personal knowledge.

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On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]  
Attorney in the law firm of Kuykendall, Hall and Whiting,  
20 South Cameron Street, Winchester, Virginia, advised he  
has been both socially and professionally acquainted with  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., for the past 35 years. He stated he  
has been associated with Mr. POWELL in the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

He said that Mr. POWELL is a most honorable individual  
and believes in law and order. He further stated that POWELL  
will bring to the Supreme Court the needed stability in the  
interpretation of the Constitution of the United States. He  
stated that he most highly recommends that POWELL be con-  
firmed as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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Honorable [REDACTED]  
and Attorney at Law, Radford, Virginia, advised Special  
Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on  
October 26, 1971, that he has known LEWIS POWELL for  
approximately nineteen years, having first met him when  
he [REDACTED] was in law school at Washington and Lee Univer-  
sity in Lexington, Virginia.

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[REDACTED] stated he has continued this  
association with Mr. POWELL through the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and also has contacted him in  
regard to the Commission for Revision of the State  
Constitution for the State of Virginia on which Mr. POWELL  
served.

[REDACTED] stated Mr. POWELL's integrity and  
legal ability are unquestioned and that Mr. POWELL has a  
keen analytical mind and is an individual who is very fair-  
minded in his approach to the legal profession.

He recommended Mr. POWELL.

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b7C [REDACTED] Virginia House of Representatives and Attorney at Law, Radford, Virginia, advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, that he has known LEWIS POWELL practically all his life through the association of his father, [REDACTED] with Mr. POWELL and subsequently through contacts with the Virginia Bar Association. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he knows of nothing detrimental concerning Mr. POWELL's character, reputation, and loyalty and described Mr. POWELL as being one of the foremost lawyers in the State of Virginia, and believes he possesses excellent judicial ability based upon his thorough knowledge of law, and he so recommends.

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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Goldsmith Building, Radford, Virginia, advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he has known LEWIS POWELL for forty years or more, having first met him through mutual friends when he was attending law school at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has seen Mr. POWELL many times since the institution of their friendship and considers his integrity above reproach and that his legal ability is infinite.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL possesses one of the finest legal minds anywhere in the United States and believes President NIXON could not have nominated a more qualified individual for the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Mr. [REDACTED] added the one thing which has always influenced him in his association with Mr. POWELL is his open and fair-minded approach to the legal profession.

The above interview with Mr. [REDACTED] was conducted on October 26, 1971.

He recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

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[REDACTED] City  
of Radford, Radford, Virginia, advised Special Agents  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 26,  
1971, that he has known LEWIS POWELL for approximately  
fifteen years, having first met him when he [REDACTED] was  
attending law school at Washington and Lee University in  
Lexington, Virginia, and having met him on numerous  
occasions since that time through his association with the  
[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] stated Mr. POWELL has an outstanding  
reputation, both as a citizen and as an attorney in the  
State of Virginia, and his legal ability, Mr. [REDACTED] stated,  
is unquestioned and by far one of the finest in the State  
of Virginia.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has never heard anything  
derogatory concerning Mr. POWELL and believes that his  
character, reputation, associates, and loyalty are  
certainly above reproach, and he would recommend him  
without reservation as a nominee for the United States  
Supreme Court.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney at Law [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Christiansburg, Virginia,  
advised Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 26,  
1971, he has known Mr. LEWIS POWELL for approximately  
twenty years, having met him in Richmond through mutual  
friends and having continued this association through  
the [REDACTED]

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated Mr. POWELL's reputation as a  
lawyer is well known and he, himself, believes that Mr.  
POWELL has one of the finest legal minds in the country  
today.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has never heard any derogatory  
information concerning Mr. POWELL, that his integrity is  
unquestioned; and, in his opinion, he is the best nominee  
to the Supreme Court of the United States in the past  
twenty-five years. and highly recommended him.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Virginia, and Attorney  
at Law, Chatham, Virginia, advised he is familiar with  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. by reputation only. [REDACTED]  
said that as far as he knows, Mr. POWELL has never had an  
occasion to practice law in Pittsylvania County or the City  
of Danville. [REDACTED] said he had never heard  
anyone either in the legal profession, in state politics  
or a layman make any statement which might tend to be  
detrimental to Mr. POWELL's character or reputation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Roanoke, Virginia:

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On October 23, 1971, [REDACTED] Law Firm of Woods, Rogers, Muse, Walker and Thornton, 105 Franklin Road, S. W., Roanoke, Virginia, stated he had known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for a number of years. He related approximately ten years ago he, [REDACTED] and POWELL was appointed to this Board to serve with him. He related that they worked together on the Board for a period of two or three years. He informed POWELL came to the [REDACTED] from the School Board of the City of Richmond, Virginia, where he had served in a very able capacity. He advised that he found POWELL to be a most outstanding individual in his legal qualifications and a man of the finest moral character. [REDACTED] he would recommend POWELL without reservation for the United States Supreme Court and knew of no reason why he should not be confirmed for this position.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Roanoke, Virginia:

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On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] law firm of Gentry, Locke, Rakes and Moore, Shenandoah Building, Roanoke, related he had been personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for five years but had known of POWELL for a period of twenty years. Mr. [REDACTED] said he was associated with POWELL in the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] related from his observation and knowledge of POWELL, that he considered him to be extremely qualified for a position on the United States Supreme Court and his character was unimpeachable. [REDACTED] said that he would recommend POWELL for this position.

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On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] law firm of Copenhaver, Ellett and Lawrence, Colonial American National Bank, Roanoke, Virginia, advised he and POWELL were fellow students at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. [REDACTED] he had maintained a personal relationship with POWELL since this time and felt POWELL to be an extremely able and competent attorney. He advised POWELL's reputation was beyond reproach and he considered him to be honest, loyal, reliable, with the very best moral character.

[REDACTED] he would highly recommend POWELL for the United States Supreme Court, without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Roanoke, Virginia:

On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] law firm of Hunter, Fox, and Trabue, 707 Building, Roanoke, Virginia, informed he had been personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for a number of years. He advised that his law firm did business with the law firm of POWELL in Richmond, Virginia, and POWELL's firm was considered one of the outstanding firms of the state. [REDACTED] he considered POWELL extremely capable and he would recommend him without reservation for the U. S. Supreme Court. He related nothing had come to his attention that would indicate POWELL was not qualified for this position.

On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] of the law firm of Eggleston, Butler and Glenn, Shenandoah Building, Roanoke, Virginia, [REDACTED] related he had known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. as an attorney for many years. He informed he felt POWELL was eminently qualified as an attorney to serve on the United States Supreme Court. He further related nothing had come to his attention that would indicate POWELL was anything other than an honest, reliable, trustworthy American citizen. [REDACTED] would recommend POWELL for the United States Supreme Court, without reservations.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Roanoke, Virginia:

On October 23, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Roanoke, Virginia,  
related he had met LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. but was not personally acquainted with him and had no personal knowledge of his qualifications.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] stated during the period of time he served as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] during the 1960s, his office had received work from POWELL's law firm in Richmond, Virginia, and it was considered one of the best law firms in the State of Virginia. [REDACTED] stated he knew of no reason why POWELL should not be confirmed as a Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, was interviewed at his law office [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are known to Mr. [REDACTED]

At the outset of the interview, Special Agent [REDACTED] advised Mr. [REDACTED] that the interviewing agents wished to discuss with him a statement attributed to him by the press to the effect that the law firm of which Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is a member discriminates against minority groups in its hiring practices. Mr. [REDACTED] was asked if he would furnish a signed statement regarding this matter, however, he refused to do so. Thereafter, Mr. [REDACTED] furnished the following information orally:

He has no direct or indirect knowledge of Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

He has never sought employment with the law firm, Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell and Gibson of Richmond, Virginia, which is the firm that Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is a member.

In 1969, when he arrived in Richmond, Virginia, he sought employment with various law firms. In so doing, he was informed by a member of the Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell and Gibson law firm that [REDACTED]

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] refused to furnish the identity of the individual who furnished him this information and again reiterated that he has never applied for a position with the law firm, Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell and Gibson.

He pointed out that to his knowledge, in 1969 the law firm of Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell and Gibson did not have any Negro members on its legal staff and that this situation, to the best of his knowledge, continues to the present time.

Interviewed on 10/25/71 at Richmond, Virginia File # Richmond 77-11979  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] TJ0:shb Date dictated 10/26/71  
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED], at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] of the law firm of Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson, 700 Building, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., is a partner in said law firm.

Mr. [REDACTED] that with regard to the hiring practices of the law firm of Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson, said firm's policy is and has been to employ anyone who is qualified regardless of race.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Radford, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, firm of Spiers, Spiers and Mink, Radford, Virginia, advised that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for approximately sixteen years, having originally met him through his father, [REDACTED] and since that time has been acquainted with POWELL through association in the Virginia and American Bar Associations.

[REDACTED] that he has been closely associated with POWELL in the last year and a half [REDACTED] and during this period, he has had an excellent chance to observe Mr. POWELL's integrity and also the tremendous legal ability which he possesses.

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b7C [REDACTED] further that he had recently read in a newspaper that a Mr. [REDACTED] a Negro attorney in Richmond, Virginia, had accused Mr. POWELL and his firm of discrimination in hiring a Negro, and that it is almost impossible for him, Mr. [REDACTED] to believe that this fact is true because he believes it would be more to it than [REDACTED] had stated in the newspaper, as he has found Mr. POWELL to be one of the most open-minded men he has ever met and cannot conceive of Mr. POWELL discriminating against any person.

[REDACTED] that he has the highest regard for Mr. POWELL, his family and law firm and would recommend him highly in every respect for a position of Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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[REDACTED] United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971; that he is well acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. and has been acquainted with him for the past 25 years.

[REDACTED] stated that prior to taking the bench, he opposed POWELL in a number of cases and that POWELL has also had cases before him in the United States District Court. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL has a great legal mind; that he is one who is very capable in appellate matters and one with the proper judicial temperament to become the judge of an appellate court and he would highly recommend him as a Justice for the United States Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] stated that he had not written any letters of recommendation for POWELL recommending his nomination as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, but that if he were called by a Senate Committee, he would certainly testify in favor of POWELL. [REDACTED] advised that POWELL is a very quiet individual who is of the highest character, integrity and honesty and that he is most thorough in everything he does.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has never discussed civil rights matters with POWELL, but that he knows from discussions with him that he has the highest respect for the human rights of all mankind and that he also knows that regardless of POWELL's personal feelings toward anything or anyone, he would follow the law and the Constitution of the United States, in deciding a case.

[REDACTED] advised that both POWELL and he are members of [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia; that the Club does not have any Negro members, however, the policy



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of the Club, whatever it is, was set prior to the time POWELL and he became members and that he, [REDACTED] would have no way of knowing if anyone of the Negro race had applied for membership in the Club.

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b7C [REDACTED] advised that he is also aware that the firm of which POWELL is a partner does not have any Negro attorneys, however, he is certain that if a Negro attorney did apply for a position with the firm, he would be given every consideration, particularly for their ability, rather than their ethnic origin.

[REDACTED] added he would highly recommend Mr. POWELL for the Supreme Court.

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[redacted] United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] on October 26, 1971, that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for twenty years and that he considers him a man of excellent legal ability and a man of the highest character, integrity and honesty and that he would highly recommend him as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

[redacted] advised that as well as he could recall, POWELL has been before his court on one or two occasions and that he has read several briefs on which POWELL's name appeared. [redacted] stated he considered POWELL to be a capable attorney and the briefs he has had an occasion to read appear to have been written by a legal scholar. [redacted] stated that he considers POWELL to be a person of judicial temperament and one who would make a great Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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[redacted] advised that he has never had an opportunity to discuss civil rights matters with POWELL, however, he considers him to be a moderate in the civil rights field, based on what he has heard concerning him; that he is not a bigot in any way and he is certainly a man who is very much concerned with the rights of other human beings.

[redacted] stated that both he and POWELL are members of the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, Virginia; that the Commonwealth Club does not have any Negro members, however, neither POWELL nor he set the policies of the Club and he does not know if any member of the Negro race has ever applied for membership in the Commonwealth Club. [redacted] advised that due to the fact that POWELL is a member of one of the largest law firms in Virginia, it would be fitting for him to be a member of the Commonwealth Club and it would be almost necessary that he be a member in order to carry on his law practice.

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[REDACTED] stated he does know that POWELL was Chairman of the Richmond School Board, Richmond, Virginia, and that when he was on the Richmond School Board, he was most tolerant toward all races and he never showed any favoritism, regardless of race, color or creed.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] United States Court of Claims and Patent Appeals, Washington, D.C. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since the middle 1940's and, although not an intimate social associate, he has known him both socially and professionally during this interim of time. [REDACTED] stated that he would in no way question Mr. POWELL's loyalty to the United States and that Mr. POWELL has shown his devotion to the country by his attitude and public service. He related that he considers Mr. POWELL to be a clean-living and sober individual in mind, conduct, and habits. He added that Mr. POWELL's reputation among associates both socially and professionally is of the highest.

With regard to Mr. POWELL's ability, [REDACTED] stated that he is a profound student of the law, a researcher in law, dedicated to the U. S. Constitution and to the Constitutional form of government. He regards him as an A-1 lawyer, counsel, and adviser, who is well-versed in corporate law and has represented numerous corporations in this field of endeavor. He related that he considers the law firm in which Mr. POWELL is a partner, namely Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson, to be the strongest law firm in the State of Virginia.

[REDACTED] commented that he considers Mr. POWELL a moderate on the civil rights issues and would expect him to handle all civil rights issues with an open mind and consider the matters at hand with a deep sense of respect for all concerned. [REDACTED] went on to state that, in the middle 1940's when he [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the case of BROWN versus the Board of Education, Prince Edward County, came before the District Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. The Board of Education was represented by Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson but that he, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can state that LEWIS POWELL had no contact with the case either directly or indirectly. He further related that LEWIS POWELL had nothing to do insofar as briefs or any other phase of this litigation were concerned.

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He further related that he could make this statement since he was directly involved with the court litigation. [REDACTED] went on to state that he recalls that the Board of Education of Prince Edward County in fact dropped Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson as legal representatives because they desired this law firm to enter into their feelings whereas instant firm merely acted as counsel and represented them in court.

[REDACTED] also related that LEWIS POWELL believes in law enforcement and feels that law enforcement has been strapped by some of the legal decisions handed down by our courts.

[REDACTED] advised that he knows nothing which could preclude LEWIS POWELL from being elevated to the Supreme Court of the United States and highly recommended him.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26, 1971:

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b7C The [REDACTED] Supreme Court of Appeals, State of Virginia, who resides at [REDACTED] Richmond, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since approximately 1938 or 1939 in both a professional and social status. [REDACTED] he would consider himself a good personal friend of POWELL. [REDACTED] POWELL as a highly intelligent individual of excellent character. He stated he never had any reason to doubt the honesty, integrity or loyalty to the United States of POWELL.

[REDACTED] that in addition to being an exceptionally well qualified attorney, POWELL had also served as President of the American Bar Association, during which time he was highly regarded by the legal profession throughout the United States.

[REDACTED] he felt POWELL was extremely well qualified to serve as Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States and would recommend him highly for this or any other position.

[REDACTED] Supreme Court of Appeals, State of Virginia, who resides at [REDACTED] Richmond, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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b7C [REDACTED] he has been acquainted with POWELL since approximately 1929 or 1930 when both were practicing law in the Richmond, Virginia, area. [REDACTED] that he had known POWELL rather closely since that time, both professionally and socially. [REDACTED] that POWELL had appeared before him in both Circuit and Appeal Courts, and POWELL was an extremely capable and qualified attorney.

[REDACTED] that POWELL has an extremely keen knowledge of the law. [REDACTED] POWELL as an individual of excellent character, honesty, and integrity, and an individual who is well liked by his peers. He stated that he felt POWELL would be exceptionally well qualified for the position of Justice with the Supreme Court of the United States and he would recommend him highly for such a position.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

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b7c On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hustings Court Part 1, City of Richmond, Richmond,  
Virginia, who resides at [REDACTED] Richmond, was  
interviewed and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] he has been acquainted with LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since approximately 1948 when both  
he and POWELL were engaged in law practice in the City of  
Richmond. [REDACTED] he has been closely associated with  
POWELL both professionally and socially since 1956 inasmuch  
as they both live in the same immediate neighborhood.

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b7c [REDACTED] he considers POWELL to be of the  
highest character, honesty and integrity and one of the most  
intelligent men he has ever known. [REDACTED] that POWELL  
is very much a gentleman in all phases of professional as  
well as social life. [REDACTED] that POWELL, due to his  
positions with the Richmond School Board and the Virginia  
State Board of Education, has been involved in several matters  
involving integration and civil rights. [REDACTED] that  
to his knowledge POWELL has been moderate in his thinking in  
these matters and generally considered the issue at hand  
before the racial aspect. [REDACTED] he would consider  
POWELL to be absolutely fair to any minority group.

[REDACTED] he considers POWELL to be one of the  
best qualified men in the United States to serve on the  
Supreme Court and would recommend him for this or any other  
position.

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[REDACTED] Circuit Court, Chesterfield County, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for over 35 years and has been in his presence on numerous occasions pertaining to legal matters as well as discussions carried on by POWELL. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL is a very quiet individual of great legal ability and one who would have the ability as well as the judicial temperament to be the judge of an appellate court, particularly a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] advised that most of POWELL's work consists of appellate work and that he would be one who would be most thorough in any opinion he would have an opportunity to prepare and he would be one who would abide by the laws of this country as well as the Constitution of this country.

[REDACTED] advised that from statements he has heard POWELL make concerning civil rights matters, he would consider him to be a moderate in civil rights matters; that he knows he was one who was against massive resistance to integration in the City of Richmond, and he desired that everyone in the City of Richmond abide by the law of the land.

[REDACTED] stated that POWELL, in his conversations and speeches, has always stressed the dignity and the rights of man and he is a supporter of the rights of everyone, regardless of their race, color or creed.

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[REDACTED] stated that POWELL has the highest character, integrity and honesty and there is no blemish on his record which would prevent him from becoming a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] advised that both POWELL and he are members of [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, and have been members of that group for many years. [REDACTED]



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██████████ stated that the Club does not have any members of the Negro race, however, neither POWELL nor he had anything to do with the policy of the Club and that he did not know that it was the policy of the Club to be segregated but he was of the opinion that the Club was segregated due to the fact that no members of the Negro race have applied for membership.

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b7C ██████████ advised that the law firm of which POWELL is a member does not have any attorneys of the Negro race, however, he is certain from his discussions with POWELL that the law firm does not obtain attorneys due to their race, color or creed, but obtain attorneys due to their ability and that the law firm would, in all probability, obtain an attorney of the Negro race if such an attorney applied and had the proper legal qualifications.

██████████ highly recommended Mr. POWELL for the Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Hustings Court, Petersburg, Virginia, advised on October 23, 1971, that he had known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., up to approximately 20 years ago but has had no occasion to be associated with Mr. POWELL or to have met him since that time. [REDACTED] stated he considers Mr. POWELL to be of impeccable character and reputation, an able and outstanding lawyer, and an excellent candidate for the U. S. Supreme Court.

On October 23, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED] Petersburg, Virginia, a member of the House of Delegates, State of Virginia, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for about 20 years and that he considers Mr. POWELL's reputation and character to be above reproach. [REDACTED] that he considers Mr. POWELL to be one of the top three lawyers in the Richmond, Virginia Metropolitan area and considers Mr. POWELL to be "apolitical". [REDACTED] he would have no reservations whatsoever in recommending Mr. POWELL as a candidate for the United States Supreme Court.

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[REDACTED] Montgomery County Circuit Court, Christiansburg, Virginia, advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, that he met LEWIS POWELL approximately eight or nine years ago, when he was introduced to him by former Governor MILLS GODWIN; but, prior to that time, he had heard of Mr. POWELL's fine reputation as an attorney.

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b7C [REDACTED] stated he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL; and, during the week of October 18-22, 1971, he was in attendance at a judicial conference held in Fredericksburg, Virginia, attended by seventy-four Virginia State judges, and all of these individuals were in agreement on Mr. POWELL's ability and qualifications to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

[REDACTED] highly recommended Mr. POWELL.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia State Supreme Court, Pulaski, Virginia, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, that he has been acquainted and associated with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for more than thirty years, having originally become acquainted with him at Washington and Lee Law School, Lexington, Virginia.

[REDACTED] stated he has continued his association with Mr. POWELL through legal contacts, [REDACTED] on the Supreme Court for the State of Virginia, and considers Mr. POWELL to have one of the keenest, analytical legal minds of any attorney with whom he has come in contact.

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[REDACTED] stated he had worked closely with LEWIS POWELL for a period of one year, when both he and Mr. POWELL were on the Commission on Constitutional Revisions for the State of Virginia; and, during this period, he was able to observe the vast legal abilities that Mr. POWELL possesses.

[REDACTED] added he is also well acquainted with Mr. POWELL's family and he has never heard any derogatory information concerning Mr. POWELL or his family and considers his nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States one of the finest commitments made by the President of the United States.

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[REDACTED] Montgomery County  
Court [REDACTED] Christiansburg, Virginia,  
advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, that he has known LEWIS  
POWELL for approximately eleven years, having met him  
through the practice of law and through mutual friends in  
Richmond. [REDACTED] stated he considers Mr. POWELL an  
outstanding attorney, whose legal abilities are excellent.  
[REDACTED] added he considers Mr. POWELL's integrity  
impeccable and has never heard anything of a derogatory  
nature concerning Mr. POWELL. He highly recommended him.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Radford, Virginia:

On October 25, 1971 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Western District of Virginia, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., and his family for well over 20 years. In addition, two years ago he served with Mr. POWELL on the Commission to Revise the Virginia State Constitution and thereby had considerable contact with Mr. POWELL. He described Mr. POWELL as a "high type" loyal American, who possesses a tremendous amount of judicial ability and would make great contributions to the United States Supreme Court. He knows that Mr. POWELL has lots of energy and a tremendous amount of general "know-how". Mr. [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL is completely honest, dependable, reliable, and trustworthy, and he possesses a genial temperament and is generally tranquil and not easily excitable. If rating POWELL, he would give him a "top" rating as to judicial ability due to his knowledge of the law. He has never known Mr. POWELL to be a "racist" and he believes that Mr. POWELL would be completely impartial with regard to civil rights matters as he would try to comply with the laws of the United States. Mr. [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL's reputation is clear on that point. He further stated that Mr. POWELL's reputation in judicial circles is excellent and that he would highly recommend Mr. POWELL for the United States Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Roanoke, Virginia:

b6 On October 23, 1971, [REDACTED]  
b7C [REDACTED] Western District of Virginia, Roanoke,  
Virginia, stated he had no personal knowledge of POWELL.

On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] Hustings  
Court, City of Roanoke, Virginia, informed he was personally  
acquainted with POWELL. He stated POWELL had not appeared in  
his court during his tenure as judge. [REDACTED] however,  
POWELL bore an excellent reputation as an attorney and nothing  
had come to his attention that would disqualify POWELL for the  
United States Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971:

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Retired, Lynchburg, Virginia, advised that he has known  
LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., intimately for 20 years.  
He stated Mr. POWELL is a man of excellent character,  
reputation, choice of associates, and a completely loyal  
American citizen. [REDACTED] considers Mr. POWELL to  
be outstandingly capable in the field of law and believes  
he possesses the necessary judicial temperament for one serving  
on the bench. He stated Mr. POWELL is not politically active  
and he is not aware of Mr. POWELL's political persuasion.

[REDACTED] stated he believes Mr. POWELL  
has the support of minority groups and he knows of nothing  
which might make Mr. POWELL a controversial person. He  
highly recommends Mr. POWELL for the position of Associate  
Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Western District of Virginia, Abingdon, Virginia, advised that he has been acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., of Richmond, Virginia, for approximately five years and has had several occasions to preside over cases involving POWELL's law firm, Hunton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson of Richmond, Virginia. [REDACTED] advised that both he and POWELL attended Law School at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, and have had numerous contacts regarding university activities and have also had contacts in bar meetings and are both members of the Judicial Conference of the Western District of Virginia.

[REDACTED] stated that he had never met Mr. POWELL's family but noted that in his contacts with those who are familiar with the POWELL family that no one has had derogatory comments and have all spoken very highly of Mr. POWELL and his family. [REDACTED] stated, to his knowledge, all members of the legal associations in the Virginia area hold Mr. POWELL in the highest regard and consider him an extremely capable legalist.

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b7C [REDACTED] advised that, to the best of his knowledge, Mr. POWELL is not a member of any prejudicial organization nor does he have leanings on civil rights. [REDACTED] considers Mr. POWELL's temperament to be that of a calm and methodic person and he believes Mr. POWELL has excellent judicial ability.

[REDACTED] concluded by stating that he does endorse Mr. POWELL without hesitation, qualification, or reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Virginia State Conference, National Association  
for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 301 East  
Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia, advised that the Virginia  
State Conference will meet on October 29-30 and 31, 1971, at  
Fort Monroe, Virginia, at the Hotel Chamberlayne, and it is  
planned to consider the nomination of Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR. at that time. Mr. [REDACTED] stated following the  
convention, an official statement concerning the organization's  
position regarding the nomination will be issued. [REDACTED]  
stated he desires to withhold any comment regarding POWELL  
until after the above-mentioned convention and further  
inquiry may be directed to Mr. [REDACTED]  
Legal Staff, Virginia State Conference, after November 1,  
1971.

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On October 25, 1971, Dr. [REDACTED]  
Medical Doctor (M.D.), [REDACTED]  
Richmond, Virginia, was contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
Dr. [REDACTED] advised he is currently [REDACTED]

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b7C [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] was also  
[REDACTED] of the  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
(NAACP) from approximately [REDACTED] and served in this  
same capacity for approximately the same period in the  
[REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] advised he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR., since 1955. He has known Mr. POWELL profession-  
ally in political matters, and has had numerous social con-  
tacts with him at various political, civic, and charity functions.  
He stated that POWELL's character is "top notch" and that he  
considers POWELL one of the President's better appointments.  
He stated he believes POWELL to be of great integrity and  
feels POWELL is definitely not a segregationist. He has  
never discussed civil rights with POWELL; however, he  
believes POWELL would be fair in matters of civil rights and  
he knows of nothing objectionable in POWELL's background.

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b7C Dr. [REDACTED] further stated he is not personally  
qualified to comment on POWELL's professional ability;  
however, he is nevertheless impressed by news accounts  
and the numerous professional honors received by POWELL.  
He stated that POWELL appears to be more academically  
inclined than politically.

In summation, Dr. [REDACTED] stated he definitely favors  
POWELL's appointment, and he believes POWELL to be the least  
controversial and most acceptable of those who were under  
consideration for the position of United States Supreme  
Court Justice. He does not believe the President could  
have made a better selection, and highly recommended him.

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b6 The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
b7C [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, 1971:

[REDACTED] Miller and Rhoads Division of Garfinckel, Brooks Brothers, Miller and Rhoads, Inc., advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was elected a member of the Board of Directors of Miller and Rhoads Inc., on April 21, 1949, and remained a member of the Board of Directors until October 2, 1967, at which time Miller and Rhoads Inc., was acquired by Julius Garfinckel and Company, Inc., of Washington, D.C.

On October 2, 1967, the Board of Directors of Julius Garfinckel and Company Inc., appointed Mr. POWELL to the Board of Directors of that firm. Subsequently, the corporate name of Julius Garfinckel and Company, Inc., was changed to Garfinckel, Brooks Brothers, Miller and Rhoads, Inc. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., continued as a member of the Board of Directors and holds that position at the present time.

b6 Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has known Mr. POWELL for more  
b7C than 25 years, considers him to be a person of the highest moral and ethical character, and fully professionally qualified for appointment to the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. [REDACTED] highly recommended him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26,  
1971:

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b7C [REDACTED] Richmond  
Corporation, 914 Capitol Street, Richmond, Virginia, advised  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. is a Director of the Richmond Corporation.  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised he did not know how many, if any, shares  
in Richmond Corporation are held or owned by Mr. POWELL. He  
stated that this could possibly be ascertained through Mr.  
[REDACTED] of Richmond Corporation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26,  
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[REDACTED] Richmond Corpora-  
tion, 914 Capitol Street, Richmond, Virginia, advised that  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., member of the Board of Directors of  
that corporation, held 506 common stock shares of the Richmond  
Corporation.



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On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] United Virginia Bank/State Planters, 900  
East Main Street, advised Special Agent [REDACTED]  
that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. is presently a member of  
the Board of Directors of this bank and has so served  
continuously since October 8, 1959.

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He advised that Mr. POWELL became a member of the  
Board of Directors of the United Virginia Bank Shares,  
Incorporated, 900 East Main Street, on January 10, 1963 and  
is presently serving in that capacity. He advised that  
United Virginia Bank Shares, Incorporated is a holding company  
consisting of 12 banks in the State of Virginia, one of which  
is the United Virginia Bank/State Planters. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

He advised he has known Mr. POWELL for about 25  
years socially, but are closer professionally in their  
business associations. He advised that Mr. POWELL is considered  
by both of these organizations to bring great strength to  
the Board of Directors through use of his sound judgment on  
key issues. He advised that Mr. POWELL's law firm is the  
legal counsel for United Virginia Bank/State Planters and Mr.  
POWELL is considered to be of great legal value in this capacity.  
He advised he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature pertaining  
to Mr. POWELL and would recommend him highly in every respect  
to the position under consideration.

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Mr. [REDACTED] United  
Virginia Bank/State Planters [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 that he has known  
Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for 30 years or more and has  
been closely associated with him both socially and in the  
business world. He advised that he knows of no person presently  
in the legal profession whom he would consider better qualified  
to serve on the United States Supreme Court than Mr. POWELL.

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He advised he considers Mr. POWELL to be a person of extremely high integrity and morals and as a lawyer he considers him to be dedicated, intelligent, and completely qualified to interpret the laws of this country in a just and sound manner. He recommended him without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] of Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation, 3800 Cutshaw Avenue, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was elected to the Board of Directors of this corporation November 17, 1965, and is presently serving in this capacity. He advised that he is personally acquainted with Mr. POWELL and stated that he considers him extremely well qualified for the position under consideration and that he knew nothing unfavorable concerning this person or any member of his family. He recommended him.

Mr. [REDACTED] of Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation, advised that he has known Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for a number of years and he stated that Mr. POWELL's law firm has represented Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation on a number of occasions. He said he has the highest regard for Mr. POWELL as to ability as a lawyer, loyalty to this country, and high moral character, and recommended him.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Philip-Morris, Inc., 4001 Commerce Road, advised LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was appointed to the Board of Directors of this corporation September 30, 1964, and is presently serving in this capacity. He advised that he is acquainted with Mr. POWELL and has known him for a long period of time both socially and as a result of Mr. POWELL's law firm representing Philip-Morris, Inc., in the legal field. He stated he knows of no person he considers more qualified both as a lawyer and as a person to be a member of the United States Supreme Court, and that he knew nothing whatsoever of an unfavorable nature pertaining to this individual or his family. He therefore highly recommended Mr. POWELL.

Mr. [REDACTED] Commonwealth Natural Gas Corporation, 200 South 3rd Street, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., has served on the Board of Directors of this corporation since May 5, 1952, and is presently so serving. He advised that this corporation has used Mr. POWELL's law firm on a number of occasions for tax work and other purposes and that he considers Mr. POWELL an outstanding

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attorney, extremely well qualified in every way for the position under consideration. He stated he was aware of no unfavorable information pertaining to this individual.

Mr. [REDACTED]

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b7C [REDACTED] Ethyl Corporation, 330 South 4th Avenue, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was elected to the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Paper Company, a Virginia corporation, on May 28, 1953. He advised that the Albemarle Paper Company purchased the Ethyl Corporation in November, 1962, and, thereafter, became the Ethyl Corporation, retaining Mr. POWELL on the Board of Directors of the newly-formed corporation. He advised that Mr. POWELL has served continuously in this capacity and is presently so serving. He stated that Mr. POWELL's law firm is the legal counsel for Ethyl Corporation. He advised he has personally known of Mr. POWELL for a number of years and that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature pertaining to this individual and, based on his association with Mr. POWELL, considers him extremely well qualified in every way for the position under consideration. He recommended Mr. POWELL without reservation.

Mr. [REDACTED]

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b7C Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, 703 East Grace Street, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., is currently on the Board of Directors of this corporation, having been appointed and continuously served on this board since March 29, 1968. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he is well acquainted and closely associates with Mr. POWELL and considers him to be of the highest moral character and integrity and would not hesitate to recommend him without reservation to the position under consideration. He stated he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, [REDACTED] the Chesterfield Land and Timber Company, advised that he is [REDACTED] LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., and that the Chesterfield Land and Timber Company is a POWELL family owned holding which incorporates the Chesterfield Land Investment Company. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] originally formed the Chesterfield Land Investment Company five or six years ago to incorporate the handling of land and timber owned by the POWELL family in the amount of approximately 400 to 500 acres in the Chesterfield County, Virginia area. The Chesterfield Land and Timber Company formed a lake in the Swift Creek area of Chesterfield County and subsequently turned this lake over to the Chesterfield County authorities as a reservoir.

According to [REDACTED] LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., acts as Secretary and General Counsel for the Chesterfield Land and Timber Company and the Chesterfield Land Investment Company. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that the address of the Chesterfield Land and Timber Company is listed as P. O. Box 1538, Richmond, Virginia.

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[REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED] Fredericksburg, Virginia, advised on October 25, 1971, that he is [REDACTED] the Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation, 3800 Cutshaw Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. [REDACTED] which is the holding company for both Lawyer's Title Insurance Corporation and The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, 2315 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was and still is an original member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Corporation, founded in approximately 1967.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971:

[REDACTED] Union  
Theological Seminary, advised that LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.  
was a Trustee of Union Theological Seminary from 1956  
to 1964 at which time he was rotated off the board.  
He further advised that POWELL was at one time a member  
of the Executive Committee and was also a member of the  
Finance Committee in approximately 1956 to 1968.

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[REDACTED] further advised that he considers  
POWELL to be a forthright man who is honest and trustworthy.  
He further considers POWELL to be a man of extremely  
impeccable integrity. [REDACTED] further advised that POWELL  
has been associated with Union Theological Seminary as a  
legal council. He considers him to be a lawyer of conscience  
and consistency.

[REDACTED] advised that he highly recommends  
POWELL for a position of trust with the United States  
Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] Downtown Club,  
Ross Building, Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 25,  
1971, that his records reflect that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL,  
JR. has been a member of this club since March 18, 1965.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that there are no restrictions  
on membership in this club as to race, color or creed. He  
advised that in order to become a member of this club one  
has to be sponsored by three current members.

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

Mr. [REDACTED] Country Club of Virginia, 6031 St. Andrews Lane, Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 25, 1971, that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. has been a member of this club since 1946. He stated that the bylaws of this country club do not place any restrictions as to membership in the club as to race, color or creed. He stated that in order to be accepted for membership an individual must be sponsored by five current club members and personally be acquainted with three club members. He advised that membership is then voted on by the membership committee as to whether or not the applicant should be accepted for membership.



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b7C SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

[REDACTED] Commonwealth Club, 401 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 25, 1971, that his records reflect that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. has been a member in good standing since February 17, 1948. He stated that this club has no restrictions as to race, color or creed, however, an applicant must be sponsored by two active members and accepted by the membership committee in order to become a member of this club.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Lexington, Virginia, on October 26,  
1971:

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Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Washington and Lee University, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., has served on the Board of Trustees since 1961 and has been devoted in his service, responsible, conscientious, and has contributed greatly to the work of the board. He advised that Mr. POWELL has always displayed outstanding judgment, is well balanced, and of even disposition, and he has always displayed outstanding ability in reasoning out problems. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL has always had the respect and liking of other members of the board. He advised that he had never seen Mr. POWELL display any form of prejudice, bias, or discrimination in any degree and he believes him to be one of the fairest and most responsible men he has ever known. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory or negative nature concerning Mr. POWELL in any of his actions and he considers him to be an individual of outstanding reputation and character. He advised that Mr. POWELL has always displayed the highest standards of integrity and honesty and he feels that he would be eminently qualified for a position on the U. S. Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[redacted] at Hollins, Virginia:

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Mr. [redacted] Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia, advised on October 26, 1971, his records reflect LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. had served as a member of the Board of Trustees at the College from 1955 to 1968. He explained that this was a self-appointing board, and that during the period of Mr. POWELL's membership, he was actively involved on the Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. [redacted] stated through this association on the Board of Trustees, he came to personally know Mr. POWELL, and had a high regard for his ability and considered him to be a distinguished lawyer. He felt his nomination by the President for the Supreme Court was an excellent choice. He, himself, had never known or heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL, and had always considered him to be a person of high moral character, reputation and associates. He stated he was not knowledgeable about Mr. POWELL's law practice or his judicial temperament.

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On October 26, 1971, Dr. [redacted] Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia, stated he had been personally acquainted with Mr. POWELL over the past ten to fifteen years, and had always thought very highly of him. He considers him to be a person of high intellectual ability, who to his knowledge has always exercised judicial temperament in all his legal dealings. He personally felt he was a person of high moral character, who would act with fairness and honesty in all matters according to the law. He personally had never known of Mr. POWELL to generate any ill-feeling or animosity among his associates, and had known him to be a popular and well thought of lawyer. He stated he personally felt the choice of Mr. POWELL by the President for the Supreme Court was in the best interest of all of the American public.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Roanoke, Virginia:

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lawyer, Colonial American Bank Building, Roanoke, Virginia, advised he had been well acquainted and associated with LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. over the past ten to twelve years during the time he had been a trustee at Hollins College. He personally considered him to be one of the most outstanding lawyers and men in the State of Virginia. He said over the years POWELL had actively worked for the improvements of education throughout the State. He felt he was a person of the highest ability, who exhibited excellent temperament and common sense views. He had never known anything of a derogatory nature concerning him, and considered him to be a person of high morals, character, reputation and associates.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent, Supervisor, [REDACTED] b6/b7C

Mr. LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., advised on October 26, 1971, that he had been a member of the National Student Federation during the time he was at Washington and Lee University and, while he was president of the student body at that University, he stated he had been elected to the Executive Committee for a two year period in 1930 and indicated that this was an organization to which the various student governments on college and university campuses across the nation belonged. He advised he felt very proud to have been a member of this organization.

In a leaflet issued in 1930 by the National Student Federation listing the members of the "Controlling Bodies for 1930" the regional representative for the south was listed as LEWIS F. POWELL. Mr. POWELL advised he had been elected to represent the south at that time.

A directory of youth organizations issued by the National Youth Administration in 1940 sets forth the following information with respect to the National Student Federation of America:

"History: The National Student Federation of America was founded in 1925 at a conference of students, representatives of 245 colleges and universities, meeting at Princeton.

"Program: 1. Advocates the establishment of student governments in colleges and universities to give students a share in the responsibilities of college life and a training for democratic leadership. Endorses democratic election systems, honor systems, orientation programs for freshmen, student

- faculty committees, student participation in curriculum revision, no censorship of college press, no salaries for student officers.
2. Against American participation in war, military or economic aid to any country engaged in armed conflict. Optional rather than compulsory ROTC, adequate national defense but no infringement on domestic programs by exorbitant military expenditures.
  3. Endorses the National Youth Administration, Federal aid to education, adequate health program for students, vocational education and guidance, freedom of speech, assemblage and press, academic freedom. Condemns methods of the Dies Committee.
  4. Urges greater education in "politics" for college students. Fifteenth Annual Congress at University of Minnesota, December 27-31, 1939.

"Affiliations: Confederation International des Etudiants, National Peace Conference, United Student Peace Committee, American Youth Congress"

The American Youth Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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AWARDS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] on October 25, 1971:

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Dr. [REDACTED] Hampden-Sydney  
College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, advised that LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., was awarded an honorary Doctor of  
Laws Degree on June 8, 1959, by the college for Mr. POWELL's  
activities in the field of law.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

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Mr. [REDACTED] Virginia  
Electric and Power Company, Richmond, Virginia, advised  
on October 25, 1971, that he is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that his organization gives  
an annual award, known as the Thomas Jefferson Award, to  
an outstanding member of the community for exemplary public  
service. He advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. was  
chosen as recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award in 1969.  
He advised that he does not know Mr. POWELL very well,  
however, Mr. POWELL is highly regarded in the community  
and he knows of nothing derogatory concerning POWELL or  
his family.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

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Mr. [REDACTED] the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., received the distinguished service award from the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce in 1966. This award is given to a person who has made outstanding contributions for Virginia and her populace. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. POWELL received this award for his outstanding work in the area of local and state education, law, and civic activities. 70

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Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that, in his opinion, Mr. POWELL is a man of impeccable honesty and integrity and a person of extremely good character. He further considers Mr. POWELL to be a humble and mild gentleman who is fair minded and extremely conscious of the civic welfare of the State of Virginia. Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that he considers Mr. POWELL to be a man of extremely fine temperament for a lawyer and judge.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Richmond,  
Virginia:

[REDACTED] the  
Virginia Education Association, advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR., received the Outstanding Urban School Board  
Member of the Year Award in 1958. This award was presented  
to POWELL for his leadership in obtaining better teachers'  
salaries, promoting curriculum improvement, and improvement  
in public education in Richmond, Virginia.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has known POWELL  
for 25 years and considers him to be a fair-minded and honest  
individual, one who is dedicated to his work, and one who is  
progressive in his philosophy in all aspects of his public  
life. [REDACTED] further advised that POWELL's contribution  
to education in Virginia both as a member of the Richmond  
School Board and State Board of Education has been enormous.  
[REDACTED] further advised that he considers POWELL to be  
extremely competent and would make an excellent Justice of  
the U. S. Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

Dr. [REDACTED] Doctor of Internal Medicine,  
[REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, advised he has  
known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for his entire adult life  
and has been POWELL's personal physician for the past fifteen  
years.

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Dr. [REDACTED] stated that POWELL has had only one medical  
problem to his knowledge in the past fifteen years which  
consisted of a prostrate operation in 1956. Recovery, although  
slow, was complete. POWELL has since received periodic  
physical examinations, the most recent being ten days to  
two weeks ago, and is in excellent physical condition for  
a man his age.

Dr. [REDACTED] continued that Mr. POWELL is a man of total  
honesty, integrity, loyalty and ability, and he would have  
no recalcitrance to recommend him for any position with  
the United States Government. He knew of no indication in-  
volving excessive use of alcohol or drugs and knew of no  
character impediment on the part of Mr. POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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On October 25, 1971, Dr. [REDACTED]  
Medical Arts Building, Second and East Franklin Streets,  
Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL, JR. for 25 or 30 years on a professional basis  
and has treated him for an eye ailment during this period.  
He continued that Mr. POWELL suffers from posterior punctate  
cataract (OU) in his eye, a condition which he was possibly  
born with and will always have. He has been diagnosed by  
other eye specialists who have concurred with Dr. [REDACTED]  
analysis. This condition does not materially affect his  
vision.

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Dr. [REDACTED] stated that before agreeing to possibly  
entering government service Mr. POWELL consulted him at  
great length and he, Dr. [REDACTED] told him that in his opinion  
there was no medical reason relative to his eye condition  
why he should not accept such service.

Dr. [REDACTED] continued that he has become very  
well acquainted with Mr. POWELL over the years and that he  
considers him a person of the highest integrity, ability,  
loyalty, and honesty and that the government would be  
extremely fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. POWELL.

In conclusion, he stated he wished to recommend  
Mr. POWELL for government employment in the strongest  
language possible.

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RELATIVES

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she is personally acquainted with Mrs. MARVIN P. RUCKER, 1238 Rothesay Road, [REDACTED] of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., and she advised that Mrs. RUCKER does in fact reside at 1238 Rothesay Road.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she is personally acquainted with Dr. [REDACTED] and she advised that he does in fact reside at [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] Richmond, advised that he is personally acquainted with Dr. [REDACTED] and advised that Dr. [REDACTED] does in fact reside at [REDACTED] Richmond.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Prestwoud Apartments, Pine and Franklin Streets, Richmond, advised that she is personally acquainted with Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, SR., and she advised that Mr. POWELL does in fact reside in the Prestwoud Apartments.

Mrs. [REDACTED] Richmond, advised that she is personally acquainted with Mr. [REDACTED] and she advised that Mr. [REDACTED] does in fact reside at [REDACTED] Glenbrooke Hills, Richmond.



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b7C On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Clerk,  
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia, advised  
SA [REDACTED] that Bureau of Vital Statistics  
records reflect that MARY LEWIS POWELL died on July 21,  
1964, Richmond, Virginia. The cause of death is listed  
as a cerebral hemorrhage.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Lexington,  
Virginia:

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Registrar's  
Office, Washington and Lee University, advised that LEWIS  
FRANKLIN POWELL III is currently enrolled as a sophomore  
at that University. He is a member of and resides at the  
Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity House in Lexington. Mrs. [REDACTED]  
advised that LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL III enjoys an excellent  
reputation at the University.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Washington and  
Lee University, advised he is acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL III, who is currently a sophomore at Washington and  
Lee University. He considers him to be an outstanding young  
man of excellent reputation and character.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH LEADERS

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Richmond,  
Virginia:

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b7c [REDACTED] Grace  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, advised  
that LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. is presently a member of his  
church but has never held a position in the church. He  
further advised that he considers POWELL to be a very  
honorable man and one whose character is above reproach.  
[REDACTED] further stated that as far as he knows, POWELL  
is a very able individual and one who is fair and honest.

[REDACTED] stated that he would highly recommend  
POWELL for a position of trust with the United States  
Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED]

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Richmond, Virginia, an Elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, advised that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for 18 years and considers him to be a man of high caliber in every respect. [REDACTED] further advised that as far as he was concerned POWELL is an extremely capable individual in anything he sets his mind to. [REDACTED] further advised he could furnish no derogatory information concerning POWELL and would highly recommend him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Richmond, Virginia:

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[REDACTED]  
Richmond, formerly an Elder in Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, advised he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for 12 years as a church member. He further stated that he considers POWELL to be a man of the highest integrity and honesty and one whose character is above reproach. [REDACTED] further advised that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning POWELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971 at Richmond, Virginia:

[REDACTED] Richmond,  
formerly an Elder, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church,  
Richmond, Virginia, advised that he has known LEWIS F. POWELL,  
JR. since 1938, primarily through the church. [REDACTED] further  
advised that he considers POWELL's honesty and integrity above  
reproach and he has never heard it questioned. He further  
advised that he considers POWELL to be fair in his attitude  
toward all people.

[REDACTED] further stated that he has worked closely  
with members of Mr. POWELL's law firm and as far as he  
understands, POWELL is a very conscientious and capable  
attorney.

[REDACTED] advised that he would recommend POWELL for  
a position on the United States Supreme Court because of  
POWELL's background and knowledge of the law and his sincerity.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971, at Richmond,  
Virginia;

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b7C [REDACTED] of the First Baptist Church, has known  
LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., for over 35 years and states  
that he considers Mr. POWELL of the very highest character,  
loyalty, integrity, and above and beyond reproach as far  
as his reputation and associates are concerned. He stated  
his stand on civil rights has been very moderate and constructive  
and he has not engaged in any bitter exchanges in this field  
and made an outstanding contribution concerning the Richmond  
public schools and their desegregation policies. He would  
highly recommend Mr. POWELL for the position in the Federal  
Government for which he has been appointed.

[REDACTED] United Methodist Church, stated  
he does not know LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. personally  
and has only [REDACTED] for a  
short period of time. His only knowledge of Mr. POWELL is  
that which he has heard publicly and everything seems to be  
of the highest character.

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b7C [REDACTED] United Methodist  
Church, advised he has been in the Richmond area for five  
years and only knows LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., through  
public reputation. He has heard nothing derogatory concerning  
Mr. POWELL and feels his choice as an appointee to the United  
States Supreme Court is an excellent one.

[REDACTED] the  
"Advocate", weekly news magazine of the United Methodist  
Church, State of Virginia, [REDACTED] advised  
he does not know LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., personally;  
however, he has heard nothing but the most complimentary  
remarks concerning him and, because of the publicity in the  
paper, the remarks heard recently he would consider all  
very complimentary. Inasmuch as he does not know him  
personally, he could not make any recommendation.



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On October 27, 1971, [REDACTED] Beth Abbah Congregation, 1111 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for a great number of years and that during this time, Mr. POWELL has always conducted himself as a gentleman in every respect. POWELL has never shown any trace of racism or adverse feelings for persons of other faiths. He always has conducted himself as a statesman and has never done anything to offend one of another race, creed, color or religion to [REDACTED] knowledge. He has never known or heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL in any respect and he is sure that he is a moral and upright human being, possessive of outstanding character traits. He highly recommends POWELL for a position on the U. S. Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] 3330 Grove Avenue, Richmond, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971 that he knows Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL only by reputation, but is aware that Mr. POWELL enjoys a very fine reputation in Richmond and is a person who enjoys the support of people of all faiths in this area. [REDACTED] says he is aware of no information he would consider to be of a derogatory nature and, based on his knowledge of this man, he would recommend him highly for the position under consideration.

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On October 27, 1971, [REDACTED] Richmond, [REDACTED] of First Baptist Church, Boulevard and Monument Avenue, Richmond, advised SA [REDACTED] that he is not personally or directly acquainted with Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. but he has known of him for 25 years and [REDACTED]

All that he has heard concerning Mr. POWELL has been that he is held in the highest esteem and he would have no reservations concerning his recommendation for appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court. He added that many lawyers are members of his congregation and he has heard nothing of a derogatory nature whatsoever from anyone concerning Mr. POWELL.

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[REDACTED]  
Richmond, Virginia, [REDACTED] the St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Richmond, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971 that he has known LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. for some 25 years and he has nothing but the highest praise for him and considers him above reproach as far as his character, loyalty, associates and integrity are concerned. He said he is one of the finest persons he has ever known and characterized him as a "straight shooter." He feels Mr. POWELL is an excellent choice as appointee to the U. S. Supreme Court and would certainly be very moderate and progressive on his civil rights stand. He would certainly recommend him for this position as Supreme Court Justice.

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[REDACTED]  
Richmond, [REDACTED] First Baptist Church, Richmond, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971 he has known Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL for the past three years and states that he knows absolutely nothing derogatory concerning this man's morals, reputation, associates or integrity. He feels he is conservative yet open in regards to civil rights matters and that he would attempt to further civil rights in any way that he could. He would personally recommend him as an appointee to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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CREDIT

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On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED]  
Richmond Credit Bureau, Richmond, Virginia, advised  
SA [REDACTED] that Credit Bureau records indicate  
LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL has an excellent credit rating.

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ARREST

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On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] Clerk,  
Records Section, Richmond Police Department, advised  
SA [REDACTED] that Richmond Police Department  
records contain no record of arrest for LEWIS FRANKLIN  
POWELL.

[REDACTED] advised that Police Department records  
indicate LOUIS FRANKLIN POWELL, date of birth March 31,  
1880, address 612 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia,  
was arrested June 27, 1934 for failure to obey a stop  
sign - disposition POWELL was sent to driving school.  
LOUIS FRANKLIN POWELL was arrested November 16, 1956 for  
failure to obey a red light and fined \$5.00; arrested  
February 21, 1964 for failure to yield right of way,  
fined \$10.00; and arrested June 1, 1965 for wreckless  
driving - this charge was dismissed.

No other records were found at the Richmond  
Police Department concerning any of POWELL's other  
relatives.

On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] Dispatcher,  
Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, Chesterfield County,  
Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that Chesterfield  
County Police Department records contain no records  
concerning LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL or any of his relatives.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Lexington, Virginia, on October 26,  
1971:

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b7C Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, Lexington Police Depart-  
ment, advised that her files contain no record pertaining  
to LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL III.

The index to criminal cases, Rockbridge County  
Court, was reviewed by SA [REDACTED] and no record pertaining  
to LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL III could be located.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia, on October 26,  
1971:

[REDACTED] advised that he regards LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., to be a person of the highest character who maintains both a social and professional reputation beyond reproach and one whose associates and devotion and loyalty to the United States is above question.

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b7C [REDACTED] related that LEWIS POWELL is one who believes in Constitutional rights for all citizens regardless of race or color and that he was one of the individuals who strongly recommended and worked for the public schools of Virginia to remain open during the periods of massive resistance of the 1950's. [REDACTED] further related that specifically during the period 1958-59, when [REDACTED] LEWIS POWELL went to him and strongly advised that the schools should not be closed when same was the tendency to avoid desegregation. He related further that LEWIS POWELL certainly believes in equal education for all and that the Constitution of the United States dictates such a premise.

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b7C [REDACTED] went on to state that he feels that LEWIS POWELL is highly qualified for a position on the U. S. Supreme Court and that he has had the experience in legal areas and with the various commissions he has served on and the fact that he has been so closely involved in State and local school board problems and situations. He related that he feels that LEWIS POWELL has an outstanding judicial temperament and is one who obtains all the facts prior to making a decision. [REDACTED] stated that he personally recommended LEWIS POWELL to President NIXON and that the President told him that he was the first one to make such a recommendation.

[REDACTED] advised that recently a judgeship was opened in Hustings Court in Richmond and that Mr. POWELL backed [REDACTED] a local Negro attorney, for this position. He concluded by stating that he could only give the highest recommendation to Mr. POWELL for the Supreme Court.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 25, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C [REDACTED] advised he could only express the highest qualities of character, integrity, and devotion to country insofar as LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., is concerned. [REDACTED] related that Mr. POWELL has an outstanding record and is most qualified in his opinion for nomination to the United States Supreme Court. He further advised that in the area of civil rights issues, Mr. POWELL would be considered in the mid point in that he is not an "extremist" in any sense of the term. [REDACTED] pointed out that this position of Mr. POWELL with regard to civil rights was most emphatically brought out during his tenure as head of the Richmond School Board.

[REDACTED] stated that he would recommend POWELL as a Justice to the United States Supreme Court without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971:

Land Records, Henrico County Circuit Court, were reviewed regarding property located at 1238 Rothesay Circle, Richmond, Virginia. Records reflect that the deed to the above-mentioned property is located in Deed Book 256-B, Page 321. A review of the deed reflects that above property was sold to JOSEPHINE MC RAE RUCKER (mother-in-law of LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.) on May 23, 1933. This deed contains no restrictive covenants as to race, religion, creed, or national origin.

This property prior to 1942 was located in Henrico County. In 1942, the property was annexed to the City of Richmond, Virginia.

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b7C [REDACTED] Clerk, Richmond Circuit Court, made available Deed Book 561-A, Page 360. A review of the above reflects that on December 30, 1954, JOSEPHINE MC RAE RUCKER gave as a gift to her daughter, JOSEPHINE RUCKER POWELL (LEWIS POWELL's wife), a one-half undivided interest in the property located at 1238 Rothesay Circle, Richmond, Virginia. This conveyance contained no restrictive covenants.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

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b7C On October 26, 1971, Mrs. [REDACTED] Treasurers  
Office, Chesterfield County, Virginia, advised that her  
records reflect LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., owns no real  
estate situated in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Mrs.  
[REDACTED] advised that the Swift Creek Land Investment Company,  
Inc., is the owner of certain real property in the County  
of Chesterfield and that all taxes have been paid to date  
on this property.

On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]  
Assessor, Chesterfield County, Virginia, advised the  
land records for the Swift Creek Land Investment Company,  
Inc., are located in Deed Book 905, page 642.

On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Clerk,  
Chesterfield County Circuit Court, made available Deed Book  
905, which reflected the Swift Creek Land Investment Company,  
Inc., acquired 53.6 acres of land by deed from [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] on January 25, 1968.  
Review of this deed and deeds of prior grantors reflect  
no covenants or restrictions which would be discriminatory  
against any person because of race, creed or color.

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b7C On October 26, 1971, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
County Treasurers Office, Powhatan County, Virginia,  
advised her records reflect LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., owns  
no property in his name in Powhatan County, Virginia, but  
the tax bill for the Huguenot Land Company is billed to  
LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., Richmond, Virginia.

On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Powhatan County, Virginia, advised the Huguenot  
Land Company acquired approximately 515 acres of land from  
the Huguenot Development Corporation on July 20, 1971.  
Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Huguenot Development Corporation  
acquired the 515 acres of land by deed from four separate  
real estate transactions. Review of present deed and deeds  
of previous grantors reflect no covenants or restrictions

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which could be considered discriminatory to any person due to their race, creed or color.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that there are no liens outstanding against the property held by the Huguenot Land Company situated in Powhatan County, Virginia.

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Miller and Rhoads Department Store, Richmond, Virginia.  
previously advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia:

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b7C Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, City Collector's Office,  
Richmond, advised on October 25, 1971, that the property  
located at 1238 Rothesay Road, Richmond, Virginia, is listed  
according to her records to JOSEPHINE M. RUCKER and JOSEPHINE R.  
POWELL. She advised that her records reflect no tax liens  
imposed by the City of Richmond for the year 1971. She  
stated that records disclose that property taxes on the above  
property were paid on schedule in June, 1971.

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b7C [REDACTED] Delinquent Tax Office, City of  
Richmond, Virginia, advised on October 25, 1971, that a review  
of her records reflects no tax liens or delinquent tax assess-  
ments levied by the City of Richmond on the property located  
at 1238 Rothesay Road. She advised that if property tax pay-  
ments had been delinquent on this property at any time, past  
or present, this would be reflected in her files.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] at Richmond, Virginia on October 26, 1971:

[REDACTED] Richmond.

Virginia advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he now owns stock in the cooperation, and that the cooperation in turn leases an apartment to him. [REDACTED] advised about two years ago LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., an attorney in Richmond, whom he has known about thirty years, purchased stock in the Horizon of Delray Beach, Incorporated, and in turn was leased an apartment in the cooperative apartment building operated by that cooperation. [REDACTED] stated he has no information whatsoever as to the deed to the apartment building, as to any type of restricting covenants, restricting the sale of the property to anyone because of their race. [REDACTED] advised that from his association with POWELL in the past he considers him an individual of the highest character, integrity and that he is most highly respected in the community in which he resides. [REDACTED] stated that although he does not personally have any information concerning POWELL's legal ability, POWELL is reported to be an individual of excellent legal ability, and he is a member of a law firm which has one of the best reputations in the City of Richmond. [REDACTED] advised that he is most pleased POWELL has been nominated by the President of the United States as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED] Clerk, Clarke County Circuit Court, Berryville, Virginia, made available Docket Number 1269CL, entitled, "CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, plaintiff, vs. HARRY F. BYRD, JR., ET AL, defendants" which was filed in the Clerk's Office on October 25, 1967.

This file reflects that one of the defendants in this case was LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., Richmond, Virginia.

The motion filed by the plaintiff contains the following pertaining to LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.:

"I went to his office and asked the receptionist to let me see him. She said that he was in a meeting but I could see his assistant, Mr. PETER WARD. I went to Mr. WARD's office and showed him my papers. He said that we could \_\_\_\_\_ the government pay. Mr. POWELL held the papers for nearly two years and he never did anything about the case. Finally, my auditor, Mr. FAIRBANKS, went to see Mr. POWELL and he said that he hadn't looked into the case. I went to Mr. WARD and he denied that he ever saw the case. Both of them were lying. I expect Mr. POWELL and Mr. WARD to suffer for the damages and should be disbarred \_\_\_\_\_ the law practice."

The following demurrer was filed on behalf of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. by his attorney, JOSEPH M. SPIVEY:



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The defendant, LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., by counsel, said that the plaintiff's motion for judgment is not sufficient in law and states the grounds of demurrer relied upon to be as follows:

(1.) The motion for judgment fails to set forth any facts justifying recovery against this defendant.

(2.) The motion for judgment fails to state any duty upon this defendant to the plaintiff or that this defendant has breached any such duty.

(3.) The motion for judgment fails to state with particularity the manner in which the plaintiff has been damaged.

This case came to be held on March 11, 1968, upon the plaintiff's motion for judgment and upon the demurrers of LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. and others, and the demurrers were sustained by the court and the defendants were dismissed from the case.

The plaintiff in his motion of judgment asked judgment against the defendants in the amount of \$125,318,635.00 with interest thereon from the date of judgment.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

On October 23, 1971, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Waynesboro, Virginia, advised that he is  
not personally acquainted with LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.,  
and knows him only by reputation. He stated at the time  
the Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County Bar Association  
recommended POWELL for nomination to Supreme Court, he,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated this resolution  
was made at the time of last vacancies in the Supreme Court.  
He does not recall how the resolution was introduced or  
who made the nomination within the Bar Association. [REDACTED]  
advised his contact with POWELL has been through working  
through others in POWELL's firm, who attended law school at  
the University of Virginia at the same time [REDACTED] attended.  
He advised that based on his experience with those under  
POWELL's direction, he knows him to be of the highest in-  
tegrity and ability and based on his experience with members  
of POWELL's law firm, he has only the highest regard for  
LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. and would wholeheartedly agree  
with the resolution he previously drafted and forwarded to  
the Attorney General of the United States recommending POWELL  
for the position of Supreme Court Justice.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <i>b6 b7C</i>	TYPED BY <b>MDW</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DAPLI JUSTICE U.S. SUPREME COURT</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Richmond, et al, dated 10/22/71.  
 Richmond teletype to Bureau, et al, dated 10/23/71.  
 Chicago teletypes to Miami and New York dated 10/26/71.  
 Cincinnati phone call to Chicago 10/25/71.

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LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL

Character:

DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT  
JUSTICE  
U.S. SUPREME COURT

Synopsis:

Membership and activities of POWELL with American Bar Association (ABA) and affiliated organizations set forth. Associates at ABA highly recommend. Copies of articles and speeches from ABA files enclosed.

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**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted on October 26, 1971:

American Bar Association (ABA)  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

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b7C [REDACTED] Clerk, advised POWELL has been a member of the ABA in good standing since 1934.

Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, National Conference of Bar Examiners, 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised her grievance files contain no grievances or any unfavorable information regarding POWELL.

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b7C Mrs. [REDACTED] ABA, said she has known POWELL for about 17 years and worked closely with him during the period he was President-Elect and President. She found him to be a refined gentleman of ability, personality, patience, and great energy. She never found reason to question his character, personal habits, or loyalty to the United States and said he never exhibited any prejudice or bigotry. She recommended him highly for the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. [REDACTED] supplied the following current list of his complete ABA record:

LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.\*  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES  
1941-1971

Member, Committee on Bill of Rights, 1941-42; 1949-54

Member, Associate and Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee on Aeronautical Law, 1953-54

Member, Standing Committee on Aeronautical Law, 1954-55

Member, Committee on Retirement Benefits Legislation, 1956-57

Member, Committee on Regional Meetings, 1955-57; 1959-61. Chairman of Committee, 1957-59

State Delegate, 1955-62

Member, Resolutions Committee, 1960-61

Chairman, Committee on Economics of Law Practice, 1959-61

Member, Committee on Continuing Education of the Bar, 1958-63

Chairman, Committee on Education about Communism, 1961-62

Adviser, Special Committee on Education of the Junior Bar Conference, 1961-62

Committee on Research of the American Bar Foundation, 1960-62

Member, Board of Governors, 1962-63

Member, Board of Governors Subcommittee on Law Day U.S.A., 1962-63

Chairman, Board of Governors Subcommittee on Washington Office 1962-63

Member, Committee on Economics of Law Practice, 1962-63

President-Elect, American Bar Association, 1963-64

Member, Board of Governors Administration Committee, 1963-64

Chairman, Board of Governors Subcommittee on ABA Medal, 1963-64

Chairman, Board of Governors Subcommittee on Law Day U.S.A., 1963-64

Member, Board of Governors Subcommittee on President's Speaking Engagements, 1963-64

Member, Board of Governors Subcommittee to Cooperate with the Executive Branch of the Government, 1964-65

President, American Bar Association, 1964-65

Chairman, Board of Governors Subcommittee on President's Speaking Engagements, 1964-65

Member, Board of Editors, American Bar Association Journal, 1964-65

Member, Committee on Gavel Awards, 1964-65

Vice-Chairman, ALI-ABA Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education, 1964-65

Member, Committee on Minimum Standards for the Administration of Criminal Justice, 1965-71

Member, Board of Directors, American Bar Foundation, 1965-71; Vice-President, 1967-69; President, 1969-71

Vice-President, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, 1965-66

Member, Advisory Committee to the Committee on Education about Communism, 1966-71

Member, Committee on ABA Centennial Commission, 1967-68

Chairman, Committee on London Meeting, 1967-71

Member, Advisory Committee to Implement Minimum Standards for the Administration of Criminal Justice of the Section of Criminal Law, 1968-69

President and Member of Board of Directors, American Bar Foundation, 1969-71

\*Mr. Powell has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1934. As President-Elect and President, he served in an ex officio capacity on the following committees:

Committee on Effective Administration of Justice  
ALI-ABA Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education  
Committee on Public Relations  
Committee on Presidential Inability and Vice Presidential  
Vacancy  
Committee on Gavel Awards

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Mr. Powell is a life member of the House of Delegates, the governing body of the Association, by virtue of his position of Former President.

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b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] also supplied from ABA records copies  
of the following articles written and speeches made by POWELL  
as reported in the American Bar Association Journal and  
various state and college legal publications as indicated:

The Relation between the Virginia Court of Appeals and the State  
Corporation Commission. Va. L.R. 19: 433-58, 571-93, Mr.-Apr. '33

The Virginia Prudent Man Rule of Trust Investments. Va. L.R. 34: 102-28 Jan. '48

Contributory Negligence: A Necessary Check on the American Jury  
ABAJ 43: 1005-08, 1061-62 N. '57

Three Giants of the Law (Blackstone, Marshall, Wythe) ABAJ 50: 158-61 F. 64

Missouri Bar-Pren-Hall Survey; What is its challenge to the Organized Bar  
ABAJ 51: 148-9 Feb. '65

The Risk of Having No President. Okla. BJ 36: 354-59 Feb. 27, 1965

Extending Legal Services to Indigents and Low Income Groups.  
La. BJ 13: 11-17 May, 1965

The Right to a Fair Trial ABAJ 51: 534-38 June '65

An Urgent Need: More Effective Criminal Justice. ABAJ 51:437-40 May '65

Character Aspects of Admission to the Bar - Bar Examiner 34: 117-19 '65

Address. Neb. L.R. 44: 355-60 Mr. '65

Respect for Law and Due Process - The Foundation of a Free Society  
U. Fla. L.R. 18: 1-8 Summer '65

National Conference on Law and Poverty : The Role of the Federal Government,  
T.M. Berry: The Response of the Bar, Powell ABAJ 51: 751-52 Aug. '65

President's Annual Address: The State of the Legal Profession  
ABAJ 51: 821-28 S'65

Jury Trial of Crimes. W&LLR 23: 1-11 Spring '66

A Lawyer Looks at Civil Disobedience. W&LLRev. 23: 205-31 Fall '66

Civil Disobedience: Prelude to Revolution? NYSBJ 40: 172-81 Apr. '68

Challenge of Crime in a Free Society. Additional Views of  
Powell, et al, to Report of President's Commission on  
Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice - Printed 1967

Copies of above articles and speeches are submitted as enclosures  
to this report.

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[REDACTED] ABA, and [REDACTED] ABA, said he has known POWELL about 12 years, both personally and professionally, and that he was one of the greatest Presidents the ABA ever had. He mentioned the following three major programs instituted by ABA under POWELL's leadership:

1. He persuaded organized bar associations (ABA and states) to embrace the concept of federal help in providing legal assistance to the poor through the Office of Economic Opportunity.

2. During his administration, the ABA concluded the Minimum Standards of Criminal Justice Program which set standards for all aspects of criminal justice administration, e.g. investigations, arrests, trials, sentencing, and post conviction appeals in both state and federal courts. This project involved more than 100 lawyers and judges and furnished guidelines for courts and the whole law enforcement system. The results were published in 16 reports called "Standards of Criminal Justice."

3. He was principally responsible, about 10 years ago, for the creation of the ABA standing committee on "Education About Communism and Its Contrast with Liberty Under Law." He was the first chairman of the committee which is still in existence.

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[REDACTED] said POWELL has tremendous intellect, highest integrity, character, and reputation and good personal habits. He added he has the temperament for a judge, is calm and "unflappable" and writes with clarity and lucidity. He knows of nothing in his background which would conflict with his duties as a judge. In his opinion, POWELL would decide cases on law and evidence regardless of race, religion, or economic status of litigates. As evidence of the latter, he said when POWELL was President of the Virginia State Board of Education, Virginia adopted a state-wide school integration program. In conclusion, he said POWELL would be one of the great U.S. Supreme Court Justices.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ABA, has known POWELL since 1963 and said he cannot imagine anyone who would make a better U.S. Supreme Court Justice. He said he has known many lawyers and judges

and "whenever I think of judicial temperament, I think of him." He based this on his deportment, personality, patience, and legal ability. He added POWELL "wastes no time with trivia." He believes he would accept any human being at his face value and that he cannot imagine he could be prejudiced against anyone regardless of race or color. He said his intellectual ability and the respect which the 297 ABA House of Delegates had for him were responsible for their approval of the ABA's legal services for the poor program. To [REDACTED] knowledge, there is nothing in his past, his character, or his affiliations which could compromise him or conflict with his duties as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court for which position he highly recommended him.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney Wright Harlor, Morris and Arnold, Columbus, Ohio [REDACTED] ABA), was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] at Chicago regarding POWELL. He advised he has known POWELL for the past 30 years socially and professionally. He considers him "one of the most outstanding lawyers in the country." He stated POWELL possesses excellent command of law and judicial temperament and believes he "will take a fair attitude toward civil rights issues." He feels POWELL will follow prescribed constitutional guidelines with a fair and positive attitude. [REDACTED] considers POWELL to be unbiased in his legal outlook.

He stated POWELL enjoys the highest character, reputation, and associates, and considers him an involved, concerned citizen, completely loyal to the United States. He advised POWELL is a "very light drinker."

He highly recommends POWELL stating "he is as good a man as the President could nominate."

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American Bar Foundation (ABF)  
1155 East 60th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On October 26, 1971, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she is acquainted with applicant through his work with this organization. She said he was Vice-President before becoming President of the ABF in 1969 and serving for two terms before he resigned this position in 1971. Mrs. [REDACTED] was most laudatory in her remarks about Mr. POWELL and stated she would recommend him for the high position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] ABF, stated that he has known LOUIS FRANKLIN POWELL on a professional basis since the Spring of 1969. At that time they were both active members of the ABF. POWELL became President of the ABF in October, 1969, and maintained this position until October, 1971.

[REDACTED], further stated that POWELL is an individual who has shown himself to be highly intelligent, scholarly, well versed in legal principles, possessing the ability to separate the facts from extraneous and irrelevant material, he has soundness of mind and his legal decisions have always been based on well reasoned grounds.

[REDACTED] added that he considers POWELL to be a "strict constitutionalist." POWELL is unquestionably a person of the highest character and of unquestioned loyalty to his country. He is an exemplary individual with social grace. He has the ability to listen and hear the words of others.

[REDACTED] advised that he knows of absolutely no derogatory or unfavorable information concerning POWELL's past or present activities. He opined that POWELL's only prejudice might be that in favor of "Law and Order." POWELL possesses the character qualities which would lend him to exhibit the highest degree of judicial temperament.

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b7C [redacted] recommended POWELL to the highest possible degree for a position of trust and confidence as Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

On October 26, 1971, [redacted] American Bar Foundation, stated that he has been associated with LOUIS FRANKLIN POWELL on a professional basis, through this foundation, for the past three years. He considers POWELL to be one of the finest attorneys in this nation. He has had occasion to work with POWELL on numerous legal research matters and on the Executive Board of this foundation. POWELL has demonstrated unexcelled leadership ability, he has great finesse in working with people, he is a calming influence and peacemaker in legal disputes and he is free from any undesirable influences.

[redacted] added that he cannot possibly use enough superlatives in expressing his objective and critical evaluation of POWELL. POWELL is a man of the highest character, his loyalty to his country is second to none, and his associations are with the most respected individuals in this nation.

[redacted] was unable to recall any unfavorable situation in which POWELL might have previously been associated.

[redacted] stated that POWELL has always been very cognizant of the shortcomings of this society and he has devoted the greater share of his life to correcting these shortcomings under the framework of our Constitution.

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b7C [redacted] advised that POWELL is slim, trim, vigorous, and capable of working long hours. POWELL's age at this time, in his opinion, is not a limiting factor. It appears that POWELL enjoys excellent health.

In summation [redacted] stated that he could best summarize POWELL's qualifications, achievements, and objectives as being "superb." [redacted] recommended POWELL without reservation or qualification for a position of trust and confidence as Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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American Judicature Society  
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Chicago, Illinois

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Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, advised POWELL has  
been a member in good standing since 1938.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>10/27/71</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/22 - 27/71</b>
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

**b6 b7C** With reference to Bureau teletype, October 22, 1971, furnishing name [REDACTED] Federal Bar Association, WDC, inquiry Federal Bar Association, failed to locate or identify [REDACTED]

The file re POWELL at the File Room, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, was not reviewed. JOHN DUFFNER, Executive Assistant to the Deputy **0**

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b6 Attorney General, advised he delivered this file to Mr.  
b7C [REDACTED] Office, FBI, for review by FBI personnel.

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Title:

LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, Jr.

Character: DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT

JUSTICE,

Synopsis:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Synopsis: No record USDJ Security, Administrative Office U.S. Courts, Personnel Office WHO. Records Office WHO shows 8/11/65 applicant appointed member, President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. Judges, U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court for D.C., D.C. Court of Appeals, and Superior Court D.C. comment favorably. Attorney's comment favorably. Virginia Senators recommend. U.S. Representatives comment favorably, Black Caucus members have no personal knowledge of applicant. Applicant admitted to practice before USDC for District of Columbia and Supreme Court of the U.S. No record Federal Bar Association or Bar Association of the District of Columbia. Comments, Bar Association Officials, Federal and District of Columbia, favorable. Political leaders not familiar with applicant and could not comment. Labor attorney not familiar with applicant, interposes no objection to nomination. Labor leaders decline comment present time. Civil rights leaders not familiar with applicant, interpose no objection to nomination. Unfamiliar to Religious Leaders. Membership, Metropolitan Club, National Lawyers Club and Society of Cincinnati, verified. No credit or arrests, MPD, U.S. Park Police. CSC record utilized. No pertinent, identifiable record HCIS. Department of State Passport records set forth. No record U.S. Secret Service, Library of Congress, Washington Daily News

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b7c SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of  
the files of the Security Office, Internal Security Division,  
USDJ. He was informed on October 26, 1971, that no record  
of the applicant was located.

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Administrative Office, U. S. Courts

On October 26, 1971, Special Clerk [REDACTED] determined at the Records Section, Personnel Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, there was no record regarding the applicant.

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The White House Office

The following investigation was conducted on  
October 22, 1971, by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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A search of the records of the Personnel Office,  
the White House Office produced no record for the appli-  
cant, LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

The Records Office of the White House Office con-  
tained the following information concerning LEWIS POWELL,  
JR.:

August 11, 1965

White House Letter

Appointed

Member

President's Commission on Law  
Enforcement and the Administra-  
tion of Justice



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United States Court of Appeals

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The following Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit advised SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1971 as follows concerning Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.:

[REDACTED] and Judges [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] indicated that they did not know him and therefore did not feel that they were in a position to make any recommendations concerning him as to his suitability for the United States Supreme Court.

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Judges [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that they had never been associated with him in any way, and therefore did not feel qualified to make any recommendations concerning him for the above mentioned position. However, they had learned through mutual friends that he had an excellent personal and professional reputation, which seemed to be born out by what they have read in the newspapers recently about him.

Judge [REDACTED] said that he had met him at an American Bar Association dinner, but did not know enough about him to make any recommendations concerning his suitability for the United States Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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He has known Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for about ten years. Judge [REDACTED] served on the Legal Research Committee, American Bar Foundation, with him. Judge [REDACTED] has seen him occasionally in the last few years. He is "first class" in his legal ability and very knowledgeable in law.

He makes a very fine appearance. He has a pleasing personality. "He is not pompous" but quiet. He is well liked by those with whom he is associated. As far as Judge [REDACTED] knows, his character, habits and sobriety are excellent. He appears to be in very good health. His personal and professional reputation are very high. His loyalty to his country is unquestionable.

Judge [REDACTED] believes he has an excellent judicial temperament. Judge [REDACTED] also believes he would be objective, fair-minded and impartial in any decisions he would be called upon to make as a judge.

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There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that he has any extremist viewpoints nor that he has been connected with any racially prejudiced organization nor extremist group.

Judge [REDACTED] very highly recommended him for a position on the United States Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., for more than ten years, but not too well. He last saw Mr. POWELL about six months ago. Judge [REDACTED] was associated with him within the American College for Trial Lawyers. He is an exceptionally fine lawyer.

He makes a fine appearance and has a good personality. He has a fine sense of humor. His character, habits and sobriety are excellent. He appears to be in good health. He has a reputation both personally and professionally of being a fine gentleman and a fine lawyer. His loyalty to his country is unquestionable. He is a man of integrity and honesty.

He has a good judicial temperament and is a well balanced and judicious person. Judge [REDACTED] believes he would be impartial, objective and fair-minded as a judge.

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As far as Judge [REDACTED] knows Mr. POWELL has no extremist views, nor is he associated with any racially prejudiced organizations.

Judge [REDACTED] believes that Mr. POWELL would uphold the finest traditions of the United States Supreme Court and highly recommends him for that Court.

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District of Columbia Court of Appeals

The following Judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] as follows on October 26, 1971, concerning Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.:

[REDACTED] advised as follows:

He has never met LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., personally. However, Judge [REDACTED] has heard through mutual associates and friends that Mr. POWELL has the highest type of reputation in legal circles and the comments that Judge [REDACTED] has read about him in the newspaper are very favorable. Judge [REDACTED] has also heard through mutual associates that Mr. POWELL has raised the standards of the American Bar Association in the time he was President of this association to a higher level than ever before. Judge [REDACTED] has had no opportunity personally to make any observations concerning him. Judge [REDACTED] highly recommended Mr. POWELL for a position in the United States Supreme Court and thought he was eminently qualified for such a position based on the high reputation he has in the legal community for being an outstanding attorney.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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To the best of his recollection he met Mr. POWELL at an American Bar Association meeting around the early 1960's. At this time a committee of the American Bar Association on Communism met and although Mr. POWELL was not a member of this committee, Judge [REDACTED] believed he was present because he was either the President elect or the President of the American Bar Association at that time. Later Judge [REDACTED] talked to Mr. POWELL 2 or 3 times concerning the subject of Communism. Judge [REDACTED] has had no legal dealings with Mr. POWELL nor has he ever seen him trying a case in court. Through mutual associates Judge [REDACTED] has learned that Mr. POWELL has an outstanding reputation as an attorney and is respected as a great legal scholar. "He is top flight and a successful practitioner", according to information received by Judge [REDACTED] from his associates. He is devoted to the system of government in the United States and to an honest application of law. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him has come to Judge [REDACTED] attention. Judge [REDACTED] highly recommended Mr. POWELL as one of the finest candidates for the United States Supreme Court that President NIXON could possibly find.

Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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b7C He believed he had met Mr. POWELL only once at a National Conference on the Judiciary, this was in the Spring of 1971. Judge [REDACTED] has had no opportunity to make any personal observations concerning him but understands from mutual friends and associates that Mr. POWELL has an extremely good professional reputation in legal circles by virtue of the fact that he has been President of the National Bar Association and President of the College of Trial Lawyers, which positions require eminently qualified persons and due to the fact that he is an outstanding legal practitioner. Judge [REDACTED] thinks he is well qualified for a position as a Justice on the United States Supreme Court and highly recommends him for such a position.

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b6/b7C Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He has had no personal association with Mr. POWELL and knows him only by reputation which is very good. He has heard nothing derogatory about Mr. POWELL. However, on the basis of his limited knowledge concerning him, he does not feel he is in a position to make any recommendations concerning his suitability for a position on the United States Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He has never had any personal contact with Mr. POWELL but knows him only by reputation. Some lawyers, who Judge [REDACTED] knows and has confidence in, think highly of Mr. POWELL's legal ability. Judge [REDACTED] however, does not feel that he knows him well enough to be in a position to make any recommendations concerning his suitability for a position on the United States Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

She has no knowledge concerning Mr. POWELL and therefore, is not in a position to make any recommendations concerning his suitability for a position on the United States Supreme Court.

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United States District Court for  
the District of Columbia

Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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He has known Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for approximately 25 years. Mr. POWELL was connected with the law firm of Hinton, Williams, Gay, Powell, and Gibson and Judge [REDACTED] with the law firm of Hamilton and Hamilton in Washington, D. C. Mr. POWELL's law firm was one of the most outstanding firms of the South. The two firms had mutual interests in that they represented the same clientele such as railroads, power companies, and banks. Consequently Mr. POWELL and Judge [REDACTED] were in frequent association with each other. Judge [REDACTED] has also had a relationship with Mr. POWELL in the American Bar Association and in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Judge [REDACTED] has the highest regard for Mr. POWELL as a man and as a lawyer. He is extremely knowledgeable in the law and one of the most outstanding attorneys in the U.S.

He has a very fine appearance. He has a fine personality and is pleasant and thoughtful. His character, habits and sobriety are unquestionable. He appears to be in very good health. He has the highest type of personal and professional reputation. His loyalty to his country is outstanding and he is a man of high integrity.

He has a judicial temperament. Judge [REDACTED] believes that he would be unbiased, objective, and impartial in any decisions he might be called upon to make as a Judge.

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There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations nor extremist groups nor that he himself has any extremist viewpoints. Judge [REDACTED] indicated that when the state of Virginia was having serious problems with the integration in schools, Mr. POWELL first as President of the Richmond, Virginia, Board of Education and later as the

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President of the State of Virginia, Board of Education in a quiet but effective way brought about integration compliance in the State of Virginia.

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Judge [REDACTED] stated he would give the highest type of recommendation to Mr. POWELL for the position of a Justice in the U. S. Supreme Court.

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[REDACTED] advised as follows:

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He has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for approximately 30 years, but has seen him only occasionally for the last few years. He was a member of Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association, along with Mr. POWELL many years ago. This group was composed of lawyers who were at that time under 36 years of age. Judge [REDACTED] has had a frequent association with Mr. POWELL and attended meetings with him all over the country up to the last few years. He is an outstanding American and an extremely competent attorney.

He is a very quiet person who is very modest, reserved, and has a good sense of humor. He makes a good appearance. His conduct and habits are unquestionable. He appears to be in good health. He is a man of high personal and professional reputation. His loyalty to the country is unquestionable. He is a person of sincerity and integrity.

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He has an excellent judicial temperament and Judge [REDACTED] believes he would be fair, impartial, unbiased, and ~~objectionable~~ in any decision he might make as a judge.  
*objectionable*

There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been associated with any racially prejudiced organization, nor extremist groups, nor that he has any extremist ideas. Justice [REDACTED] believes that the country would be very fortunate to have Mr. POWELL serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court, and highly recommends him for such a position.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. from about 1950 to the present date and worked with him specifically on an Arrangements Committee of the American Bar Association for the American Bar Convention, held in Washington, D. C. around 1950. He has also had several other contacts with Mr. POWELL.

Mr. POWELL is extremely knowledgeable in law and a very outstanding attorney.

He makes a very nice appearance and has a "wonderful personality". His conduct, habits, and sobriety are unquestionable. He is highly regarded both professionally and personally in legal circles and among his associates. His loyalty to the United States is unquestionable.

He has a fine judicial temperament and Judge [REDACTED] believes if he became a justice in the U. S. Supreme Court, he would be objective, impartial, and unbiased in any decisions he might render.

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There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations, nor extremist groups. Judge [REDACTED] has no knowledge that Mr. POWELL has any extremist viewpoints. Judge [REDACTED] highly recommended Mr. POWELL for the position of justice for the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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b7C [REDACTED] He met Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. and had a limited association with him when Mr. POWELL was president of the American Bar Association. He is an outstanding attorney and has an excellent reputation as a trial attorney. Judge [REDACTED] indicated he had no other observations he could make concerning Mr. POWELL. Based on the information he had received concerning Mr. POWELL's excellent reputation as a trial attorney and that he was an outstanding lawyer, he recommended him for the position of Justice in the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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b7C He has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for approximately 35 years when Judge [REDACTED] was in the private practice of law. Judge [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Mr. POWELL was president of the American Bar Association of that time. Judge [REDACTED] first met Mr. POWELL when they were both members of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association which was a group that included lawyers under 36 years of age. Judge [REDACTED] has not had any contact with Mr. POWELL since around 1964.

Judge [REDACTED] considers Mr. POWELL one of the "top legal men of the south" and of the country.

Mr. POWELL is slender, dapper, well groomed, and makes a fine appearance. He is modest and quiet in his manner, but very effective. "He is a Virginia gentleman." He has a fine personality. His character, conduct, habits, and sobriety are impeccable. "He is the epitome of self-restraint.", and is well disciplined. He seems to be in good health. He has the highest type of reputation, both personally and professionally. There is no question of his loyalty to the United States.

As far as Judge [REDACTED] knows, his judicial temperament is of the highest type. Judge [REDACTED] believes that Mr. POWELL would be impartial, objective, and fair in any decision he might be called upon to make in court.

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b7C There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations, nor extremist groups, nor, he, himself, has any extremist viewpoints. Judge [REDACTED] indicated that when Mr.

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POWELL was president of the Richmond, Virginia Board of Education and later the Virginia State Board of Education, he very effectively, but in a quiet manner, supported the integration in the Virginia schools. Judge [REDACTED] said he would give the highest type of recommendation to Mr. POWELL for the position of justice in the U. S. Court of Appeals.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised that he had met Mr. POWELL at one or two meetings of the American Bar Association, which Mr. POWELL was president around 1964-65, and that mutual associates of Judge [REDACTED] and Mr. POWELL had advised Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL had a very high reputation in legal circles. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. POWELL has come to Judge [REDACTED] attention. However, he felt that he did not know Mr. POWELL well enough to make a recommendation as to his suitability for the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Judges [REDACTED]

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Senior Judge [REDACTED]

Senior Judge [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

advised they only knew LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. by reputation from information they had received through mutual associates in legal circles and through information they had read in newspapers and, consequently, were not in a position to make any recommendation concerning his suitability for a position of justice in the U. S. Supreme Court. They added, however, they have ascertained from the abovementioned sources that Mr. POWELL had a very high reputation, both personally and on a legal basis.

Judge [REDACTED] advised that he had only met Mr. POWELL on one or two occasions and did not have sufficient knowledge concerning him to make a recommendation concerning his suitability for a position of justice in the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Judge [REDACTED] advised that he had no knowledge concerning Mr. POWELL.

The above interviews at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia were conducted on October 23, 1971, by SA [REDACTED]

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Judge [REDACTED] advised as follows:

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b7C He has known Mr. LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. for approximately ten years and has been associated with him in the American Bar Association during the period 1964-65, when

Judge [REDACTED] Bar Association and Mr. POWELL was President of the American Bar Association. Mr. POWELL was always very willing and available to consult with Judge [REDACTED] on any matter. He was always ready to give counsel where such counsel was sought. He is understanding in his knowledge of law and is a very capable attorney. He quickly gets at the heart of an issue and is ready to offer constructive advice where such is sought.

He makes an excellent appearance and has a wonderful personality. His character, habits, and sobriety are unimpeachable. His health seems to be very good. He has a high reputation both personally and professionally. His loyalty to his country is unquestionable. He is a man of integrity and honesty.

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b7C Judge [REDACTED] has also been associated with Mr. POWELL in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Judge [REDACTED] has never seen Mr. POWELL angry. Judge [REDACTED] believes that Mr. POWELL has a fine judicial temperament and that he would be fair, objective, impartial, and unbiased in any decision he might make as a judge.

There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations, nor extremist groups, nor that he has any extremist viewpoints.

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Judge [REDACTED] highly recommended Mr. POWELL as a Justice with the United States Supreme Court and indicated he knows of no one, at the present time, more qualified to serve on it.

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Superior Court for the District of Columbia

[REDACTED] Superior Court for the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 23, 1971, that he did not know LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

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b7C Judge [REDACTED] Superior Court for the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on October 27, 1971:

He believes he met LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. around ten or twelve years ago. Actually, he had known of him for approximately 20 years inasmuch as Judge [REDACTED] had at one time practiced law in Norfolk, Virginia, and Mr. POWELL was so outstanding as an attorney in the State of Virginia that everyone in legal circles had heard of him. Judge [REDACTED] believes when he first met Mr. POWELL, Mr. POWELL was President of the American Bar Association. He was one of the leading attorneys in the south. He was very knowledgeable in law. Judge [REDACTED] knows of no lawyer in Virginia who could claim to be a more successful law practitioner in that state.

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b7C Mr. POWELL makes a very fine appearance. He has a pleasant, but strong type of personality. He is very courteous and considerate. Nothing of an adverse nature concerning Mr. POWELL's character, conduct, habits or sobriety has ever come to Judge [REDACTED] attention. Mr. POWELL appears to be in good health. He has the highest type of professional and personal reputation. Judge [REDACTED] has had no reason to doubt the loyalty of Mr. POWELL to the United States.

Judge [REDACTED] has had only limited contact with Mr. POWELL. He is of the impression he has a fine judicial temperament. He has a reputation of a devotion to law and Judge [REDACTED] believes he would be objective, impartial, and fair in any decisions he might be called upon to make as a Judge.

There has been no indicating to Judge [REDACTED] that Mr. POWELL has any extremist views, nor that he has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations or extremist groups.

Judge [REDACTED] believes that President NIXON has chosen a man of the highest legal qualifications for nomination to the United States Supreme Court, and Judge [REDACTED] himself, highly recommends Mr. POWELL for that position.

Judge [REDACTED] Superior Court for the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971, that he did not know Mr. POWELL.

Judge [REDACTED] Superior Court for the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on October 27, 1971:

[REDACTED] Mr. POWELL around 1962 or 1963 at American Bar Association meetings. [REDACTED] associated with him closely during 1966 and 1967, and worked with him in preparing reports for the National Crime Commission. He is an outstanding attorney and very knowledgeable in law.

He makes a fine appearance and has an excellent personality. His conduct, habits, and sobriety are unimpeachable. He appears to be in good health. His professional and personal reputation are of the highest type. His loyalty to the United States is unquestionable.

Judge [REDACTED] believes he has a superior judicial temperament. [REDACTED] noted [REDACTED] association with him that he is patient and understanding, and therefore, [REDACTED] he would be objective, impartial, and fair in any decisions he might render as a Judge.

There has been no indication to Judge [REDACTED] that he has any extremist viewpoints, or that he has been associated with any racially prejudiced organizations or extremist groups.

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[REDACTED] recommended him for a position as Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney with the law firm of Evans, Dolphin, Stafford and Webber, 666 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed on October 26, 1971, by SA [REDACTED] and advised the following:

[REDACTED] met LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR. on one or two occasions while attending conferences at the White House under the Kennedy Administration. He further advised that other than hearing about the applicant he does not know him personally. By following some of the applicant's activities he considers him to be an outstanding lawyer with very good judicial temperament. Although [REDACTED] had never been in court with the applicant he tended to believe that POWELL would be in charge and does not believe that his fellow lawyers would question the applicant.

He knows of no reason to question the applicant's character, associates, loyalty or reputation. He has never heard the applicant give a lecture and he has never talked to the applicant except in informal conversation. He believes that the law practice that the applicant is engaged in is basically a civil practice involved with large corporations. The applicant, to the best of [REDACTED] knowledge, has an outstanding reputation both personally and professionally. He knows of no racially prejudiced organizations that the applicant belongs to nor does he think that the applicant is racially prejudiced in his outlook of the law. He stated the applicant is definitely not a racist and that he is a fair minded person.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he would recommend the applicant for a Federal District Judgeship since any decision made could be appealed. He stated that he did not want to recommend the applicant for the Supreme Court because "these are nine men who make the final decision and I don't want to recommend anyone who I do not know very thoroughly and very personally."



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On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Attorney, firm of Pledger and Mahoney, the Washington Building, Room 925, 15th and New York Avenue, N. W., was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] regarding LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., and he provided the following information:

He has been acquainted with applicant since approximately 1935-1940. He has visited in applicant's home in Richmond, Virginia [REDACTED]

applicant was elected President of that association shortly thereafter. He considers applicant to be a very dear personal friend and he is acquainted with applicant's wife and four children. The last time he saw applicant was in London, England, at the American Bar Association Convention. He considers applicant to be an extremely high grade individual and President NIXON is to be highly commended for selecting applicant. He considers applicant to be a very dignified individual, highly educated and he knows of absolutely no derogatory information at all regarding applicant and/or family.

Applicant's legal ability would especially make him a very desirable candidate for the position of Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Applicant is a brilliant individual, whose legal firm has provided general counsel for many large organizations. He considers applicant to be a very excellent writer and speaker who was also a very successful President of the American Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a senior partner of a large prestigious type law firm and applicant would be characterized as a general practitioner of law and if there was a specialty it would be considered in corporate law. Applicant has done a considerable amount of trial work through the years and as senior partner in a large firm, personally supervises the litigation conducted by the junior members of this firm. His Presidency of the American College of Trial Lawyers is indicative of his trial and court room work, as to be a member of that organization, an individual must have extensive experience at trial work.

He considers applicant's personal character to be above reproach and commented favorably regarding applicant's character, loyalty, integrity and associates. Applicant has a very pleasing type personality, is an immaculate dresser and presents a good appearance. He has known applicant to have an occasional drink, however, has never seen him intoxicated. He considers applicant to be in good physical condition and has never heard of him being ill. He has nothing but praise for applicant's wife and children. He enjoys an excellent professional and personal reputation.

He considers applicant to be highly qualified for the position for which being considered due to his excellent judicial temperament. He is the type of individual that does not fly off the handle and is very mild mannered. He considered applicant to be fair, impartial, unbiased and truly objective. He is considered to be completely ethical in all of his undertakings.

Applicant is a member of many legal associations to include past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Foundation and is believed to be a member of the Virginia Country Club in Richmond, Virginia. He has no knowledge of applicant belonging to a racially prejudiced type organization. He has not engaged in any conversation with applicant regarding the issue of civil rights, however, applicant is believed to have been a member of the Board of Education of Richmond, Virginia, and assisted in school integration which was accomplished in a smooth orderly fashion. Applicant is believed to be a member of the Democratic Party, however, he believes that applicant would vote the way he thought, regardless of political affiliation. The extend of applicant's activities in the Democratic Party is not known.

Applicant is unqualifiedly recommended for the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and is superbly qualified due to his education, temperament, ability and knowledge of the law. He considers applicant to be one of the great lawyers of the United States, and the President made an excellent selection in selecting the applicant, who is completely qualified in every way.

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On October 25, 1971, [REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED] Bar Association of the District of Columbia, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has known LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., for approximately twenty years. He first met POWELL when they served together on the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the applicant had a superb knowledge of the law in general, and specifically in the field of corporate and civil law. He has only seen the applicant speak on one occasion and although he found him to be a not too stimulating speaker, the applicant was interesting, well organized and was able to present his point of view well. The applicant has been principally involved in the practice of corporate and civil law, and [REDACTED] stated that he is not aware of the applicant's extent of courtroom appearances and has never seen him in a court trial.

[REDACTED] stated that the applicant has a fine personality, and although he is basically reserved, he is a very amiable individual. He always dresses well, and presents a dignified and conservative appearance, and appears to be in good health.

[REDACTED] advised that he is not familiar with the applicant's family but has met his wife who appears to be a charming lady. The applicant's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty are above question.

[REDACTED] stated that although it is difficult to determine what type of judicial temperament an individual might have, he believes that the applicant would be a fair and impartial judge due to the fact that in the past, the applicant has shown that he is influenced by solid legal argument rather than by personal opinion. The applicant's professional ethics are beyond question.

██████████ stated that the only organizations which the applicant is a member of, to the best of his knowledge, is the American Bar Association and Washington and Lee University Board of Trustees. The applicant belongs to no racially prejudiced organizations and, to the best of ██████████ knowledge, is not politically active.

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As far as the applicant's views on civil rights are concerned, ██████████ stated he appears to be moderate in that on one occasion concerning school bussing in Virginia, he took a stand against it, since it was not practical. He in general appears to consider individual civil rights questions on their own merits and does not apply general rules to all such questions.

██████████ stated he would highly recommend the applicant for the position of Supreme Court Justice without reservation.

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On October 26, 1971, Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Washington, D.C., advised Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] that he is presently

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has known the applicant, LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., since 1960 when he and the applicant were members of the American Bar Association. At that time, Mr. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the American Bar Association, organized a Committee on Communism to be staffed by members of the American Bar Association. Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that the applicant served as an unofficial advisor to that committee.

Mr. [REDACTED] described the applicant as a person of brilliant intellectual capacity with a logical and extensive knowledge of the law. He characterized the applicant as an excellent speaker and considers him to be an outstanding writer as he has read most of the applicant's publications.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he and the applicant have known each other in a purely professional capacity and that he knows very little about the applicant's personal life. From this professional relationship, Mr. [REDACTED] has concluded that the applicant has all the necessary qualifications for this judicial position. The applicant is honest, reliable and loyal to the United States, and Mr. [REDACTED] advised that the applicant has a good judicial temperament and is fair and impartial.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] stated that although he has not seen the applicant in about a year, he believes that the applicant is in good health. He stated that to his knowledge the applicant does not belong to any racially prejudiced organizations. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he knows little about the applicant's views on Civil Rights or about his political affiliations and activities. He reaffirmed his opinion of the applicant by saying

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that the applicant was dedicated to upholding the laws of the United States and would be fair and unbiased in interpreting the Constitution of the United States.

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[REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Washington, D. C., was contacted on October 26, 1971,  
by Special Agent [REDACTED] and furnished the  
following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he has known the applicant for over  
25 years. He said he knows the applicant's family very  
well. He further advised that he has traveled extensively  
with the applicant and served with him on numerous committees  
and was President of the Junior Bar Conference of the  
American Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

[REDACTED] said he knows of no one with greater knowledge  
of the law than the applicant. He said there is no one he  
could rate higher in legal ability than the applicant. He  
advised that the applicant was an outstanding speaker and an  
excellent writer. He said the applicant has experience in  
all types of legal practice and has made numerous court  
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[REDACTED] said the applicant is a very considerate  
person and a real gentleman who presents a fine appearance.  
As far as Mr. [REDACTED] knows the applicant has no bad habits.  
He said the applicant is in good health and keeps himself  
in excellent physical condition by playing tennis. [REDACTED]  
said the applicant has a wonderful family with a good reputation  
in the community. The applicant's professional reputation  
is among the very highest in the field of law. [REDACTED] knows of  
nothing derogatory concerning the applicant's honesty,  
integrity and loyalty to the United States.

[REDACTED] said the applicant has an even mannered  
temperament and takes a studious approach to problems.  
He said the applicant has the highest professional ethics  
and is completely fair and objective in all his decisions.

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b7C [redacted] said the applicant does not belong to any racial prejudiced organizations and respects the rights of others. He said the applicant believes in equal rights and opportunities to every American. Politically, the applicant votes for the man he believes can do the best job, regardless of the party.

[redacted] recommended the applicant for the highest position of trust and confidence within the United States Government.



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On October 26, 1971, [REDACTED] Attorney,

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b7C [REDACTED] Bar Association of the District of Columbia, was contacted and advised that he has known the applicant for 35 years and considers him to be a fine person.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated the applicant is one of the most admired attorneys in the United States and considers the applicant's knowledge and intelligence of the law outstanding. He stated the applicant's writing and speaking ability is considered excellent. The applicant has practiced in the general and civil fields. Mr. [REDACTED] stated the applicant was formerly president of the American College of Trial Lawyers and believes the applicant to possess an outstanding ability in trial procedures.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated the applicant possess an excellent appearance and a very pleasant personality. The applicant's health status is unknown to Mr. [REDACTED] but Mr. [REDACTED] knows of no physical defects which would prohibit his serving a long and successful term.

He stated the applicant has a lovely wife and four children; three married daughters and one son attending college. The applicant possess an outstanding reputation, both personal and professional. The applicant is of unquestionable honesty, integrity and loyalty to the United States.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated the applicant possess a remarkable temperament. He stated the applicant is fair, impartial, unbiased and objective in his court decisions. The applicant's professional ethics are also unquestionable.

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b7C Mr. [REDACTED] stated he did not know the full extent of applicant's participation in professional and civic organizations inasmuch as the applicant has resided in the Richmond, Virginia, area. The applicant does not belong to any racially prejudice organizations. The applicant possess an objective and scholarly view on civil rights issues. Mr. [REDACTED] stated the applicant described himself as being an Independent Democrat and the only known political activity known to Mr. [REDACTED] was when the applicant acted as manager of HARRY BYRD, JR.'s campaign.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has discussed the Presidential appointment of the applicant to the Supreme Court with several friends and colleagues and everyone seems to be delighted with the appointment.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he could not comment as to the identities of attorneys who have opposed the applicant or who have served with him as co-counsel and that this information would be better known to the applicant's Richmond associates.

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Bar Membership and Associations

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b7C On October 26, 1971, SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the applicant:

District of Columbia Bar Association  
Federal Bar Association

On October 26, 1971, SC [REDACTED] was informed the records of the below-listed organizations disclosed the following information concerning the applicant.

The files of the Lawyers Register, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCDC), revealed he was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia on June 22, 1966.

The records of the Supreme Court of the United States disclosed he was admitted to practice before this court on March 30, 1936 and is in good standing.

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b7C On October 26, 1971, SC [REDACTED] reviewed the file concerning the applicant at the Committee on Admissions and Grievances, USDCDC, which revealed he applied for admission to practice law in the District of Columbia on April 6, 1966. The results of inquiries made by the committee in April, 1966 were favorable. The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971:

Federal Bar Association Officials

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District of Columbia Government and Member, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Local Chapter, Federal Bar Association,  
Room [REDACTED] District Building, advised that he does not know LEWIS  
F. POWELL, JR. personally but as far as his professional  
reputation is concerned [REDACTED] could pose no objection to  
the applicant's nomination. [REDACTED] further advised that he con-  
siders the applicant to be an exceptional jurist whose legal  
qualifications, personal qualities, and general knowledge of  
the law will make him a dominant figure in the Supreme Court.

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[REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Judicial Selection Committee, Washington, D.C., Local  
Chapter, Federal Bar Association, advised that he has known LEWIS  
F. POWELL, JR. for approximately 15 years, mainly through American  
Bar Association functions. He stated that the applicant, in  
his opinion, is fully qualified as far as his intelligence and  
legal ability is concerned. The applicant is a good writer  
and speaker, and always presents his point of view clearly and  
concisely. He has had most of his legal experience in the field  
of corporate law, and therefore, his courtroom appearances have  
not been frequent, particularly in the Washington, D.C. area.

[REDACTED] advised that the applicant always presents  
a dignified and reserved appearance, and has a youthful and  
healthy bearing. As far as his integrity, honesty and loyalty  
is concerned, there is no question.

The applicant has always been the type of lawyer who  
believes that the only standard by which a case should be tried  
is through law and evidence and that personal convictions should  
not be considered. His temperament has always been one of pa-  
tience and thoughtful consideration.

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b7C [REDACTED] further stated that the applicant belongs to no racially prejudiced organizations and that his political views have always been moderate in that he looks at each individual case objectively, and without pre-consideration.

[REDACTED] stated he would highly recommend the applicant and that in his opinion no better individual than the applicant could have been nominated for the Supreme Court.

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Bar Association Officials (District of Columbia)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 26, 1971, at Washington, D. C.

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b7C [REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bar Association of the District  
of Columbia advised that he is not familiar with the  
applicant and could make no further comment.

[REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bar Association of the District of  
Columbia advised that he knows the applicant only by reputation  
and could pose no objection to his nomination.

[REDACTED] Gall, Lane and Powell, 1250  
Connecticut Avenue, N. W., [REDACTED] Judicial Selection  
Committee of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia  
advised that he does not know the applicant personally but  
only through legal reputation and what he has read about the  
applicant. On this basis he would pose no objection to the  
applicant's nomination for the Supreme Court.

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b7C [REDACTED] of O'Donoghue and  
O'Donoghue Law Firm, 740 15th Street, N. W., [REDACTED]  
Judicial Selection Committee of the Bar Association of the  
District of Columbia advised that he does not know the  
applicant personally, but only through legal reputation and  
what he has read about the applicant. On this basis he would  
pose no object on to the applicant's nomination for the  
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UNITED STATES SENATORS

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b7C The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 22, 1971:

[REDACTED] to [REDACTED] advised the Senator is not presently available for interview. He said he is authorized to furnish the following information in his absence. [REDACTED] has been a life long friend of the applicant, LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR., who has served as [REDACTED] personal advisor in legal matters over the years. The applicant has served, from time to time, as a member of [REDACTED]

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b7C [REDACTED] already has issued public statements expressing his confidence in the applicant's judiciary temperament and demeanor, and is satisfied with the nomination of the applicant by President NIXON to the bench of the United States Supreme Court. In this regard, [REDACTED] the applicant to the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate, and will furnish an extensive, detailed statement concerning his confidence in the applicant's suitability for the bench.

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b7C [REDACTED] noted the applicant is both a legal scholar and an active practitioner of his profession. The applicant has had extensive trial and appellant experience in all levels of complexity. He has published numerous learned articles relating to the law profession and its practice.

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b7C During frequent contacts with the applicant [REDACTED] has observed him to be in robust health and to possess normal manly aspirations.

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b7C [REDACTED] is certain the applicant will uphold existing legal precedents in a fair and impartial manner

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without regard to the ethnic, political or economic background of those appearing before him in a court of law. He is one also unbiased and without prejudice in his contacts with a wide variety of persons in his private life. [REDACTED] knows of no unfavorable information concerning the applicant's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He continues to endorse him to the bench of the United States Supreme Court.

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[REDACTED] advised the Senator is not presently available for interview. He said he is authorized to furnish the following information in his absence:

[REDACTED] has known the applicant as a close personal friend and professional associate for more than 20 years. He considers him one of the more outstanding attorneys and advocates in the United States. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has had close and continuing contact with the applicant in this organization as well as in the American Bar Association. He has tried cases in which the applicant also appeared as opposing counsel, and has the highest regard for the applicant's knowledge of the practical and theoretical aspects of the law as well as his considerable judiciary temperament and demeanor. [REDACTED] already has communicated his recommendations to the White House and to the Department of Justice concerning the applicant's nomination to the bench of the United States Supreme Court and, in this regard, already has advised the applicant he will support his nomination when it is presented to the floor of the United States Senate.

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[REDACTED] considers the applicant to be a fair and impartial person with regard to his personal life, and he noted the applicant has made no distinction in the choice of his clients and represented numerous persons without regard to their racial background or religious affiliation.



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He knows of no unfavorable information concerning the applicant's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He recommends him to the bench of the United States Supreme Court without reservation or reserve of any kind.

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Congressman [REDACTED] was interviewed by [REDACTED], on October 26, 1971, and he provided the following information regarding LEWIS FRANKLIN POWELL, JR.

He has been acquainted with applicant for the past six years in the District of Columbia. Applicant, as President of the American Bar Association provided invaluable assistance in the drafting of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which was presented to the House of Representatives by the interviewee. He has had limited social contact with applicant at Bar Association type functions, however, he is not acquainted with applicant's family.

He considers applicant to be highly qualified for the position of Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court due to his great legal ability and experience. Applicant is highly intelligent and extremely knowledgeable of the law and procedures. He has had a wealth of experience in the practice of law. Applicant has an excellent speaking and writing ability as evidenced by the fact that some of the writings and speeches of applicant have been read into the Congressional Record by the interviewee. In the past, applicant has engaged in corporate law and a general law practice. He considers applicant to be more of an office lawyer as opposed to being a trial lawyer. He has never had the opportunity to practice for or against applicant in a court of law and has not observed applicant in a court of law.

He considers applicant's personal characteristics to be above reproach and without question. He is truly a gentleman and a scholar in every respect. He presents a very impressive appearance and his conduct is above reproach. He may have an occasional cocktail, but he is considered to be a very temperate person. Applicant's physical condition is not known, however, is not aware of applicant having any physical problem. Applicant's personal and professional reputation are rated excellent and he considers applicant to be a very dedicated family man. Applicant subscribes to high professional ethics and his honesty, integrity and loyalty to the U. S. are above reproach.

He considers applicant to be a living definition of judicial temperament. Applicant, in the opinion of interviewee is the type man "I would want to judge me". He considers applicant to be extremely fair, impartial, unbiased and objective. He has no reason to question applicant's professional ethics and applicant has helped to write some of the American Bar Association Canons.

It is not known what organizations applicant belongs with the exception of the usual bar associations. It is unknown whether or not applicant belongs to any racially prejudiced type organizations, but it is very doubtful. He is not aware of applicant having any specific views on the various civil rights issues. Applicant is considered to be a Democrat in his political affiliation, but an independent in his conduct. He recommends applicant without any reservation at all for an appointment as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was very delighted when he heard that the President had selected a man of applicant's talents, stature and abilities. Applicant is a Virginia lawyer with national and international abilities and reputation as a lawyer.

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On October 27, 1971, Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Congressman [REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that the Congressman is not available for interview due to the pressure of his work. She advised he is not personally acquainted with LEWIS F. POWELL, JR. She advised [REDACTED] is presently doing research work and forming a position on Mr. POWELL as regards his appointment to the Supreme Court. When the position of [REDACTED] is made public, Congressman [REDACTED] will support this position as regards the applicant.

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On October 27, 1971, United States Representative [REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that he has known the applicant, LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., for a great many years, socially and as a constituent from the district he, [REDACTED] represents. He is acquainted with the applicant's wife who is a fine decent person and advised the applicant is completely devoted to her. He has always found POWELL a very quiet, reserved individual whose personal habits are above reproach.

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Congressman [REDACTED] advised he has had no close professional contact with the applicant, has never worked with him on any legal matters, nor has he ever appeared in court with him. His opinion of the applicant is based primarily on observation and his reputation in the state. In this respect, he has found POWELL a very competent, capable person who possesses an excellent knowledge of the law. He would further describe him as a law and order man and a strict constructionist. POWELL has the reputation of being a very calm, deliberate person and he feels POWELL, on a given question, will listen to all sides of the picture before rendering a decision. He has always found the applicant a very self-controlled person and that he, [REDACTED] knows of no bias on any given subject, including the race question, possessed by the applicant. There is no question of the applicant's loyalty to the United States. He believes POWELL possesses the requirements and qualifications for a Supreme Court Judgeship and would highly recommend him for this position.

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Mr. [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Room [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., advised Special Agent [REDACTED] on October 27, 1971, that he was formerly a United States Representative from the State of Virginia. He has known the applicant for approximately ten years solely on a professional basis. He considers applicant to be a very honest, stable, and mature individual, and one who is extremely well respected in the State of Virginia. The applicant is a brilliant person who is exceptionally well versed in the law. He is a very fair individual. The applicant has a reputation of being an outstanding attorney and his law firm is considered to be one of the best in Virginia. The applicant was formerly President of the American Bar Association and has been affiliated with various committees in the American Bar Association. The applicant is considered by Mr. [REDACTED] to be a spokesman for very sound and reasonable views of national security policies and this is shown through his work in the American Bar Association. He believes that the applicant arrives at his position on different problems by very sound and stable reasoning.

Mr. [REDACTED] further continued and stated that he has never observed the applicant as a practicing attorney, but the applicant's reputation is outstanding in this field. He considers the applicant to be a person of excellent character and reputation and he has had no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States. He very highly recommended applicant for the position of Justice with the Supreme Court of the United States, and he considers this to be an outstanding selection made by the President. He believes that the applicant will make an outstanding Justice and will be a credit to the Supreme Court.