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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM G. YOUNG

SUBJECT: WRITES IN APPRECIATION FOR NOMINATION AS
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE SUPERIOR COURT
BOSTON 02108

WILLIAM G. YOUNG
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

September 10, 1984

Dear Mr. President,

In the hope that you might actually take the time yourself to call your nominees to the federal judiciary - and in the hope I might be one of them - I had turned over in my mind various dignified and portentous things I might say to you. Yet, with your warm and gracious call this afternoon, I quite forgot myself and could only say 'thank you'.

This brief note is simply to say that 'thank you' came from the bottom of my heart. To be nominated for a field of broader service as a judge, is an honor and an opportunity to be cherished and utilized to the full. More than any 'thank you' I might say, you have my word that I will use every measure of feeling and intellect I may possess to properly serve the judicial office to which you have nominated me for the rest of my days - and through it to serve all the people of our great country. God willing, those years of service will prove the genuinely deep 'thank you' for your confidence. I know you would have it no other way.

With warmest regards and deepest appreciation I am,
most respectfully,
William G. Young

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1984

Dear Judge Young:

Congratulations -- I thought you would like to have a copy of the enclosed press releases.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

The Honorable William G. Young
126 Dawson Drive
Needham, Massachusetts 02192

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 11, 1984

The President today announced his intention to nominate William G. Young, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. This is a new position created by P.L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

Since 1978, Judge Young has served as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Previously, he was an associate and partner in the law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould (1975-78 & 1968-72); Chief Counsel to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1972-74); a Special Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1970-72); and a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond S. Wilkins, Massachusetts Supreme Court (1967-68).

Judge Young graduated from Harvard College (A.B., 1962) and Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1967). He is married, has three children and resides in Needham, Massachusetts. He was born September 23, 1940 in Huntington, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 11, 1984

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE:

William D. Keller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

Ronald E. Meredith, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

F. A. Little, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, vice Nauman S. Scott, retiring.

William G. Young, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

George La Plata, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

R. Allan Edgar, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, vice H. Ted Milburn, elevated.

Walter S. Smith, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

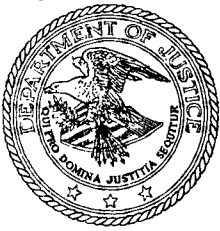
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of William G. Young
to be United States District Judge
for the District of Massachusetts

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, John Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding recommend that you nominate William G. Young to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Since 1978 Judge Young has served as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, he was an associate and partner in the law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould (1975-1978 and 1968-1972); Chief Counsel to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1972-1974); a Special Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1970-1972); and a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond S. Wilkins, Massachusetts Supreme Court (1967-1968). Judge Young received an A.B. degree in 1962 from Harvard College and a LL.B. degree in 1967 from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar in 1967. He is 43 years old, married and has three children. His resume is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Judge Young (telephone recommendation attached at Tab B).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab C.



Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C. 20530

September 7, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of William G. Young, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts vice a new position created by P.L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

Judge Young was born September 23, 1940 in Huntington, New York, is married and has three children. He received an A.B. degree in 1962 from Harvard College and a LL.B. degree in 1967 from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar in 1967.

He served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965 when he was honorably discharged from active duty.

Since 1978, Judge Young has served as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, he was an associate and partner in the law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould (1975 - 1978 & 1968 - 1972); Chief Counsel to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1972 - 1974); a Special Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1970 - 1972); and a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond S. Wilkins, Massachusetts Supreme Court (1967 - 1968).

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted an informal report which states the Committee's opinion that Judge Young is well qualified for appointment to this position. He bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, has judicial temperament and is, I believe, worthy of appointment as a United States District Judge.

I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

William French Smith
Attorney General

The President

The White House

WILLIAM G. YOUNG

Birth: September 23, 1940 Huntington, New York

Legal Residence: Massachusetts

Marital Status: Married Beverly Bigelow Young
3 children

Education: 1958 - 1962 Harvard College
A.B. degree

1964 - 1967 Harvard Law School
LL.B. degree

Bar: 1967 Massachusetts

Military Service: 1962 - 1965 United States Army

Experience: 1967 - 1968 Law Clerk
Hon. Raymond S. Wilkins
Massachusetts Supreme Court

1968 - 1972 Bingham, Dana & Gould
Associate

1970 - 1972 Spec. Asst. Attorney General
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

1972 - 1974 Chief Counsel to the Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

1975 - 1978 Bingham, Dana & Gould
Associate (1975)
Partner (1975-1978)

1978 - present Associate Justice
Superior Court
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office: 1100 Courthouse
Boston, Massachusetts 02108
617 725-8130

Home: 126 Dawson Drive
Needham, Massachusetts 02192
617 449-2463

To be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Recommended Telephone Call

TO: William G. Young

TELEPHONE: Home: 617 449-2463
Office: 617 725-8130

DATE TO CALL: Monday, September 10, 1984

RECOMMENDED BY: The Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James A. Baker, John Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding

PURPOSE: To ask him to serve as United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Since 1978 Judge Young has served as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, he was an associate and partner in the law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould (1975-1978 & 1968-1972); Chief Counsel to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1972-1974); a Special Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1970-1972); and a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond S. Wilkins, Massachusetts Supreme Court (1967-1968).
2. Judge Young received an A.B. degree in 1962 from Harvard College and a LL.B. degree in 1967 from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar in 1967.
3. He is 43 years old, his wife's name is Beverly, they have three children and reside in Needham, Massachusetts.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CORNELIUS J. MOYNIHAN JR.

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS THE HONORABLE JAMES P. LYNCH, JR.
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1984

Dear Mr. Moynihan:

Thank you for your recent letters on behalf of the Boston Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, recommending Judge James P. Lynch, Jr. for nomination to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

We appreciate your taking the time to bring the views of your organization on this matter to our attention. Be assured that Judge Lynch will be given careful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on this court.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Cornelius J. Moynihan, Jr., Esquire
Peabody and Brown
One Boston Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108



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Federal Bar Association

BOSTON CHAPTER: John W. McCormick Federal Courthouse, P.O.Box 125, Boston, MA 02109

September 12, 1984

Fred Fielding

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

This is written in my capacity as Chairman of the Judicial Appointments Committee of the Boston Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. During a recent meeting with members of the Executive Committee of the Boston Chapter and its current President there was a consensus that the Honorable James P. Lynch, Jr., presently a member of the Massachusetts Superior Court, would be extremely well-qualified to be nominated for a seat on the United States District Court.

If prior newspaper items in the Boston Globe are accurate, Judge Lynch is not being given due consideration. He is intellectually keen as well as very practical. He has had extensive experience as a trial partner in a major Boston firm and extensive judicial experience. He has lectured on trial practice at Harvard Law School.

We hope for the sake of the U. S. District Court here and its trial bar that our concerns are unwarranted and that all those nominated will be the best available.

Sincerely,

Cornelius J. Moynihan, Jr.
Chairman of the Judicial
Appointments Committee
Boston Chapter
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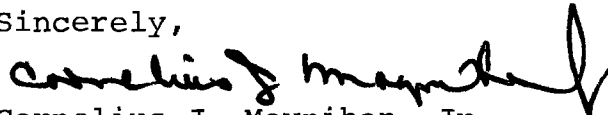
September 12, 1984

Fred F. Fielding, Esquire
Counsel to the President
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Enclosed are copies of a letter sent to the President and the Attorney General on behalf of the Boston Chapter of the Federal Bar Association regarding the suitability of the Honorable James P. Lynch, Jr. for a seat on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



Cornelius J. Moynihan, Jr.
Chairman of the Judicial
Appointments Committee
Boston Chapter
Federal Bar Association

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BOSTON CHAPTER: John W. McCormick Federal Courthouse, P.O.Box 125, Boston, MA 02109

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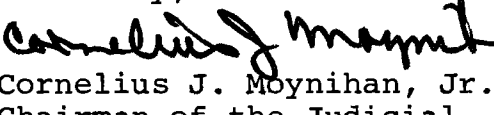
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Chairman of the Judicial
Appointments Committee
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Federal Bar Association

BOSTON CHAPTER: John W. McCormick Federal Courthouse, P.O.Box 125, Boston, MA 02109

September 12, 1984

The Honorable William French Smith
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue and Tenth Street NW
Washington, DC 10520

Dear Attorney General Smith:

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Boston Chapter
Federal Bar Association

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. THOMAS A. HIGGINS

SUBJECT: WRITES IN APPRECIATION FOR NOMINATION ON THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE
DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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September 17, 1984

Fred F. Fielding, Esquire
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The White House
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Dear Mr. Fielding:

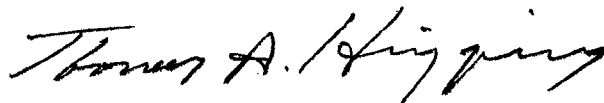
This is to acknowledge your letter of September 13, 1984, and to thank you for sending me the press releases relating to my nomination to succeed Judge Morton on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the President of September 14.

I am very grateful to the President and will strive to be worthy of his trust.

Again, it was very thoughtful of you to remember me.

Sincerely,



Thos. A. Higgins

TAH/phr
Enclosure

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September 14, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

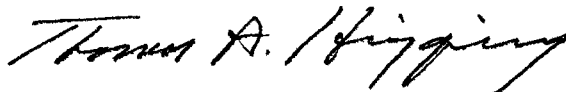
I take this means to thank you for your courtesy on the morning of Thursday, September 6, 1984, when you called and advised me that you were signing and forwarding my nomination for a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

I assured you at the time that I would make every effort to be worthy of your confidence and trust, and so assure you again at this time.

As I stated to you over the telephone, I subscribe to the same traditional values that you articulate so well on behalf of the American people.

I conveyed your regards to my wife, Gedy, as you requested, for which she is duly appreciative. She joins me in asking you to remember us to Mrs. Reagan.

Respectfully yours,



Thomas A. Higgins

TAH/phr

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1984

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Congratulations -- I thought you would like to have a copy of the enclosed press releases.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Thomas A. Higgins, Esquire
4307 Esteswood Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 6, 1984

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE:

Thomas A. Higgins, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, vice L. Clure Morton, retired.

James R. Laffoon, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years. (Reappointment)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 6, 1984

The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas A. Higgins, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. He would succeed L. Clure Morton.

Since 1961, Mr. Higgins has been in the practice of law with the firm of Cornelius, Collins, Higgins and White. Previously, he was with the firm of Willis and Higgins in 1960-1961.

He graduated from Christian Brothers College (A.A., 1952), the University of Tennessee (B.A., 1954) and Vanderbilt University School of Law (LL.B., 1957). He is married, has three children and resides in Nashville, Tennessee. He was born August 15, 1932 in Nashville.

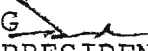
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September 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of Thomas A. Higgins
to be a United States District Judge
for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, John Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding recommend that you nominate Thomas A. Higgins to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Since 1961 he has been in the practice of law with the firm of Cornelius, Collins, Higgins and White. Prior to joining the above firm, he was in the practice of law with the firm of Willis and Higgins, 1960-1961. He received an A.A. degree in 1952 from Christian Brothers College, a B.A. degree in 1954 from the University of Tennessee and a LL.B. degree in 1957 from Vanderbilt University, School of Law. He was admitted to the Tennessee State Bar in 1957. Mr. Higgins is 52 years old, married and has three children. His resume is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Mr. Higgins (telephone recommendation attached at Tab B).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab C.

THOMAS A. HIGGINS

Birth: August 15, 1932 Nashville, Tennessee

Legal Residence: Tennessee

Marital Status: Married Geraldine Gallagher Higgins
3 children

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Recommended Telephone Call

TO: Thomas A. Higgins

TELEPHONE: Home: 615 297-5282
Office: 615 244-1440

DATE TO CALL: Thursday, September 6, 1984

RECOMMENDED BY: The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General,
Edwin Meese, James A. Baker, III, John
Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding

PURPOSE: To ask him to serve as a United States
District Judge for the Middle District of
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DISCUSSION:

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3. Mr. Higgins is 52 years old, his wife's name is Geraldine, they have three children and reside in Nashville, Tennessee.



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

September 4, 1984

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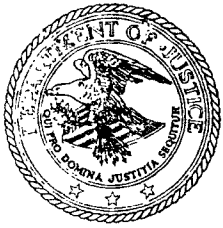
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