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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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CABINET ADMINISTRATION STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 1981 NUMBER: 018721 CA DUE BY: --

SUBJECT: Judge Sandra O'Connor Biographical Information

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Remarks: Attached is biographical information concerning Judge Sandra O'Connor.

RETURN TO: Craig L. Fuller
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director,
Office of Cabinet Administration
456-2823

SANDRA D. O'CONNOR

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Sandra D. O'Connor, 51, currently serves as a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals. Prior to her appointment in 1979 to her present position, she served as a Superior Court judge in Phoenix, Arizona, from 1975 until 1979. She went on the bench after five years in the Arizona State Senate, where she became Senate majority leader in 1973. Before becoming a State Senator, Judge O'Connor served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona from 1965 until 1969.

Judge O'Connor was born on March 26, 1930, in El Paso, Texas. She is the daughter of a pioneer Arizona ranching family, with ranching interests in Arizona and New Mexico. Because of the remoteness of her family home in eastern Arizona, Judge O'Connor was educated at a private girls' school in El Paso. She attended Austin High School, a public school in El Paso, and graduated in 1947.

In the fall of 1947, Mrs. O'Connor entered Stanford University. Majoring in economics, she graduated in 1950 at the age of 20. She graduated with the honor of Great Distinction, the highest academic honor bestowed by the University. Upon her graduation, she entered Stanford Law School, where she was elected during her second year to the legal honorary society, the Order of the Coif. Mrs. O'Connor was one of eight individuals in her class elected to that society as a second-year student. She also served on the Stanford Law Review, becoming a member of the Board of Editors of the Review during her third year.

Upon graduation from law school at the age of 22, Mrs. O'Connor was named Deputy County Attorney for San Mateo County, California. As Deputy County Attorney, Mrs. O'Connor represented municipal entities, including utility and other special districts, in a broad range of legal matters. She served in that capacity until 1953, when her husband, John Jay O'Connor III, who is now a lawyer in Phoenix, entered military service upon his graduation from the Stanford Law School. By virtue of Mr. O'Connor's assignment in Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. O'Connor secured a position as a civil attorney on the staff of the Quartermaster General in Frankfurt. Engaging in the review, analysis and drafting of bids, contracts and other legal instruments, Mrs. O'Connor served in that capacity throughout her husband's tenure in Frankfurt.

Returning to Arizona following her husband's military service, Mrs. O'Connor established a private law practice in Maricopa County in 1959. She engaged full time in the general practice of law until the birth of her sons, Scott who is now 22, Brian, 19, and Jay, 17. From 1961 until 1965, Mrs. O'Connor raised the family's three children, practiced law part-time, and was active in civic and political affairs in Phoenix.

In 1965, Mrs. O'Connor returned to her professional career full time, being selected as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona. Representing state agencies such as state hospitals and the state welfare department, Mrs. O'Connor served in that capacity until 1969.

In 1969, Mrs. O'Connor was appointed as a member of the Arizona State Senate by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of a state senator who left to accept a government position in Washington, D.C. She was elected to the State Senate in her own right in 1970 and was overwhelmingly reelected in 1972. In 1972 and 1973, she served as Chairman of the State, County and Municipal Affairs Committee in the State Senate. In 1973, Mrs. O'Connor was elected as Majority Leader of the Arizona State Senate, the first woman in Arizona to hold that position, and one of the first women in the Nation to serve in such a capacity.

After two years as Majority Leader, Mrs. O'Connor determined to leave the legislative arena and to enter judicial service. She ran for and was elected as a Superior Court judge in 1974, taking office in 1975. As a state trial judge, Judge O'Connor handled numerous civil and criminal cases. She received a 90 percent rating in September 1976 from members of the Phoenix bar for overall performance, with a 97 percent rating for integrity in carrying out the duties of her office. In a 1978 survey of Phoenix attorneys, Judge O'Connor garnered an 85 percent overall rating and a 97 rating for integrity. In the November 1978 election, Judge O'Connor was retained in office as a trial court judge.

Following four years of service on the state trial bench, Judge O'Connor was elevated in 1979 by Governor Bruce Babbitt to the Arizona Court of Appeals, the twelve member intermediate appellate court of the State. Judge O'Connor has served in that capacity until the present time, garnering in 1980 a 90 percent overall rating from the bar and a 97 percent rating for judicial integrity.

In addition to her positions in public service, Judge O'Connor has served as a Member of the Board of the Smithsonian Associates, a Member of the Board of Trustees of Stanford University, and as president of the Board of Trustees of the Heard Museum in Phoenix. She also served as president of the Junior League of Phoenix and as a board member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the YMCA of Maricopa County, the Phoenix Historical Society, the Phoenix Country Day School, and Golden Gate Settlement. Mrs. O'Connor also served as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Arizona and of Blue Cross/Blue Shield Arizona. She continues to serve as a member of the board of her family's ranching firm in Duncan, Arizona.

Besides her numerous board memberships, Judge O'Connor served as Vice Chairman of the Select Law Enforcement Review Commission in 1979-1980, Chairman of the Maricopa County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service in 1960-1962, Chairman of the Maricopa County Juvenile Detention Home Visiting Board 1963-1964, and as Chairman of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee to Reorganize Lower Courts in 1974-1975. Active in Arizona political circles, Mrs. O'Connor was Co-Chairman of the Arizona Committee to Re-Elect the President in 1972 and served as Republican District Chairman and as a member of the Arizona State and Maricopa County Republican Committees. She was actively sought out as a Republican gubernatorial candidate during two election races.

In recognition of her achievements, Mrs. O'Connor was selected in 1975 for the Annual Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1972, she was selected as "Woman of the Year" by the Phoenix Advertising Club. Arizona State University presented her in 1980 with the Distinguished Achievement Award.

Judge O'Connor is a member of the State Bars of Arizona and California and is a member of the Maricopa County Bar Association.

She resides with her husband, a senior partner in the Phoenix law firm of Fennemore, Craig, von Ammon & Udall, in the Phoenix suburb of Paradise Valley.

In announcing on July 7 his intention to nominate Judge O'Connor as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, President Reagan stated: "Judge O'Connor brings a truly outstanding background to the Court. She has served with great ability as a lawyer for the State of Arizona, as a State Senator who rose quickly to become Senate Majority Leader of her State, and as a distinguished trial court judge and appellate judge. Her academic background is superb. Judge O'Connor brings to the bench the qualities of excellence, competence, temperament and a strong sense of the appropriate role of the judiciary and of the federal government in our lives. I have every confidence that, upon her confirmation, she will be an outstanding and distinguished Justice."

MEMORANDUM

The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
FROM: Lyn Nofziger

I think it is imperative that you appoint a woman to the Supreme Court.

1. It means you will live up to a commitment you made and have that behind you.
2. It will go a long way towards solving the problem we have with the lack of women in this Administration in high places.
3. It will take off of your back the impression, however unjustified, that you and your senior staffers are anti-women.
4. It would be a very good political move. It will strengthen our base among women and probably among men also.

I believe there is a strong feeling in this country that a woman deserves a chance to serve on the Supreme Court. I think also that if you do not appoint a woman you will be perceived to have reneged on your promise and that will hurt you in the Congress if your effort to get your legislative package passed and will certainly hurt you in the polls and, all in all, will have a strong negative effect that will hurt your overall standing and your overall ability to get your legislative program through the Congress.

I think it will also hurt our chances to pick up seats in the next election - - especially if another vacancy does not occur before then.

One more thing - - it's the right thing to do.

cc: Jim Baker
Mike Deaver
Dave Gergen
Ed Meese

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dick —

I think
Dr. Willke has gotten
his answer and no
response will help.

Grace

July 8, 1981

NOTE FOR ANNE HIGGINS

Please draft a response for
the President's signature and
return to my office for
processing.

Thank you.

Richard G. Darman

Attachment

John C. Willke
National Right to Life
re: appointment of Sandra D. O'Connor



Suite 341, National Press Bldg. — 529 14th Street, N.W. —
Washington, D. C. 20045 — (202) 638-4396

2 JUL 1981
7 pm

July 1, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

It has come to our attention that **Sandra D. O'Connor**, an Arizona jurist, is a candidate for the U. S. Supreme Court vacancy. I would like to submit our evaluation of her from a prolife standpoint. This is an elaboration of our listing of her as "not acceptable" in the list of candidates which we delivered to you on June 26.

While an Arizona State Senator in 1974, she was a member of that body's judiciary committee. A memorialization resolution asking the U. S. Congress to pass a Human Life Amendment had passed the Arizona House by a wide margin. It was killed in the majority caucus of the Arizona State Senate and it is our understanding that hers was one of the deciding votes against the memorialization.

Prior to the International Women's Year Conference in Houston in 1977, there were preliminary meetings in each state to elect delegates. With several notable exceptions, all states including Arizona sent delegations composed almost exclusively of people who were pro-abortion, pro-ERA, and pro-lesbian. Sandra O'Connor keynoted the Arizona meeting, reflecting these anti-life and anti-family themes.

The immediate past president of the National Right to Life Committee is Dr. Carolyn Gerster, a practicing cardiologist in Scottsdale, Arizona. She knows Ms. O'Connor personally and politically. She has stated that Ms. O'Connor is "strongly pro-abortion" and that her appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court would be "a prolife disaster."

With all due respect and best wishes, I submit this information to you. Our organization concurs with Dr. Gerster's evaluation and recommends in the strongest possible way that Ms. O'Connor be dropped from consideration. The appointment of a person such as Ms. O'Connor would be interpreted by prolife people across the nation as a direct repudiation of both the Republican Platform and of your public commitment regarding judicial appointments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. C. Willke M.D." with "W.D.D." written below it.

John C. Willke, M. D.
President



WARREN G. SWEENEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- + Education
- + Legislation
- + Political Action
- = Human Life Amendment

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/10/81

NOTE FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

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the attached; and it is forwarded
to you for your information.

Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(X2702)

cc:

Ltr from Sen. Strom Thurmond re Nomination
of Sandra O'Connor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

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SUBJECT: Attached letter from Senator Thurmond

The attached letter was hand delivered to the White House from Senator Thurmond, and I thought you would be interested in seeing the letter and the attachment.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 7, 1981

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

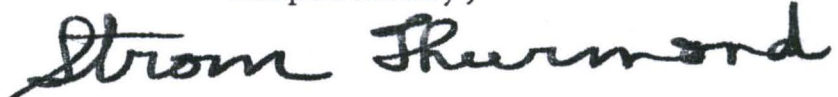
Dear Mr. President:

I am attaching a list of objections to the nomination of Sandra O'Connor that were sent to me by various people.

I felt that you should have this list for your use in such discussions as you may have with Senators and interested citizens.

With best personal regards,

Respectfully,



Strom Thurmond
Chairman

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Enclosure

SANDRA O'CONNOR

1. During 1970 she supported an abortion on demand bill in the Committee on the Judiciary of the Arizona Senate and in the Arizona Senate Republican Caucus.
2. In 1972 she introduced in the Arizona Senate the Equal Rights Amendment ratification resolution.
3. In 1973 she was the prime sponsor in the Arizona Senate of S. 1190, a bill to allow abortion information to be sent to minors without parental consent.
4. In 1974 she voted in the Arizona Senate against a resolution petitioning the United States Congress for passage of the Human Life Amendment.
5. In 1977, at the request of Bella Abzug, she served as keynote speaker at the Arizona state convention of the United Nations' International Women's Year.
6. The July 2, 1981 issue of the Phoenix Gazette stated
"In 1974, O'Conner sponsored a measure to submit the Equal Rights Amendment to an advisory referendum but it died in committee. That same year she was one of 9 Senators to oppose a bill which would have outlawed abortions in Tuscons University Hospital unless the mother's life was in danger."
7. Women Today, which publishes a directory of feminist organizations, lauded her in a feature article.
8. She is reported to be an intimate friend of Mary Crisp and other Republicans generally identified with the liberal wing of the Republican Party.
9. She is believed to have gone on record against tuition tax relief.
10. She may have publicly espoused stringent gun control.
11. As a judge of an inferior court of a state bench she is viewed by many as inadequately experienced for the position of Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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Helms, Jessie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: July 10, 1981

NOTE FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

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to you for your information.

Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(X2702)

cc:

Supreme Court Nomination - Mrs. O'Connor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

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SUBJECT: Supreme Court

Senator Helms called today to invite Mrs. O'Connor to appear next week before the Senate Republican Steering Committee, the conservative Senate organization which Senator Helms chairs.

The invitation will have to be carefully considered, but other Helms comments in connection with the proposal reflect a softening of his opposition.

He said that he believes such a meeting would allay the fears of conservative Senators.

Helms went on to say that he thinks the President "is right" about the nomination, and that the nomination "will be alright," and the goal should be to "get 100 Senators to vote for her."

Helms said he expects to receive "flak from the other Senators," if he supports the nomination, but gave the impression that he is now leaning that way.

Apparently Senator Goldwater has worked on Helms, because he mentioned that Barry had requested Helms help with the nomination.

As you know, Senator Helms can be changeable at times, but he sounds positive today.

Name	Date
<i>Nancy Scott Finnan</i>	<i>8/21/87</i>

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 11, 1981

My dear Mr. President: - (Jerry)

I very much appreciated your letter of June 25, recommending Judge Cornelia Kennedy for the Supreme Court vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Justice Stewart. Many other distinguished people spoke on her behalf, but I was particularly pleased to receive your assessment of her qualifications. She obviously is a judge of ability and integrity, and I can say to you that she was among those individuals given the closest consideration.

I trust that you know I always welcome your judgement.

Sincerely,

Ron

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
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Rancho Mirage
California 92270

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810713 to Fred Fielding

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Comments: Michael - Please draft an appropriate response for the President's signature

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I trust that you know I always welcome your judgement.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
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California 92270

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/13/81

NOTE FOR: FRED FIELDING

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Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(X2702)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1981

FOR: RICHARD G. DARMAN
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Recommendation for
Supreme Court Vacancy by Former
President Ford

Former President Ford recommended Judge Cornelia Kennedy for the Supreme Court vacancy created by Justice Stewart's resignation. Attached is an acknowledgement of that recommendation for the President's signature.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1981

TO: CRAIG FULLER
FROM: SUZANNE DIETZ ^{SD}
SUBJECT: Travel Schedule, July 16 and 17, 1981

H.P. Goldfield asks that I inform you of the arrangements made for your trip to New York on July 16 and 17, 1981, as follows:

Thursday, 16 July

Take shuttle from D.C. National to New York City.

Friday, 17 July

Lv. LaGuardia	7:55am	Pilgrim Airlines #425
Ar. New London	9:30am	
Lv. New London	1:45pm	Pilgrim Airlines #459
Ar. LaGuardia	2:45pm	

Reservations for the above flights have been made with the White House ticket office. Your tickets may be picked up from that office.

Mr. dear Mr. President:

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I trust that you know I always welcome your judgement.

Sincerely,

My dear Mr. President

I ^{very much} appreciated your letter of June ²⁵ recommending Judge Cornelia Kennedy for the Supreme Court vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Justice Stewart. ~~Although~~ Many other distinguished people spoke on her behalf, ^{but} I was particularly pleased to receive your assessment of her qualifications. She obviously is a ~~woman~~ judge of ability and integrity, and I can say to you that she was among a ~~handful~~ ^{thin} of individuals given the closest of scrutiny and consideration.

I trust that you know ~~me~~ I always ~~am~~ welcome your judgment.

Sincerely,



GERALD R. FORD

June 25, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a letter I received from the five Circuit Court Judges in Kent County, Michigan, endorsing Judge Cornelia Kennedy for the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court.

I personally know each of the five Circuit Court Judges and greatly value their judgment of the qualifications of Judge Cornelia Kennedy who presently serves on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth United States Circuit.

Over the years, I have closely observed the judicial performance of Judge Cornelia Kennedy as she has served both Michigan and the United States court systems. She has carried out her judicial duties with great distinction and, in my judgment, would serve our nation exceedingly well as a member of the United States Supreme Court.

Warmest, best wishes,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford".

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20505

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CIRCUIT COURT
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

HALL OF JUSTICE
333 MONROE AVE., N.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49502
TELEPHONE (616) 774-3658



GEORGE R. COOK,
Circuit Judge

June 19, 1981

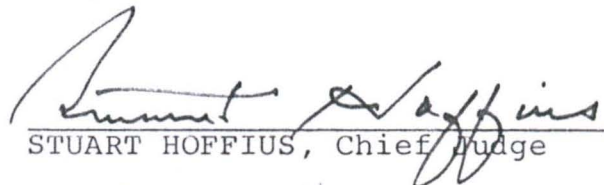
President Gerald R. Ford


Dear Mr. President:

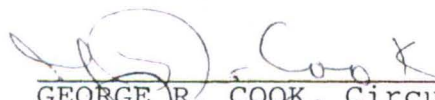
The Circuit Judges of Kent County urge you to bring to President Reagan's attention Judge Cornelia Kennedy for the forthcoming vacancy on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kennedy is a former circuit judge of Wayne County, a former United States District Court judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and is presently on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth United States Circuit.

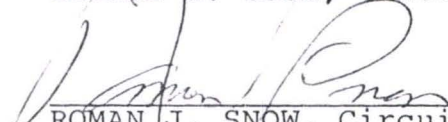
Judge Kennedy has been an outstanding judge, both at the trial and appellate level. We believe her appointment to the Supreme Court would be a great benefit to the nation and a singular honor for the State of Michigan. In our opinion, she is eminently qualified to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and we urge her appointment.

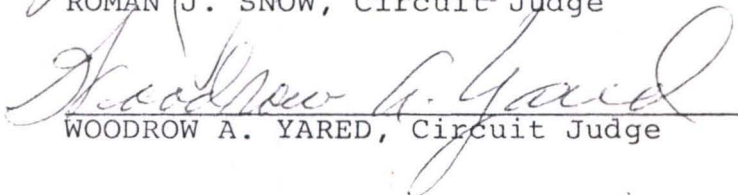
Very truly yours,


STUART HOFFIUS, Chief Judge


GEORGE V. BOUCHER, Circuit Judge


GEORGE R. COOK, Circuit Judge


ROMAN J. SNOW, Circuit Judge


WOODROW A. YARED, Circuit Judge

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August 14, 1981

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Dear Ms. Aikens:

Thank you for your letter of support regarding my nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the United States Supreme Court. Judge O'Connor's qualifications are exceptional, and I am confident that she will serve with distinction on our highest Court.

I appreciate your offer of assistance on behalf of countless women members of our Party, and look forward to continued contact on issues of mutual interest over the coming months.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN *A*

The Honorable Joan D. Aikens
Member
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Republican Women Appointees

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August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Bailey:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Elizabeth E. Bailey
Member
Civil Aeronautics Board
1825 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20428

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Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN R

The Honorable Patricia P. Bailey
Commissioner
Federal Trade Commission
Pennsylvania Avenue at Sixth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20580

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August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Bedell:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Catherine May Bedell
Member
United States International Trade Commission
701 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Goldman:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Patricia A. Goldman
Member
National Transportation Safety Board
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20594

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Dear Ms. Jones:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Anne P. Jones
Member
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Poston:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Ersa H. Poston
Member
Merit Systems Protection Board
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20419

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Ruckelshaus:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Jill S. Ruckelshaus
Member
Commission on Civil Rights
1121 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20425

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Georgiana H. Sheldon
Member
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
825 North Capitol Street
Washington, D.C. 20420

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Steiger:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Janet Steiger
Commissioner
Postal Rate Commission
2000 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20268

Santa Barbara

August 14, 1981

Dear Ms. Dawson:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Mary Ann Weyforth Dawson
Member
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/14/81 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: Letter re Judge O'Connor

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Remarks:

→ Elizabeth, please prepare appropriate response.

Thank you.

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Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x-2702)

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/14/81 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: Letter re Judge O'Connor, Sandra Day

Supreme Court Nominee

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Remarks:

Elizabeth, please prepare appropriate response.

Thank you.

ORIGINAL TO DOLE

Richard G. Darman
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
(x-2702)

July 10, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our deep appreciation to you for nominating Judge Sandra D. O'Connor to the Supreme Court of the United States.

This is a genuinely historic step, which is all the more significant for having been available to your predecessors for decades, all of whom declined the opportunity. The symbolic importance of this nomination to all of the women and young girls of the nation can hardly be overstated.

As Republican women, who represent the views of countless women members of our Party, we want you to know that if there is any way in which you believe we can be helpful in support of Judge O'Connor's appointment, we are prepared and available.

Sincerely,

Joan D. Aikens
Joan D. Aikens
Member, Federal Election Commission

Anne P. Jones
Anne P. Jones
Commissioner, Federal Communications
Commission

Elizabeth E. Bailey
Elizabeth E. Bailey
Member, Civil Aeronautics Board

Ersa H. Poston
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Vice Chair, Merit Systems
Protection Board

Patricia P. Bailey
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Jill S. Ruckelshaus
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Commissioner, Civil Rights
Commission

Catherine Bedell
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Commissioner, International Trade
Commission

Georgiana H. Sheldon
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Acting Chairman, Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission

Patricia A. Goldman
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Member, National Transportation
Safety Board

Janet Steiger
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Commissioner, Postal Rate
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.G.*
SUBJECT: JUDGE O'CONNOR, *Sandra*

Judge O'Connor returned to Arizona this morning after a week's activity here in which she:

- 1) Visited personally 39 Senators.
- 2) Visited personally the House Republican and Democratic Leadership and jurisdictional chairmen and ranking members.
- 3) Met with the ABA.
- 4) Met with Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), Mr. Anti-abortion in the House.

At this juncture there is not a single vote committed or announced against Mrs. O'Connor.

Our interviews and courtesy calls turned up eight problem Senators: D'Amato, Denton, Grassley, Helms, Nickles, East, Jepsen and Humphrey.

The meeting with Hyde, held at Justice, was positive. Hyde indicated he believes the anti-O'Connor activities by the Right-to-Life groups are damaging to those groups; agreed to call on the eight "problem" Senators with the following line: Mrs. O'Connor is going on the Court, she cannot be defeated, so why make an enemy. Hyde also indicated he would make a supportive statement at the appropriate time.

Hearings are not likely to start until Wednesday, September 9.

Mrs. O'Connor will be sending personal thank you letters to all the Congressmen and Senators she visited, and preparing herself during the recess to be the best possible witness. She has received all pertinent briefing materials and transcripts and we will be in touch with her during the interim before her hearing.