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The Honorable Charles Evans Hughes
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir,

Our beloved Country is experiencing a period of trouble, the worst of which is the idiot in the White House who calls himself "President" and the rest of us "Naybaas" – whether we like it or not!

There is just one body left which has held itself entirely aloof from the scourge of the "Mis-Deal." That is the body of level-headed, far-thinking, upright citizens to which you belong, known as The Supreme Court.

Our "would like to be Mussolini" is really beginning now to show his hand and this present attempt to "pack" the Supreme Court with his own henchmen spells ruination if successful.

There are many thousands of us who have faith that the present Supreme Court will not take his broad hint to resign. If the Country ever needed you men, it is right now. In voicing the opinion of many of my friends, we beg of you to disregard any attempt by this stubborn fool to prey upon your pride, toward the end that the gentlemen over seventy years of age will resign from the bench. We sincerely believe that you are well aware of the Country's need for you and that you will stick to your guns, using every force at your command to compel this self-styled savior to accede to ideas other than his own. After all, there were several millions in the last election who were not voting for a dictatorship.

Very respectfully submitted,

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