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The Honorable Charles Evans Hughes,
Chief Justice of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

I am a nonentity, but an American citizen, deeply concerned about the President's recommendations for changes in the appointment and retirement of Supreme Court Judges.

There is an unconfirmed report that some of our present judges are considering retirement, possibly because of criticism by the Administration.

I am certain that such a step would be a keen disappointment to the responsible American people. The Supreme Court is the one branch of our government in which we have implicit confidence. If any such action as mentioned above is under consideration, I most sincerely beg that you use your best influence to impress members of the Court that they represent the last stand between the people and a ruthless disregard for orderly constitutional government.

I am certain it is the prayer of the American people that all of you hold to your course, regardless of any criticism.

Most sincerely,

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