

March 21, 1939.

My dear Douglas:

I hardly know whether to congratulate one who has been picked to march in our chain gang, but I do know that I shall welcome you heartily as a colleague, and look forward to some years of association with you in what is really a great job, despite all its drudgery and confinement.

You are fortunate in being able to begin at a good age, forty. How much I would have enjoyed having the years between forty and fifty on the Court, and how much more it would have meant to the influence and success of my work.

Mrs. Stone joins me too in welcoming Mrs. Douglas to the "sisterhood". The families of the Justices form a compact little society, membership in which we all prize.

With kind regards and all good wishes to you both, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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