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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT;

THIS IS A ~~ANONYMOUS~~
LETTER FROM AN INMATE
IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE
JAIL IN LOS ANGELES WHERE
SIMRAN SIMRAN IS BEING HELD.
LIKE ANY BIG CITY JAIL IT IS
FILLED WITH PRISONERS CHARGED
WITH JUST ABOUT EVERY
DIFFERENT CRIME POSSIBLE.
SOME ARE GUILTY SOME NOT
GUILTY, AND SOME NOT CRIMINAL
BY REASON OF INSANITY. BUT
NONE WITH THE PROBABLE
EXCEPTION OF SIMRAN IS IN
ANY WAY GUILTY OF HAVING
ASSASSINATED SEN. KENNEDY.
EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE MADE
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A CAREER OF CRIME DEPLORE
THE ACT.

SEN. KENNEDY HAD BECOME
A NATIONAL FIGURE. IT
DIDN'T SEEM REALISTIC
THAT ONE CITY ALONE
WITHOUT THE HELP OF
FEDERAL TROOPS SHOULD
UNDERTAKE THE JOB OF
PROTECTING THE SAFETY
OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF
HIS MURDER AS WELL AS
THE SAFETY OF OTHERS
WHO BY CHANCE FIND THEM-
SELVES IMPRISONED WITH
HIM. IT APPEARS THAT
WITH THE PRESENT PRE-
CAUTIONS TAKEN FOR THIS
MAN'S SAFETY, THE ONLY

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WAY WHICH HE COULD BE DESTROYED WOULD BE TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE VALL AND ALONG WITH IT ALL OFFICER'S UNITS AND PRISONERS. IT SOUNDS PREPOSTEROUS. BUT IN THIS WRITERS OPINION THE DESPERATE WAY SEN. KENNEDY WAS MURDERED WAS PREPOSTEROUS ALSO. THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, I HOPE NO ONE IS AS DESPERATE TO MURDER SIHRAN WHATEVER THE REASON FOR WISHING TO DO SO. IF THE SENATOR HAD TO BE ASSASSINATED BEFORE JUNE 5th, MAYBE HIS ASSASSINE HAS

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TO BE PUT AWAY BEFORE HE
GETS TO TRIAL. SINCE
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
REQUIRES THAT ALL PEOPLE
BE GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL IT
SHOULD WHEN NECESSARY INSURE
THAT A PERSON LIVE TO RECEIVE
THAT TRIAL. IN THIS WRITERS
OPINION THE DEFENSE (PHYSICAL)
OF THIS PRISONER IS ABOVE
THE HAND OF THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES HERE. IT IS THIS
WRITERS OPINION THAT A 24 HOUR
GROUND AND AIR WATCH IS IM-
PERATIVE.

YOURS TRULY

James Lombardi

HALL OF JUSTICE JAIL — LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Persons corresponding with prisoners are requested to observe the following rules:

Return address of sender must be shown on the outside of the envelope. In addressing the envelope, write plainly. Use prisoner's complete NAME & SERIAL NUMBER. Address to P.O. Box 54320, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90054. Prisoner's serial number should be included to insure delivery as we often have prisoner's with similar names.

DO NOT SEND MONEY, as sender is liable for all losses sustained where currency is sent in letters. **USE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER**, made payable **to inmate**, for whom it is intended and addressed to inmate, care of Los Angeles County Jail.

DO NOT SEND food, fruit, candy, tobacco, etc., as these may be purchased from Jail Store.

All clothing or other articles intended for prisoners **MUST** be delivered to the Jail **PERSONALLY**, and must be passed on either by Deputy Jailer or Officer in charge of Visiting Screen. Do not send by Mail or Express.

DO NOT SEND printed matter, cut-outs, clippings or stationery in letters. Prisoners are not permitted to subscribe to or receive, newspapers, magazines, or periodicals by mail. These may be secured within the Jail.

RAZOR BLADES. Double edged **ONLY** are permitted.

Male prisoners are permitted only the following **CIVILIAN CLOTHING**:

2 Suits Underwear — 4 Pairs Socks — 4 Handkerchiefs

No other civilian clothing or any exchange of clothing is allowed without permission of Lieutenant on duty.

All visitors must have positive personal identification i.e., Driver's License, etc.

VISITING HOURS: Daily 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, including Sat., Sun., and Holidays.
No one under 18 yrs. allowed to visit.

Each prisoner is **RESTRICTED TO TWO VISITS PER WEEK.**

PETER J. PITCHESS, SHERIFF

CARCEL DEL CONDADO DE L. A., CAL.

Se ruega a las personas que tengan correspondencia con los presos.

Ensene el NOMBRE DEL REMITENTE en el exterior del sobre. Escriba en letra de molde el NOMBRE DEL PRESO y el NUMERO ASIGNADO claramente. ESTE NUMERO es muy ESENCIAL pues tenemos prisioneros con nombres identicos, Dirija sus cartas a P.O. Box 54320, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90054.

NO MANDE DINERO EL EFECTIVO, pues el remitente es responsable en caso de perdida de dinero incluso en cartas. USESE GIRO POSTAL pagable al preso y dirigido al mismo preso a cargo de la Carcel del Condado de Los Angeles.

Cuando se envíe DINERO EN EFECTIVO en carta, el REMITENTE sera quien sufra cualquier perdida ocasionada.

NO MANDE comida, fruta, dulces, tabaco, etc., estos articulos se pueden comprar en la carcel.

TODA ROPA Y OTROS ARTICULOS destinados a presos, DEBERAN ENTREGARSE en el despacho de la carcel, personalmente, y tienen que ser pasados, ya sea por el carcelero diputado, el oficial encargado, de la sala de visita. No los mande por correo o express.

NO MANDEN impresos, recortes de dibujos o retratos, recortes de periodicos o efectos de escritorio en cartas.

NO SE PERMITE que los presos se SUBSCRIBAN o RECIBAN periodicos, impresos o magazines, por correo. Estos pueden conseguirse en la carcel.

Unicamente se permiten ojas; cuchillas de razurar de dos filos.

A los presos (varones) UNICAMENTE se les permitira la siguiente ropa de paisano:—

4 pañuelos, 4 pares de calcetines, 2 juegos de ropa interior.

Ninguna otra ropa de paisano, ni cambio de ropa sera permitida sin permiso del Teniente encargado.

A los presos no se les permitira mandar lavar su ropa fuera de la carcel.

HORAS DE VISITAS

Dias De CEMANA: 10:00 AM a 2:30 PM Incluyendo SABODOS, DOMINCOS Y DIAS FESTIVOS. No se les permite a Los Menores de 18 Anos Visitar.

CADA PRESO QUEDA LIMITADO a recibir unicamente DOS VISITAS SEMANARIAMENTE.

PETER J. PITCHES, SHERIFF

Name

No.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
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F. ELWOOD DAVIS

CRIMINAL DIVISION

A confidential source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, recently advised that Karl F. Jorss, Jr., President A. F. Jorss, Incorporated, Iron Works, 300 South 10th Street, Arlington, Virginia, home address 5401 Audubon Road, Bethesda, Maryland, made the following statement:

"A well-known attorney of the Department of Justice related at a cocktail party last week that Bobby Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high Government official."

On June 25, 1968, Mr. Karl F. Jorss, Jr., advised he attended a dinner party Friday, June 7, 1968, at the residence of Mr. Armiger L. Jagoe, 3700 Kanawha Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. He identified Mr. Jagoe as President, Corporation Insurance Management, 4000 Brandywine Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

After the dinner, there was general discussion of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy which had just taken place.

Mr. Elwood Davis, Attorney with office at 800 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was present at the dinner but left immediately after eating. During the after-dinner discussion, another guest, identity not recalled, quoted Mr. Davis as having commented during dinner that he, Davis, thought the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy "was inspired by a high government official." This guest did not explain the context in which Mr. Davis made this statement or endeavor to interpret his meaning.

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F. ELWOOD DAVIS

Mr. Jorss had been at another table during dinner and did not personally hear Mr. Davis' comment.

On July 9, 1968, F. Elwood Davis residing 1801 California Avenue, N.W., an attorney with offices at 800 17th Street, N.W., and past President of the Washington Board of Trade, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information:

Mr. Davis attended the above mentioned dinner party and left immediately after eating. He does not recall entering or overhearing any conversation during the dinner party relating to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Mr. Davis added he had never considered, stated or heard that Senator Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high Government official.

S. *DRS*
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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July 18, 1968

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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in reference to your memorandum dated June 14, 1968, inquiring as to whether steps should be taken by the Bureau to arrange an interview of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We understand that Los Angeles Assistant District Attorney John Hume and Sergeant Patschett and MacFarlane of the Los Angeles Police Department have been in touch with a representative of the Kennedy family to arrange an interview in connection with their investigation of the pending prosecution in Los Angeles of the suspected assassin, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. We have been advised that upon completion of any interview by the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department copies of the interview will be made available. We, therefore, would hold in abeyance any decision on an interview of Mrs. Kennedy by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until the investigation has been substantially completed, and we have had an opportunity to review the results of the interview of Mrs. Kennedy arranged by the Los Angeles authorities.

cc: Deputy Attorney General

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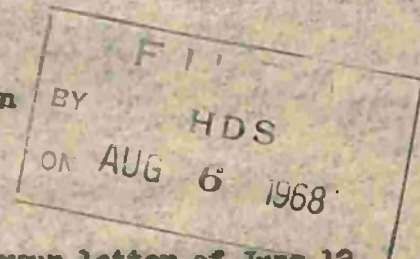
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July 30, 1968

Mr. William Cornelius Hall
President and Chief Scientist
Chemtree Laboratories, Chemtree Corporation
Central Valley, New York



Dear Mr. Hall:

The Vice President has referred your letter of June 12, 1968 to me.

We share your concern about the violence which exists today in the United States. The Federal Government is doing all it can to find answers to the complex questions such as those posed in your letter, and to ensure the safety of all its citizens.

Thank you for your interest and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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to VP re assassination of selected U. S. public figures.

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XXXX Furnish information copy under
cover of a Read to Rielly
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a Read to _____ memo.

XXXX Refer to White House request of
Mr. Rielly of July 11 .

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XXXXXX Due in S/S by July 17 .

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NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply."
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

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To FBI

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 11, 1968

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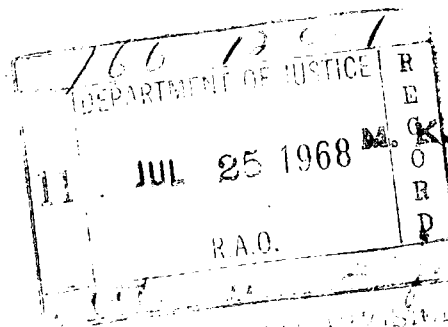
TO: Mr. Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary
Department of State

FROM: *JER* John E. Rielly

Enclosed is correspondence received in the office of the Vice President. I would appreciate it if you would have the appropriate office reply to these and mention that the Vice President has forwarded the inquiry on for your consideration.

Please return the incoming correspondence together with a copy of your reply for our records.

Thank you.



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June 12, 1968 OFFICE OF
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Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Vice President Humphrey:

Is it true that deep in the hills of Castro's Cuba, a cult of chaos creators exists, dedicated to the assassination of selected U.S. public figures, those whose death by violence will fan the flames, upsetting many and bringing about more violence?

Is there a plot, managed by skilled pros, who seek out sick stooges as tools to do their dirty deeds? Was Oswald a manipulated stooge and was he himself assassinated so that he would not talk? Is Sirhan another stooge? Was Martin Luther King slain by a third stooge? Are these people so cleverly manipulated that they are themselves unaware of being but the hand on the gun? All these are questions that run through the minds of those who have never been satisfied that Oswald was totally a loner.

The confirmed visits of both Oswald and Galt to Mexico where contact with Castro agents would be easy and of Galt to New Orleans appear suspicious. Has Sirhan visited Mexico recently? Has he been to New Orleans? Who has he seen in these past few months since he became unemployed?

If these acts have all been plots, did the same people manage all three plots. Is their base of operations in Cuba? Is it a subsidized project of the Castro government?

All these and many other questions need be answered. Sirhan's life must be protected. His contacts must be searched out. With due respect for the rights of the individual, this man who was seen by many in the execution of his act, must be interrogated and led to disclose others who aided, supervised or manipulated him. If these three tragedies are linked it is urgent that those responsible be uncovered, caught and punished before they move on to their next targets.

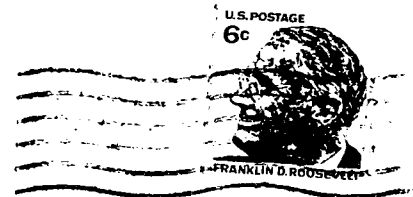
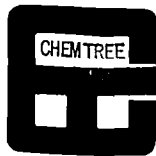
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Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
The Capitol
Washington, D.C.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Assassination of
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Los Angeles, California

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**Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General**

July 11, 1968

Director, FBI

**ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Attached for you, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General William S. Lynch is one copy each of the report of Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr., dated July 1, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, concerning captioned matter.

Information contained in this report as well as that in reports furnished you on June 17 and June 21, 1968, completes, for the most part, our investigation into the major aspects of this case. We are, of course, continuing our inquiries into this matter and results will be furnished you in report form.

In accordance with the Department's request of June 17, 1968, copies of this report are being furnished District Attorney Evelle J. Younger at Los Angeles, California, who is handling the prosecution of this case. Likewise, a copy is being furnished the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California.

Enclosure

- ① - **Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)**
- 1 - **Mr. William S. Lynch
Special Assistant to the Attorney General (Enclosure)**

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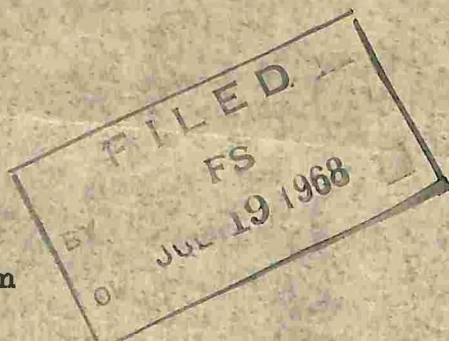
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The Attorney General

July 5, 1968

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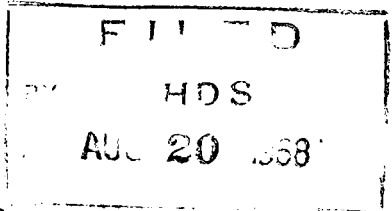


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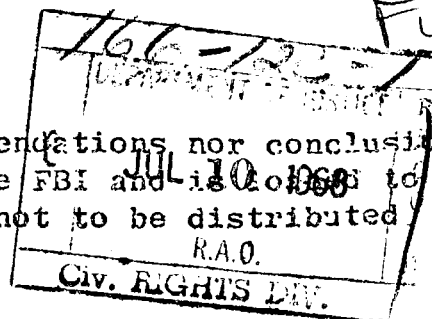
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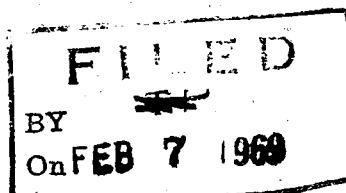


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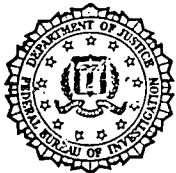
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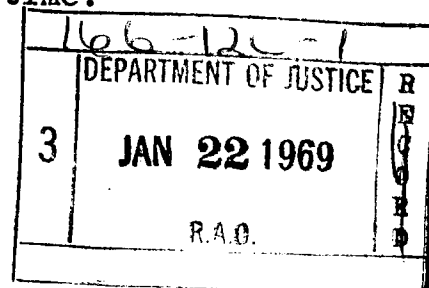
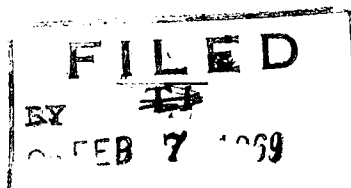
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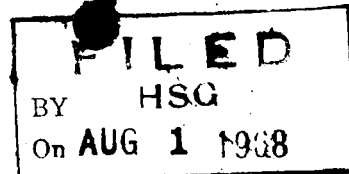
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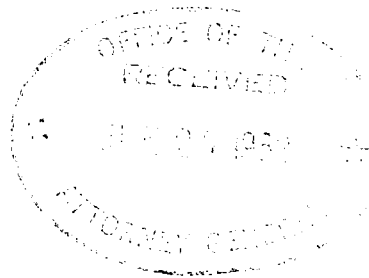
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Report from the Editor

Sirhan Case Open and Shut, However —

By William R. Spear

PRETRIAL PUBLICITY. How ridiculous is much of the current concern over pretrial publicity said to be prejudicial to the defendant in criminal cases can plainly be seen in the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan — the "alleged" assassin of Robert F. Kennedy, as everyone is carefully calling him.

The California attorney general and the Los Angeles district attorney are raising sand with Mayor Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles for making statements that they claim may jeopardize the prosecution — and indeed, under some of the recent Supreme Court rulings, they may be right. Specifically they complain about Yorty's making public the contents of Sirhan's notebook in which the prisoner had written of "the necessity of assassinate (sic) Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

There is, of course, no question of Sirhan's guilt and it can be proven beyond the "reasonable doubt" that the courts require. It is known positively that Kennedy died of a bullet in the head, that the bullet came from a particular pistol, and that Sirhan held and fired the pistol. Two prominent Negro athletes in the Kennedy entourage who were on the scene, Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson, saw it happen, seized Sirhan and wrested the pistol from his grasp, fracturing his trigger finger as they did so. It is an open and shut case.

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tributing factor to the lawlessness abroad in this country today.

YOUNGER JUDGES

Editor, News-Press —

Most industry today requires that their employees retire at the age of 65. Not so the United States government. We have these old fogies in the Supreme Court who are living in the past. They have taken to making the laws of country rather than making an interpretation of the law. According to the Supreme Court a policeman can no longer shoot a criminal who draws a gun on him without being charged with manslaughter. You can no longer sell your property to whom you please but must sell it to the first person who meets your price. Is this the United States or Russia?

These old men are too old and feeble to have full control of their senses yet they are appointed for life. Retirement at 65 should be the rule for all members of the government. The majority of the United States population is under 50 years of age. The older men have no idea of what they think or how they feel. This is a young country, filled by young people. How can a man of 80 possibly have any knowledge of the needs of young people. The police can no longer interrogate a prisoner without the presence of the suspect's attorney.

The country is going to hell in a handbasket because of the rulings of these nine old men. There are plenty of young capable men who could fill the shoes of these oldsters. Industry would never hire one of them as they realize they are far behind the times.

Let's take some action to replace them with capable people who will return the United States to a period of sense and reason. Write to your senator and congressmen to start an amendment to the Constitution if necessary to exchange these old men with others in tune with time. I realize at 64 that I am not capable of keeping up with youngsters of 25 or 30 so how can it make sense to have feeble old men in the highest court in our land.

Their latest ruling makes it impossible to sentence a murderer to the gas chamber. Hung juries will be the answer if people who do not believe in capital punishment were to serve on juries. How silly can you get. We need capable responsible men in our courts, Senate and Congress. Let's get America on the move once more.

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