THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION,
Richmond, Va., October 27, 1971.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: The Executive Committee of the Virginia Bar Association has noted with gratitude the nomination by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate, of Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Esquire of Virginia to the Supreme Court of the United States. It has directed me to transmit to you a copy of a resolution adopted unanimously at the meeting of the Association held on January 18, 1969 setting forth the views of the membership as to Mr Powell's qualifications for this office and you will find the same enclosed with this letter.

In addition, the Executive Committee at its quarterly meeting held on October 23, 1971 unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed Mr. Powell for this appointment. The members of the Committee are personally acquainted with Mr. Powell and familiar with his outstanding record as a practicing lawyer. We feel that in all respects he is thoroughly qualified for the position for which he has been nominated and endorse as of this date all that was said about him in the resolution adopted by the Association nearly three years ago. We therefore urge favorable consideration by your committee of the President's nomination of Mr. Powell and of his confirmation by the Senate.

If it is appropriate to do so and if desired by your committee, I would be happy to appear and personally convey to the committee the views expressed herein.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. DAVENPORT, III, *President.*

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 18, 1969

Whereas Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Esquire, of Richmond, Virginia is superbly qualified by every standard of character, personality, legal ability, and experience for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States, and

Whereas Mr Powell's record of leadership at the Bar and in the legal profession exemplified by his distinguished service as President of the American Bar Association in 1964–65 and his outstanding contributions to the welfare of his city, state, and nation in many and varied fields, illustrated by his membership on the National Commission on Law Enforcement and The Administration of Justice appointed by President Johnson in 1965, and the Virginia Constitutional Revision Committee appointed by Governor Godwin in 1968, as well as his service as President of the Virginia State Board of Education, demonstrate the maturity of his judgment, the breadth of his experience and his capacity for sustained endeavor: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Virginia State Bar Association warmly endorses and respectfully recommends the appointment of Lewis F. Powell, Jr. to the Supreme Court of the United States when a vacancy occurs, and directs that copies of this resolution, appropriately attested, be forwarded to the President of the United States and to the members of the Virginia delegation in the Congress of the United States.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
VIRGINIA STATE BAR,
Richmond, Va., November 1, 1971.

Hon. WM. B. SPONG, JR.,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR SPONG: Enclosed is a copy of a resolution approved by the Virginia State Bar Council urging the approval of the nomination of Lewis F. Powell, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court. I have been directed to forward this resolution to the Senators from Virginia to indicate the unanimous approval of the Council of Mr. Powell's nomination.

At the Annual Meeting in May, 1969, the members of the Virginia State Bar attending the Annual Meeting held that year in Staunton approved a resolution

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