

I have known Lewis F. Powell, Jr., intimately for many years and have worked extremely closely with him in many American Bar Association matters. He is a truly great man, whether measured by his impeccable character, his outstanding intellect, or his unselfish activities in the genuine public interest. In my opinion he will become one of the outstanding and recognized jurists of all times to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

I thought you would be interested to know what your friend and associate, Mr. Wright of Arkansas, said.

(The letter referred to appears in the hearing on November 4, 1971.)

Senator McCLELLAN. I now quote from a letter I received this morning from Mr. Courtney C. Crouch, a past president of the Arkansas Bar Association. I believe he was president at the time you served as president of the American Bar Association. He says:

I first became acquainted with Mr. Powell in 1964 as our paths crossed when he was President of the American Bar Association and I was President Elect of the Arkansas Bar Association, and since that time I have followed his career with great interest and hold him in the highest esteem.

His reputation as one of the outstanding lawyers of the nation and his impeccable character are so well known that anything I might say would be gilding the lily.

Suffice to say, in my opinion the President made a very wise selection when he sent the name of Lewis F. Powell, Jr., to the Senate. He will add great stature to our High Court.

I was very pleased to receive those communications and others from my State.

Mr. POWELL. Thank you very much, Senator.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
*Springdale, Ark., November 1, 1971.*

HON. JOHN L. McCLELLAN,  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR McCLELLAN: I sincerely hope that your Judiciary Committee will look with great favor upon the Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr. for one of the positions on the Supreme Court.

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With very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

COURTNEY C. CROUCH.

Senator McCLELLAN. Mr. Powell, I have not known you very well personally. The first time I think that you came to my attention is when you served on the President's Crime Commission back in 1967. I admired your work there and I want to refer to some of it a moment later. In the meantime, I would like to ask you just a few questions and make a brief statement for the record.

A lot of the questioning here at this hearing has centered on wire-tapping. The Congress in 1968 passed the Omnibus Crime Control Act, title III of which dealt with wiretapping. I note from the record in the Senate that an effort was made in the Senate—title III of the