

with that organization. By reason of his responsibilities in this regard, I had the opportunity to work closely with him on a wide range of problems affecting the Foundation, the legal profession and the administration of justice. In virtue of his unusually open mind and generous spirit, the exchanges of ideas that took place between us were frequent and extensive. As a result, I believe I have as full and accurate an estimate of Mr. Powell's qualities of mind and character as anyone whom I have known in the course of my professional life.

Lewis Powell is the finest man of the law I know. He has first class powers of intellect, being able to grasp the essentials of any problem quickly and to pursue its complications to their end. He has judiciousness of temperament equalled by few and exceeded by none that I have met. He has great patience. He is able to give genuine consideration to ideas with which he does not agree and to alter his own views when persuaded. He has very broad knowledge, not only of the law but of the affairs of life and mind generally. He has unflinching concern for others and their interests. He is easy to work with and for.

At the same time, Mr. Powell is very practical, decisive and persevering. He believes in doing things well and properly. He does his work conscientiously, diligently and with great energy. In the affairs of the American Bar Foundation, among the company of some of the country's leading judges, lawyers and legal scholars, his judgment on any matter of moment was always heeded and usually held sway.

Mr. Powell's views differ from my own on many points. In general, I would describe him as considerably more conservative. Yet I have always had the greatest confidence in presenting ideas and proposals to him. He invariably seeks to establish at once the areas of agreement, to illuminate the areas of disagreement as distinctly as possible, and to formulate solutions that do the least avoidable damage to considerations which others feel are important. He is thus at the same time a thoughtful interlocutor, a firm arbitrator and a peace-maker. These qualities seem to me especially fit in a member of the Supreme Court.

STATEMENT OF DEAN MONRAD G. PAULSEN

Gentlemen:

I wish to make a short statement in support of the confirmation of Mr. Lewis Powell of Richmond as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Powell's record has, of course, been fully documented and laid before this Committee. There is no need for me to attempt the comprehensive statement of the reasons I think Lewis Powell should be confirmed. The purpose of my statement is to add emphasis from a particular interest of mine.

For a number of years, I have been studying the general question of the availability of legal services in the United States. When Lewis Powell was President of the American Bar Association one of the great issues laid before the House of Delegates was the question whether the federal program for legal services for the poor operating out of the Office of Economic Opportunity should be supported by the Bar. Mr. Powell's energetic leadership and firm conviction that equal justice for the poor man as well as the rich man prevented the Bar from making the serious mistake which the medical profession has made time and time again in resisting programs for publicly-supported health care.

Today, over 2,000 lawyers in several hundred offices are serving the needs of the poor with the cooperation and help of members of the Bar. The program has been greatly improved by the contributions and guidance which the Bar has given.

Throughout its history, the Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services Program has been supported by organized Bar and an effective plan for realizing justice has become a reality.

More than any single person, Lewis Powell is deserving of the praise which is appropriate to the founder of an enterprise.

Senator BYRD. Mr. Chairman, may I say for the information of the committee that some of the names which the chairman called are persons who are not in the room because they had not been informed of the change in the schedule. That is the reason that some did not rise when their names were called. I wanted to make that clear.