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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE H. RUSSELL HOLLAND

SUBJECT: REQUEST EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF NEW JUDGE

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Alaska

222 West 7th Avenue - No. 54

Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7545

H. Russel Holland  
Judge

16 February 2001

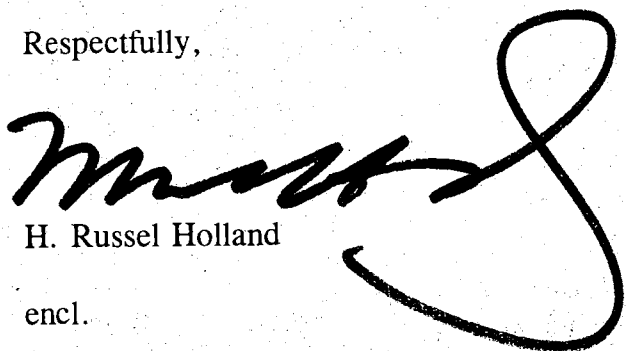
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which I addressed to President Clinton several months ago. As the enclosure indicates, it is my intention to take senior status as a United States District Judge on September 18, 2001. That will create a vacancy on our court. I understand that Senator Stevens is gathering information with respect to possible candidates to replace me at this time, and it is hoped that he will forward a proposed nomination to you soon.

We on the District Court of Alaska are hopeful that my replacement can be designated at an early time. My predecessor in office announced his intention to take senior status a year in advance, and my nomination process was completed shortly before the effective date of his departure from office. As a consequence, there was virtually no down time on the court. As you may know, it has become common in recent years for the process of replacing judicial officers to take two years or more. We know from firsthand experience here how disruptive that can be to a court--especially a small one like ours. It is hoped the process can again be expedited to effect my replacement.

Respectfully,



H. Russel Holland

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cc: Senator Ted Stevens

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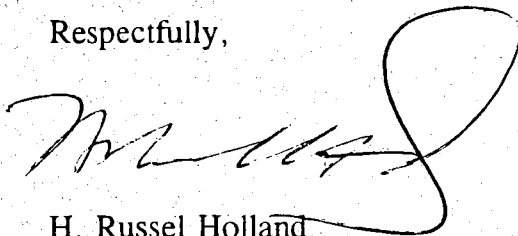
Mr. President:

I am advised by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts that, as of September 18, 2001, I will be eligible to take senior status as a United States district court judge.

This is to advise you, and, recognizing this is an election year, your successor, that I will take senior status as of September 18, 2001.

Some seventeen years ago, my predecessor in office, the Honorable James M. von der Heydt (who still serves with this court) announced his intention to take senior status in one year. It was then, as now, Administrative Office policy that district judges should announce their intention to take senior status a full year in advance. With that advance notice and the cooperation of the President and Senator Stevens, the nomination and confirmation process was complete with respect to my appointment prior to the date on which Judge von der Heydt could take senior status. As a consequence, I was able to take the oath of office within a week of Judge von der Heydt taking senior status. No doubt the efficacy of this procedure is obvious to all of us. Even though this is an election year, I am most hopeful that the process of identifying and nominating my successor can move forward at an early time to the end that needless disruption on the court can be avoided because of my taking senior status.

Respectfully,



H. Russel Holland

cc: Senator Ted Stevens  
Director Leonidas R. Mecham  
Chief Judge Hug

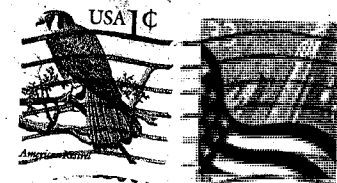
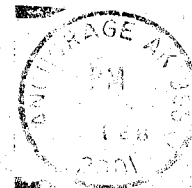
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 2001

Dear Judge Holland:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your recent correspondence concerning the future vacancy in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, where you currently preside. The President intends to fill all judicial vacancies as expeditiously as possible.

As soon as Senators Stevens and Murkowski provide input concerning the vacancy, the Attorney General and I will take steps to ensure that the seat is filled by the President in a timely manner. In the meantime, thank you very much again for taking the time to bring this to our attention.

Sincerely,

Alberto R. Gonzales  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable H. Russel Holland  
Judge  
United States District Court for the District of Alaska  
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