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Dear Lewis,

Lucy and I both want to extend our heartiest congratulations to you on your appointment to the Supreme Court. We have every confidence that the good judgment and inherent appreciation for high quality and great achievement on the part of the Senate of the United States will come to the fore and your nomination will be speedily and enthusiastically approved by that body. Lucy felt honored to have had the pleasure of sitting with you on your return from New York on Tuesday when we now understand you were informed of the President's decision to make this most fitting appointment.

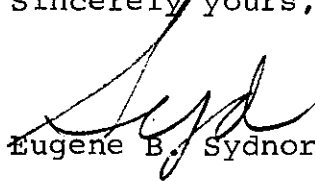
Certainly this appointment symbolizes the highest achievement in the legal profession, and yet I am sure that service in this very eminent position also has its sacrifices. Your friends in Richmond are delighted that the nation will have the benefit of your excellent judgment and great knowledge of the law, but we will miss the pleasure of seeing you as often as we would like. However, our country badly needs men of your talent and integrity to serve in positions of great trust and responsibility.

We will follow your new career with great interest and every possible support. I am particularly pleased that you had the opportunity to draft the excellent and comprehensive memorandum for an action program for American business hopefully under the auspices in one way or the other of the United States Chamber of Commerce. I have talked recently to Arch Booth and find that the Chamber's Executive Committee will meet within the next several weeks to consider what steps to take, and I trust that they will understand and respond affirmatively to the challenge to our free enterprise business system and the basic freedoms of individual citizens by a highly organized and determined minority of liberals bordering on radical. I hope that it may be possible, and ethical, for me to have the benefit of your advice on this project in whatever form it may develop.

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Again Lucy and I send you our warmest congratulations and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr.