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Honorable Earl B. Gilliam
Judge of the Superior Court
220 West Broadway
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Dear Earl:

I would like to tell you how much I have appreciated your courtesy since I have been appointed to the Superior Court. Any time I have had a problem, any time I felt I needed advice, I felt I could go to you and ask.

As this thing looked to be stalled in the Senate I can't describe to you how sick to my soul I was. Going over to the Federal bench is kind of a mixed blessing. The pay is a little better, and, once again, you can walk out on the retirement system with a check. But there is a very real tendency over there to become very isolated, to become very elitist, and to become arrogant.

Most of my life as a lawyer was spent in the Federal Court, and like everywhere else there are good Federal Judges and there are bad Federal Judges, but for some reason when you have bad ones over there, they are rogue elephants. An elitist you're not; arrogant you're not; a big heart you have; and it seems to me that you possess that human touch with people that only the very great judges have. I know you'll not change. I am so proud of you.

Love,

Dennis

G. DENNIS ADAMS

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