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Dear Judge Gilliam:

My heartiest congratulations on your appointment to the Federal bench. I only regret that I did not write to you when I first heard that your nomination was being delayed.

I remember you well. You are the only judge I ever appeared before who finally asked me how much money I had on me and then fined me that exact amount! I believe it was $17.50 (The charge was not even for a moving violation; but merely a parking ticket. However, when you found 7 delinquent parking tickets, you over-ruled the Ass't D.A., retired to Chambers, cooled down, and then fined me $17.50, which I probably deserved.

With all good wishes for you continued success.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Ailshie

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