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Miss Lucy Montgomery
323 S. Francis Street
Aspen, Colorado

Dear Miss Montgomery:

I received your expression of concern over the nomination of former Governor J. P. Coleman to the Federal bench.

As you know, hearings preliminary to Senate Judiciary Committee action on his confirmation were scheduled for Tuesday, June 29th. Mr. Coleman was unable to appear, however, as a result of illness. I was present at these hearings and expressed the desire to question Mr. Coleman when his appearance is rescheduled.

The position that I will take on this appointment will depend on the record developed at these hearings, as well as my own study of Mr. Coleman's abilities and background. I feel it is improper, in this or any other confirmation proceeding, to make a final judgment on the candidate's fitness for the bench prior to the public hearing.

I do appreciate receiving your views and will bear them in mind in reaching a decision on this matter.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy