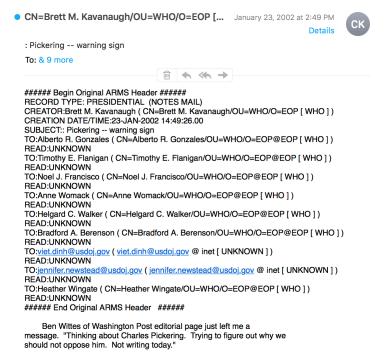
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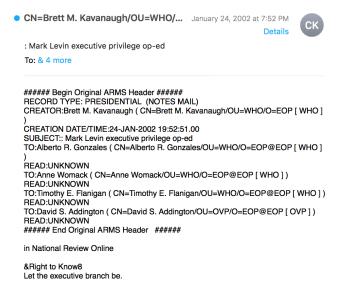
Kavanaugh flags a "warning sign" on the Charles Pickering nomination via Benjamin Wittes



January 24, 2002

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Kavanaugh shares an op-ed written by Mark Levin, "Let the Executive Branch Be"



February 6, 2002

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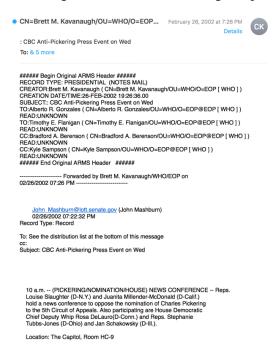
Kavanaugh gets Laura Ingraham set-up with notes on Pickering in time for her show

Received(Date): 6 FEB 2002 15:24:32 From: Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]) To: viet.dinh@usdoj.gov (viet.dinh@usdoj.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN]), jennifer.newstead@usdoj.gov (jennifer.newstead@usdoj.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN]) Subject:
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TO:jennifer.newstead@usdoj.gov (jennifer.newstead@usdoj.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN]) READ:UNKNOWN ####### End Original ARMS Header #######
hey, can you all send the bullets you have on Pickering to Laura Ingraham by e-mail to $P6/b6$ She's doing a show tonight on it. She needs it by $4:30$.

February 26, 2002

P LCZO5003 WHO.TXT.eml

Kavanaugh forwards email detailing an upcoming CBC Anti-Pickering Press Event



March 6, 2002

P BGVU5003_WHO.TXT.eml

Kavanaugh espouses his views on the constitutionality, or lack thereof, of restrictions on specific forms of campaign contributions

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: Re:

To: & 3 more

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CREATOR:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]
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SUBJECT:: Re:
TO:Helgard C. Walker (CN=Helgard C. Walker/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN
CC:noel j. francisco (CN=noel j. francisco/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])
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The problem re issue ads in a nutshell is that candidate X is handouffed in his/her ability to respond to the Sierra Club etc. because of the limits on contributions to his/her campaign. That is grossly unfair to the candidates, and I think it is a serious 1A problem as well. That is why I asked your views re the limits on contributions to candidates. (Is it possible that my 1A views are even purer than yours!!)

Helgard C. Walker 03/06/2002 09:36:52 AM Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP cc: noel j. francisco/who/eop@eop

bcc:

Subject: Re:

Interesting. Two points: I vehementlly disagree that when people who happen not to be candidates themselves speak out publicly on behalf of either an issue or a candidate that their speech is mere "background noise." That characterization is a gross demeaning of political speech and participation.

Why is the speech of voters/citizens less valuable in the political process than the speech of candidates (who are most often incumbents trying to protect themselves from public criticism when they regulate to mute all "background noise" but their own speech)? We'd have a pitiful democracy, if one at all, if people were not free to discuss among themselves and persuade each other on matters of public import. Besides, if voters wish to hear candidates debate without being distracted by other "voices," they can turn on the television and watch candidate debates. But preventing regular citizens from trying to talk with each other about political issues and the merits or demerits of candidates for election is no way to run the American political process.

Second, there is a line between individual contributions and parties, and it is this: when an individual gives, he's got his own 1A interest at stake. But when you talk about a party, you have two sets of 1A interests, as the Court has repeatedly recognized: the interest of the party as an institution, but also the associational interests of the people who have come together to form the party as a way of increasing their effectiveness in the process.

Brett M. Kavanaugh 03/06/2002 09:15:45 AM Record Type: Record

To: Helgard C. Walker/WHO/EOP@EOP cc: Noel J. Francisco/WHO/EOP@EOP Subject:

Just so you know, I agree that the issue ad restrictions are blatantly unconstitutional -- although I think the policy goal of allowing the candidates to debate each other without background noise that overwhelms the candidates/campaigns themselves is quite laudable (albeit unconstitutional). And beyond the background noise issue, it also seems clear to me that the issue ads are often done in coordination with candidates because the candidates do not have enough money because, in turn, of the limits on contributions to campaigns. So Mr. Big Donor is solicited to contribute to Sierra Club for them to run an ad attacking Governor Bush rather than to the Gore campaign for it to run an ad attacking Governor Bush. I can see why people think that is a circumvention of the limits on contributions to candidates. That does not mean the restriction on issue ads is any more constitutional, but we lose credibility if we pretend that that scenario is not happening a lot.

As to the soft money limits, I have constitutional concerns but I do not see how limits on contributions to candidates (and the longstanding ban on corporate and union contributions to candidates) can be meaningfully distinguished from contributions to political parties. That line between candidate and party does not make sense to me as a constitutional matter, nor (I am quite sure) does it remotely reflect the reality of political campaigns. Therefore, it seems to me that limits on contributions to candidates and limits on contributions to political parties are not readily distinguishable as a constitutional matter. And I have heard very few people say that the limits on contributions to candidates are unconstitutional, although I for one tend to think those limits have some constitutional problems.

July 12, 2002

P 4YLP8003 WHO.TXT.eml WS.eml

Kavanaugh appears to be a part of a daily conference call regarding the Owen nomination.

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [... July 12, 2002 at 10:08 PM Details

 : RE: REMINDER -- daily conf. call re. Priscilla Owen nomination --...

To: b6 Cc: & 20 more

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Additional Information

July 15, 2002

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Kavanaugh prepares another for a meeting that included the president and Owen

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [...

July 15, 2002 at 7:54 AM

: materials for Tuesday meeting with Priscilla Owen

Details



To: & 3 more

Stuart: The group that will participate in tomorrow's meeting of the President and Priscilla Owen is being finalized this morning. We will submit the briefing paper to you this morning after that group is finalized. Also, we have a 1-page talking points document that we will provide to you this morning for staffing (needing quick turn-around obviously). Please let me know if you have any additional thoughts. Thanks.

July 18, 2002

P_3HPU8003_WHO.TXT.eml_RV.pdf Kavanaugh sends a fact sheet on Justice Priscilla Owen

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Begin Original ARMS Header ###### RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL) CREATOR:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]) CREATION DATE/TIME:18-JUL-2002 16:30:20.00 SUBJECT:: FACT SHEET: JUSTICE PRISCILLA OWEN TO P6/(b)(6) READ:UNKNOWN
Priscilla Owen
Today ,s Presidential Action:
President George W. Bush today met with Justice Priscilla Owen, nominee to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and a bipartisan group of her supporters from Texas. Justice Owen was scheduled to have a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, but after one year of delay, her hearing has been postponed again. She is an accomplished jurist of exceptional integrity, character, and intellect and an extraordinarily well-qualified nominee. She deserves a hearing from the Judiciary Committee and a prompt confirmation.
? Justice Owen _s integrity and accomplishments have earned her the respect of her colleagues and the people of Texas. ? Justice Owen has served with distinction on the Texas Supreme Court since first being elected in 1994. ? During her reelection bid in 2000, every major newspaper in Texas endorsed her, and she was reelected by an overwhelming majority. ? A bipartisan group of 15 past presidents of the State Bar of Texas have written to Chairman Leahy urging an affirmative vote by the Judiciary Committee. ? Democrat former Texas Supreme Court Justices Raul Gonzales and Rose Spector wrote to Chairman Leahy on behalf of Justice Owen. ? Tom Phillips, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court has characterized Justice Owen _s work as fair and diligent.) Houston Chronicle, May 10, 2001 ? The American Bar Association has unanimously rated Justice Owen & well qualified, 8 its highest possible rating. This ABA rating has been called the &Gold Standard 8 by Democrats on the Judiciary Committee.
Justice Owen has superb professional and academic credentials. Justice Owen practiced commercial litigation in Texas for 17 years before becoming a judge and was a partner at the national law firm of Andrews & Kurth. Justice Owen graduated cum laude from Baylor University and Baylor Law School and was a member of the Law Review at Baylor Law School. Justice Owen earned the highest grade on the Texas Bar Exam.
Justice Owen has demonstrated a strong commitment to her community. Justice Owen has served as the Texas Supreme Court Liaison to

statewide committees regarding legal services to the poor and pro bono egal services.

- ? She was part of a committee that successfully encouraged the Texas Legislature to enact legislation that has resulted in millions of dollars per year in additional funds for providers of legal services to the poor.
- ? She was instrumental in organizing a group known as Family Law 2000 that seeks to find ways to educate parents about the effect the dissolution of a marriage can have on their children and to lessen the adversarial nature of legal proceedings when a marriage is dissolved.
- ? Justice Owen has the strong support of her home state Senators. Senators Hutchison and Gramm wrote to Chairman Leahy, & Justice Owen is eminently qualified to serve on the Fifth Circuit bench (8
- ? The people of the 5th circuit in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi need Justice Owen on the bench, Justice Owen is the kind of judge that the people of the 5th Circuit need on the bench.) an experienced jurist who follows the law and uses good common sense. She ,s been nominated to a seat that has been classified as a Sjudicial emergency 8 by the Judicial Conference of the United States, one of 36 such emergencies around the country.
- ? The Senate has not acted quickly enough on the President ,s judicial nominees. There are presently 93 vacancies in the federal courts . The President has nominated 108 individuals to serve as federal judges, but only 54% of them have been confirmed, and 50 nominees are pending. The President has nominated 32 individuals to the circuit courts, but only 31%, or 10 judges have been confirmed. In the past three administrations, the confirmation rate of circuit court nominees in the first two years in office was 86% for President Elush and 95% for

July 22, 2002

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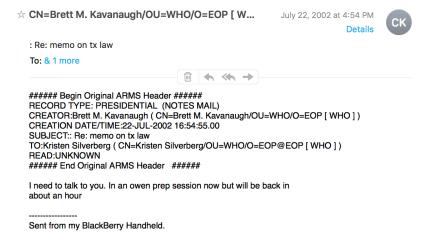
Kavanaugh asks Owen for some time to talk on the phone with him directly

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please let me know what time you would like to talk this morning.	
It is best for me if it is 9:45 or earlier, but I will make time whenever	

July 22, 2002

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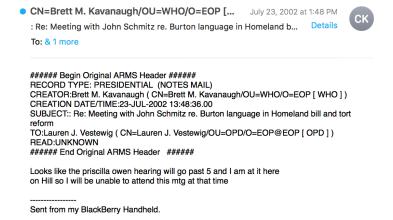
Kavanaugh is "in an owen prep session now"



July 23, 2002

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Kavanaugh will have to miss a meeting because he will still be at the Owen hearing on the Hill



July 28, 2002

P 74O29003 WHO.TXT.eml

Kavanaugh provides Manuel Miranda his preliminary take on "a confidential letter to Dem Counsel" from Senator Leahy's staff that Miranda somehow gained access to (and Kavanaugh doesn't question)

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WH... July 28, 2002 at 7:03 PM



: Re: Help requested

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Nathan and Steve should elaborate, but my preliminary take:

- 1. First, the name Jane Doe is used precisely to protect privacy of the individuals. Second, all Justices in these cases discussed and quoted from the record extensively. See the majority opinion in Doe 2, the Gonzales opinion in Doe 3, the Enoch opinion in Doe 3, the majority opinion in Doe 4, etc. This is simply a bogus charge to direct at Owen
- 2. Justice Owen believed that opinions could be written in a few days as courts often do in emergency cases of this nature. She specifically stated that the judgment with opinions should have been issued on March 13 instead of a summary order without opinions on March 10. She did not suggest delaying decision "for months."
- 3. In this case, the court unanimously agreed that the record did not meet the standard for a bypass. Six Justices concluded that a remand was appropriate. Justice Owen and two others argued, however, that Doe simply failed to make the required showing and that a remand was inappropriate. Justice Owen argued, moreover, that the potentially negative reaction of the parents of a pregnant minor when the minor becomes an adult does not meet the statutory "best interest" standard for

manuel_miranga@judiciary.senate.gov (manuel miranga) 07/28/2002 06:33:10 PM

Record Type: Record

To: "Willett; Don" < Don.Willett@usdoj.gov >, "Sales; Nathan" Nathan.Sales@usdoj.gov">Nathan.Sales@usdoj.gov, "Koebele; Steve" Steve.Koebele@usdoj.gov, Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Help requested

I would ask that no action be taken by any of your offices on this for now except as I request. It is important that it be confidential to the recipients of this email and up your chains of authority only.
As I mentioned on Friday, Senator Leahy?s staff has distributed a ?confidential? letter to Dem Counsel on Thursday from Collyn Peddie, who served as the attorney for ?Jane Doe? in some or several of the Texas bypass cases. According to either the letter or the Leahy staff Ms. Peddie sent this letter in the strictest confidence because she is up for partner, and believes she will be fired if it is publicized. Several members of her firm are lead supporters of the Owen nomination. Leahy?s staff is only sharing with Democratic counsels. However, we might expect this letter to be used like the Brenda Polkey in Pickering at a moment when we are unable to respond.

Ms. Peddie is being portrayed as a small oppressed lawyer fearing repercussions if her name gets out and the brave attorney who represented the ?girl in trouble? in Jane Doe 1. In fact, she is the attorney for Planned Parenthood who argued JD cases and the Buffer Zone case and on the board of Planned Parenthood of Texas, among other things. I will copy you on our research on her.

For now I need priority help early Monday from the A team in briefly commenting on these items (two or three sentences). I have not seen the letter but it strongly criticizes Owen?s actions on the Doe cases. especially for her ?appalling insensitivity? to the pregnant minors before

Owen violated the confidentiality of the Jane Does in her written opinions Specifically, Peddie accuses Owen of publishing ?dissents and concurrences in which paragraph after paragraph of confidential testimony was quoted in great detail.?

Owen sought delay of order granting bypass

Owen sought to stop the entry of Jane Doe I?s bypass until the court had published all its opinions. The court issued the order over Owen?s objection, but if the Court had adopted Owen?s position, the pregnant minor would have had to wait three more months to get the abortion. 3. Owen?s Dissent in Jane Doe 4

Peddie criticized Owen?s dissent in Jane Doe 4 which argued that parental rights should trump the risk that ?parents would throw a minor girl out on the street upon finding out she was pregnant.?

November 18, 2002

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Kavanaugh agrees to participate in/speak at an event hosted by Federalist Society at Yale Law

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Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]) From: "Damara L. Griffith" <Damara.Griffith@yale.edu> ("Damara L. Griffith" To:

<Damara.Griffith@yale.edu> [UNKNOWN])

Subject: : Re: Dinner & Hotel

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SUBJECT:: Re: Dinner & Hotel

TO:"Damara L. Griffith" <Damara.Griffith@yale.edu> ("Damara L. Griffith" <Damara.Griffith@yale.edu> [

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Hotel reservation would be great. Also, I will do dinner. Thanks much.

"Damara L. Griffith" <Damara.Griffith@yale.edu> 11/18/2002 05:16:17 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Dinner & Hotel

Brett,

Please let me know if you would like me to make a hotel reservation for you at the Omni. Also, I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as you can about whether you would like to have dinner with some students tomorrow evening. I would prefer to have at least several hours lead time before the event to invite the members of the Federalist Society here. However, there are several students here who have already said they would like to go.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can also be reached via cell phone at

Damara Griffith Yale Law School Class of 2004 127 Wall Street New Haven, CT 06511

December 16, 2002

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Information indicating that Kavanaugh personally interviewed William Pryor for 11th Circuit

★ CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

: Re: CA11

To: CN=Kyle Sampson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO]

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call me

Kyle Sampson 12/16/2002 01:35:42 PM Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: CA11

How did the Pryor interview go?

February 13, 2003

P 6KEWD003 WHO.TXT.eml

Kavanaugh alerts others to a report by Media Affairs on Rush Limbaugh taking calls purportedly from Hispanics who left the Democratic party to become Republicans over the Estrada nomination

• CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [... February 13, 2003 at 2:56 PM

Detail



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To: & 2 more

Report from Media Affairs: Rush Limbaugh has been on Estrada for at least the last hour. He's been taking a steady stream of calls from hispanic democrats declaring that this issue has made them Republicans.

February 17, 2003

P MHJYD003 WHO.TXT.eml

Kavanaugh has some thoughts on the quality of the press releases from Senator Leahy



: Re: You are a "bevy"

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pretty hilarious press release, as always, from the good Senator.

"Charnes, Adam" < Adam. Charnes@usdoj.gov> 02/13/2003 03:08:35 PM Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: You are a "bevy"

http://leahy.senate.gov/press/200302/021302.html

U.S. SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

CONTACT: Office of Senator Leahy, 202-224-4242

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Reaction of Senator Patrick Leahy To The White House Response (Letter From White House Counsel Gonzales) To The Renewed Democratic Request For Estrada Work Documents Feb. 12, 2003

"I regret that the White House remains recalcitrant and continues to stand in the way of a solution to this impasse.

"For an Administration that engages in lawyer-bashing at every turn, there is some irony in the fact that the White House has put a bevy of lawyers to work to compose a lawyer's brief rather than a straightforward response to Senator Daschle's good-faith effort to resolve this standoff.

"Buried within the 15-page letter signed by Mr. Gonzales and prepared by his staff is an admission that the Justice Department and Senate Republicans had previously refused to make. The Administration has finally acknowledged that there is precedent for providing the very types of documents the Judiciary Committee requested almost a year ago in connection with Mr.

"Interestingly, the Administration in this letter makes no claim of legal privilege or executive privilege to withhold these documents from the Senate. Instead, the White House Counsel's office insists on substituting its judgment for the Senate's and tells the Senate that we already have sufficient information about this nominee.

"We are making the simple request that judicial nominees for these lifetime positions fully and forthrightly answer legitimate questions so the Senate can make informed decisions. We are standing for the straightforward principle that no nominee should be rewarded with a lifetime appointment to the second-highest court in the land for stonewalling the Senate and the American people. Getting a lifetime post on the federal courts is a privilege, not a right.

"I have voted for many, many judges whose judicial philosophy I disagreed with, but at least I knew what their judicial philosophies were. In fact the Democratic Senate confirmed 100 of President Bush's judicial nominees by the end of last year.

"I hope that after getting this letter off its chest, the Administration will now begin to work with us. If they did we could end the stalemate they've created."

February 27, 2003

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Kavanaugh on Biden, albeit without much context

• CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP... February 27, 2003 at 12:50 PM

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Biden has lost it

H. Christopher Bartolomucci 02/27/2003 12:49:27 PM Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

CC:

Subject: John

Got Kohl, Feinstein and Edwards.

Date: April 9, 2003

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Information from Manny Miranda on Democratic senators' concerns about filibustering judicial nominees

"Kavanaugh, Brett M."

From Manny on Frist's staff

To: "Grubbs, Wendy J."



April 9, 2003 at 1:27 PM

"According to Democrat sources, several Democrat Senators have expressed concern about any filibuster of a judicial nominee that is based on substance, as opposed to process. The Senators that may be wavering or opposed to an extended debate are: Lincoln, Pryor, Carper, Graham, Nelson (Fl), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Landrieu, Breaux, Dorgan, Conrad, Baucus, Hollings, Bryd and Miller."

April 25, 2003

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Kavanaugh comments on Sen. Schumer saying that the ABA is the gold standard for judicial nominations

avanaugh, Brett M." : ABA - Stephen Robinson		April 25, 2003 at 11:06 AM Details	0
: "Newstead, Jennifer G.",	Cc: "Ullyot, Theodore W.", "Addington, David S." & 7 more		
Since Sen. Schumer was one of t	wo signatories on the infamous March 2001 "ABA gold standard" letter that we have cited back a	t them AD NAUSEUM, this letter should be v. in	nteresting
Jennifer G. Newstead			
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Thanks			

April 29, 2003

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From: "Kavanaugh, Brett M."

To: "Bumatay, Patrick J."

Subject: Re: Thank you note for

Received(Date): Wed, 30 Apr 2003 17:20:35 -0500

slightly edited

April 29, 2003

Dear Director Mueller:

On behalf of President Bush, I write to commend the extraordinary work of the FBI*s Special Inquiry and General Background Investigation Unit. Over the last several months, they have completed over six dozen intensive judicial investigations - many of which were done on very short notice. Because of the impressive work of the men and women of the SIGBIU, we have been able to accomplish the President*s goal for the timely nomination of judges. My staff and I greatly appreciate their service to the President and the country.

[P6/b6/b7c/b7e/b7f]

Sincerely,

Alberto R. Gonzales

Counsel to the President

May 28, 2003

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Op-ed apparently written by Kavanaugh on the "double-standard" used by Democrats concerning judicial nominations

"Kavanaugh, Brett M."

John Roberts gets sworn in Monday; a hook for submitting this to Post??

To: "Snee Ashley



May 28, 2003 at 12:35 PM

This Monday [June 2], John Roberts will take the oath of office to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Roberts has served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States, Associate Counsel to President Reagan, and Law Clerk to then-Justice Rehnquist. He has argued numerous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and is widely recognized as one of the very best appellate lawyers in America. The American Bar Association unanimously rated him well qualified. In short, John Roberts exemplifies the kind of judge President Bush has nominated to the federal courts, and will be a distinguished judge on the D.C. Circuit.

The Senate recently voted unanimously to confirm Roberts to the D.C. Circuit. The Senate vote is noteworthy for two reasons, both of which demonstrate the breakdown in the Senate confirmation process for federal appeals court nominees about which President Bush and many Senators of both parties have spoken in recent years.

First, the long road from Roberts' initial nomination to his confirmation vote was unfair and is impossible to defend. Roberts was first nominated to the D.C. Circuit in January 1992, yet did not receive a hearing before the end of President George H.W. Bush's term a year later. President George W. Bush then nominated Roberts on May 9, 2001, shortly after taking office. But the Senate Judiciary Committee did not hold a hearing on Roberts' nomination during the entire last Congress, even though no serious objections were lodged against him. President Bush then re-nominated Roberts on January 7, 2003. After two hearings this year, Roberts received his Senate vote on May 8, 2003 — two years after nomination by President George W. Bush and more than 11 years after his first nomination. And when Roberts finally received that elusive vote, the Senate unanimously confirmed him, which makes the many years of delay all the more difficult to explain and justify.

The Senate's delays and denials of votes on appeals court nominees which have been too common in recent Administrations — flout the intention of the Constitution and the tradition of the Senate. No judicial nominee ever should have to wait years for a vote in the Senate. So that the federal courts are fully staffed to do their jobs for the American people and in order to attract the best and brightest to judicial service, the Senate should fulfill its constitutional responsibility and ensure that every judicial nominee receives an up-or-down Senate vote within a reasonable period of time after nomination.

Second, the confirmation of John Roberts also dramatically exposes the double standard being applied to the Presidents other D.C. Circuit nominee, Miguel Estrada. The career records of Roberts and Estrada are strikingly similar. Both Estrada and Roberts were unanimously rated well-qualified by the ABA. Both have argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court, including as attorneys in the Solicitor General's office. Both have devoted large portions of their legal careers to public service and also been partners at major Washington law firms. Both have clerked for Supreme Court Justices. Both have the very strong support of prominent Democrat attorneys who served in high-ranking positions in the Clinton Administration. Neither has served previously as a judge or a professor and therefore neither has written widely about their personal views on legal issues. Both have served instead as superb and well-respected and fair-minded lawyers for public and private clients throughout their careers.

Despite the similarities between Roberts and Estrada, 45 Senate Democrats have treated them very differently. Senate Democrats never requested confidential case memoranda written by Roberts during his time in the Solicitor General's office. Yet they are insisting on reviewing memoranda written by Estrada during his tenure in the Solicitor General's office as a condition of ending a 4-month filibuster of his nomination. Consistent with judicial independence and the traditional practice of judicial nominees, Senate Democrats also did not demand that Roberts answer questions about his personal views on legal and policy issues before they voted on him. Yet these Senators are demanding that Estrada answer the same questions as a condition of ending the filibuster on Estrada.

The 45 Senate Democrats who are filibustering Estrada's nomination are applying a double standard. There is no rational or legitimate justification for the disparate treatment of Roberts and Estrada -- particularly by using the extraordinary and unprecedented filibuster against Estrada, who would be the first Hispanic to serve on the D.C. Circuit and has the clear support of a majority of Senators. The President has asked that the Senate Democrats halt the filibuster and allow an up-or-down vote on Estrada. As the President has said, let each Senator vote as he or she thinks best, but end the double standard, stop the delays, and give the man a vote.

June 3, 2003

Discussion concerning letter from Sen. Feinstein to President Bush; Republican staffer had unsigned, unofficial copy but it's unclear how

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• "Kavanaugh, Brett M."

June 3, 2003 at 10:13 AM

RE: Feinstein letter To: "Bumatay, Patrick J."

you can stand down on this. thx.

From: Patrick J. Bumatay/WHO/EOP@Exchange on 06/03/2003 09:53:26 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: RE: Feinstein letter

Pls. call me about this. I think I have it, but it is unsigned and not on letterhead.

-----Original Message----

From: Kavanaugh, Brett M.

Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 9:25 AM

To: Bumatay, Patrick J.

Subject: FW: Feinstein letter

Do you have a copy of the Feinstein letter to us?

From: Wendy J. Grubbs/WHO/EOP@Exchange on 06/03/2003 09:23:16 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: FW: Feinstein letter

Do you have this?

----Original Message---

From: Comisac, RenaJohnson (Judiciary) [mailto:Rena_Johnson_Comisac@Judiciary.senate.gov < mailto:Rena_Johnson_Comisac@Judiciary.senate.gov >

Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 9:41 PM

To: Grubbs, Wendy J.

Cc: Green, Tanya (Judiciary)

Subject: Feinstein letter

I have a copy of the 5/6 letter Judge Gonzales sent Feinstein, but I do not have a copy of the 5/5 letter Feinstein sent President Bush that prompted the response from Gonzales. Can you please fax me a copy at 228-1698?

June 6, 2003

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Kavanaugh comments on "being a ratchet" in "ratcheting up the confrontation with Senate Democrats"

"Kavanaugh, Brett M."

June 6, 2003 at 9:07 AM



Re: you

To: "Snee, Ashley"

Happy to be a ratchet. But the other nom will be even more of a ratchet.

From: Ashley Snee/WHO/EOP@Exchange on 06/06/2003 09:06:18 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: you

New York Daily News - http://www.nydailynews.com http://www.nydailynews.com/>

Mull Bill prober for fed bench

Friday, June 6th, 2003

A White House lawyer who once investigated the Clintons is being considered for a key judicial nomination that Democrats said would ratchet up the political fight over the federal bench.

President Bush could tap Brett Kavanaugh for the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, where two of former President Bill Clinton's nominees were blocked from taking seats by Senate Republicans, Democratic congressional aides said yesterday.

Kavanaugh submitted to an FBI background check - a standard first step toward a nomination, the aides said.

He worked for independent counsel Kenneth Starr on the Monica Lewinsky probe; investigated the death of Clinton White House lawyer Vince Foster, an ex-law partner of Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), and helped write Starr's sex-laced Lewinsky report.

Tapping Kavanaugh would "be viewed as a ratcheting up of the confrontation with Senate Democrats" over Bush's judicial picks, a Democratic source said.

Bush nominated another Starr deputy, Karin Immergut, to be the U.S. attorney in Oregon yesterday.

Kavanaugh did not return calls, and White House officials declined to comment last night.

May 2, 2003

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Kavanagh forwards an email with the Subject Line "Leonard's List" to WH Office of Public Liaison.

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

May 2, 2003 at 2:29:45 PM EDT

To: CN=Matthew E. Smith/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO]

: Leonard's list

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN-Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])
CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-MAY-2003 14:29:45.00

SUBJECT:: Leonard's list TO:Matthew E. Smith (CN=Matthew E. Smith/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

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- Forwarded by Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP on 05/02/2003 02:29 PM -

Brett M. Kavanaugh 10/24/2002 11:54:15 AM Record Type: Record

To: Matthew E. Smith/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Leonard's list

Forwarded by Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP on

10/24/2002 11:59 AM ---

Jennifer D. Hugo 10/24/2002 11:53:43 AM Record Type: Record

To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Leonard's list

These people need to be invited to Miguel Estrada's event...

Francisco Ivarra 206-364-5948 American GI Forum Gilbert Moreno 713-926-4756 Assoc. for the

Advancement of Mexican Americans

Ana Cabral 202-835-9672 for Corporate Responsibility

Hispanic Bar

Hispanic Bar

U.S. Hispanic Chamber of

Hispanic Association

Brigida Benitez Association of DC

Jessica Herrera

703-610-9038

Association of DC Hispanic Bar

Linda Estrada Association of DC

John Machado

703-715-6880 Hispanic Bar

Association of Virginia

Hispanic Bar Lisette Mestre

Association of Virginia

Roberto de Posada 202-255-1480 Hispanic Business

Round Table

Rosana Jordan 202-776-1754 Hispanic Cousel

of International Relations

202-419-2022 Hispanic National Juan Carlos Iturregui

Bar Association DC Region

703-461-0860 Juan Carlos Dulanto InterAmerican

Development Foundation/Peruvian

Civic

Unity/Peruvian American Chamber of Latino Civil Right Center

Brent A. Wilkes 202-833-6130 Alma Morales-Rioja 202-833-0060 x13 MANA

National Society of John Honaman

Hispanic MBA's Ramon Rodriguez

Commerce Al Zapanta 202-371-8680 U.S. Mexico Chamber

of Commerce

May 6, 2003

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Email chain with Subject Line "Judges List," included Rudy Giuliani and Bill Barr

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

May 6, 2003 at 2:07:01 PM EDT

To: CN=Patrick J. Bumatay/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO]

: Fw: Judges list

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CREATOR:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAY-2003 14:07:01.00

SUBJECT:: Fw: Judges list

TO:Patrick J. Bumatay (CN=Patrick J. Bumatay/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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Can you and ganter help with this.

---- Original Message ---

From:Matthew E. Smith/WHO/EOP To:Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Date: 05/06/2003 09:44:47 AM

Subject: Judges list

The interns were unable to find good numbers for the following people.

Can you help on some?

------ Forwarded by Matthew E. Smith/WHO/EOP on 05/06/2003

Paul Perkins 05/06/2003 09:43:37 AM Record Type: Record

To: Matthew E. Smith/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Judges list

We don't have the phone nun

Rudy Giuliani

Gerry Parsky

Lovida Coleman

William Barr

Alan Simpson

Sam Nunn

Robert Litt

Randolph Moss

Griffin Bell

Harold Tyler Jr.

David O'Brien

Daniel Meador

Arlin Adams

Lawrence S. Robbins Michael Lazerwitz

Christopher Wright

Alan Horowitz

Stepehn Nightingale

May 6, 2003

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Kavanaugh plans to give briefing on Patricia Owen nomination

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

May 6, 2003 at 1:39:29 PM EDT

To: CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO], Steven_Duffield

: Re: Tomorrow 11am

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAY-2003 13:39:29.00

SUBJECT:: Re: Tomorrow 11am

TO:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [V

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TO:Steven_Duffield@rpc.senate.gov (Steven_Duffield@rpc.senate.gov [UNKN

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I can do it. Tell me where and when. Thx.

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---- Original Message -----

From:<Steven_Duffield@rpc.senate.gov>
To:Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP

Cc:

Date: 05/06/2003 12:02:59 PM Subject: Tomorrow 11am

We are doing a briefing on Owen tomorrow at 11am at the RPC. Bencz says he can send somebody, but we thought you should have first shot. Do you want to come? Pls coordinate with Bencz and let me know.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

May 22, 2003

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Kavanaugh forwards letter from WH to Democratic Senators about Senate needing to vote on nominees to maintain institutional integrity.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 2003

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of President Bush, I write in response to your letter of May 5.

You propose that the President and the opposite political party select in equal numbers members of citizen judicial nominating commissions in each State who would then select nominees for each judicial vacancy. The President would be required to nominate one of the individuals selected by the commission and the Senate required to vote up or down on that nominee. You propose this as a permanent change to the constitutional scheme for appointment of federal judges.

We appreciate and share your stated belief that the judicial confirmation process is "going in the wrong direction" and is potentially "spiral[ing] out of control." But as explained more fully in my attached letter to Senator Schumer in response to his similar proposal, we respectfully believe that this proposal is inconsistent with the Constitution, with the history and traditions of the Nation's federal judicial appointments process, and with the soundest approach for appointment of highly qualified federal judges, as the Founders determined. Rather, as President Bush and many other Senators of both parties have stated in the past, the solution to the broken judicial confirmation process is for the Senate to exercise its constitutional responsibility to vote up or down on judicial nominees within a reasonable time after nomination, no matter who is President or which party controls the Senate. We thus agree with your statement of September 16, 1999 in which you stated: "A nominee is entitled to a vote. Vote them up; vote them down." As you said on October 4, 1999, moreover, the Senate's "institutional integrity requires an up-or-down vote."

We very much appreciate your open-minded approach to the President's judicial nominees and what I know is your sincere desire to fix this process on a permanent and bipartisan basis. Thank you very much for your letter, and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time about the judicial appointments process.

Sincerely,

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Alberto R. Gonzales Counsel to the President

May 8, 2003

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Kavanaugh sends email to Leonard Leo about protocol and FedSoc not reaching out to government folks for invitations.

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

May 8, 2003 at 2:31:51 PM EDT

To: CN=Carolyn Nelson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@Exchange@EOP [WHO]

: Fed Soc invitations

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CREATOR:Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-MAY-2003 14:31:51.00

SUBJECT:: Fed Soc invitations

TO:Carolyn Nelson (CN=Carolyn Nelson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@Exchange@EOP [WHO])

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----- Forwarded by Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP on 05/08/2003 02:31 PM ------

Brett M. Kavanaugh 05/08/2003 02:30:36 PM Record Type: Record

To: Ileo@fed-soc.org @ inet

cc: Matthew E. Smith/WHO/EOP@EOP

Subject: Fed Soc invitations

Federalist Society should NOT be calling people in government (Justice and Senate) to invite them. This is presenting protocol issues at Senate and with DOJ. Thanks.

Please make clear to everyone there that our intention from the get-go was to invite any and all comers from OLP for the precise purpose of expressing President's and WH appreciation of the hard work. The problem was that Cabinet Affairs does DOJ invites and does not usually make calls until 2-3 days before event. Meanwhile, Public Liaison handles outside groups and has to give more advance notice. Pub Liaison had called Fed Soc late last week and told them to round up 25-50 people. Fed Soc then stupidly called people in your office and some Senate staffers instead of calling people on the outside. Sorry for confusion, but please make sure people in OLP and FBI unit understand they always were to be invited by us.

May 15, 2003

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Much on an e-mail chain with Leonard Leo is redacted

Received(Date): 15 MAY 2003 11:00:21 From: Brett M. Kavanaugh (CN=Brett M. Kav	
To: Leonard Leo UNKNOWN])	[P6/b6]
Subject: : Re: OLP Conversation	
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Leonard Leo [P6/b6] 05/15/2003 12:14:31 AM Please respond to Leonard Leo [P6/b] Record Type: Record	96]
To: Brett M. Kavanaugh/WHO/EOP@EOP	
cc: Subject: OLP Conversation	
Can you give me any sense as to how the idea I fl received?	oated by you was

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Kavanaugh and White House trying to figure out way to force the Senate to vote on judicial nominees. Pull language from a 1789 Senate Resolution requiring a date for a nominee to be considered, and an 1829 decision not to act on a nominee

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

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To: CN=Jonathan F. Ganter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO]

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-MAY-2003 09:07:20.00

SUBJECT::

TO:Jonathan F. Ganter (CN=Jonathan F. Ganter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

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This apparently was adopted in first Congress in 1 J. Exec. 19. Can you find it and get it to me and also ask Library to find any history about this provision:

"Resolved, That when nominations shall be made in writing by the President of the United States to the Senate, a future day shall be assigned, unless the Senate unanimously direct otherwise, for taking them into consideration.... All questions shall be put by the President of the Senate, either in the presence or absence of the President of the United States; and the Senators shall signify their assent or dissent by answering, viva voce, ay or no."

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

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To: CN=Jonathan F. Ganter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO]

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SUBJECT::
TO:Jonathan F. Ganter (CN=Jonathan F. Ganter/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
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also need 5 Reg. Deb. 86-92 (1829) from Senate debates on Justice Crittendon.

June 16, 2003

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Kavanaugh discussion with Senator McConnell's Office re: Senate confirmation of Executive Branch nominees.

CN=Brett M. Kavanaugh/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO]

To: CN=Dina Powell/OU=WHO/O=EOP@Exchange@EOP [WHO]

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SUBJECT::
TO:Dina Powell (CN=Dina Powell/OU=WHO/O=EOP@Exchange@EOP [WHO])
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I received a call from Senator McConnell's counsel who is quietly interested in reforms to the process for confirming Executive Branch appointees. He mentioned two issues: whether there are too many Senate-confirmed positions and whether there should be timelines on Senate consideration of nominees. Thoughts?