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Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes United States Supreme Court Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

As a staunch admirer of yours and a great believer in the Supreme Court of the United States as the one and only possible stop-gap against unwise and illegal legislation, the present desires of our President are naturally very disturbing to the thinking man.

The insinuations printed in some of our New York City newspapers to the effect that some of the members of the Supreme Court may resign voluntarily, is of course most disturbing. Should such a thing occur I want to put myself on record as saying that I believe those resigning would be letting the people down at a time when they are most needed and I sincerely trust that nothing like that will occur.

When we lose the force of wisdom and power of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Constitution might just as well be scrapped entirely.

Undoubtedly you will receive many letters expressing the foregoing views and I hope that there will be enough of them to prevent such a catastrophe.

With sincere admiration, I am

Very truly yours,

LAE:FJ

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