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TEXT:

All,

I trust that everyone might have perused the article in Monday's Post in which Senator Helms all but stated that he will block the confirmation process of former Carolyn Moseley-Braun as Ambassador of New Zealand.

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is an article in today's Post ("Daschle Assails GOPs 'Anti-Minority' Views, A8, Col 1), that highlights an apparent return to a time immemorial. I've asked Wendy--(2) days ago--to see if we could possibly have a Orientation with Senator Helms on the nomination and confirmation process. The bible tells us that "we have not, because we ask not." Lets be sure to take advantage of the access that this year will provide. Your thoughts please.

BLP

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From: Timothy Wu [mailto:twu@os.dhhs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 1999 5:48 PM

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Subject: Re: Linda Greenhouse

Rey et al...

If anyone wants a verbal treatise on the ins and outs of the senate

confirmation process, just give me a year or two to vent my spleen...

Anyway, Rey is absolutely right...the homestate senator is a key figure in the process, and during Jim's confirmation fight, both Senators Feinstein and Boxer were critically important in keeping his nomination alive.

I think that Khalid is moving us from the original discussion which Gary originated to a broader question of when politics, politicking, and policy intersect -- and what is right and wrong in the morass of that intersection. Can we all think of people who might address our class on this issue?

Tim

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>Can you tell I have strong feeling on this matter?

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If we were going to speak to the Senator about his views on foreign policy and foreign aid, that would make more sense to me (I would probably still filibuster for personal reasons but you all would overrule me). But to ask him to speak about judicial confirmation and the role of race and judicial activism seems to me to cross the line I spoke to above and he doesn't deserve our ears on the matter. I'm done.

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Hey, all...

This is definitely going to go in the "Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows" category, no pun intended.

I actually support the idea of asking Senator Helms to speak to us, for two very disparate reasons:

1) While I personally agree with JB's comments, and can show you a stack of letters in which Senator Helms says somewhat less than flattering things about me, my relationship with Jim, and basically my right to breathe the same air and live on the same planet that he does (see, JB...I have strong feelings about him as well!), I also wanted to be a fellow precisely because the opportunity would allow me to experience parts of the political process that I would never otherwise be able to take part in.

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My personal belief is that while HE may feel qualified to make broad pronouncements about the morality of MY existence without ever having seen or met me, I will not stoop to his level and treat him in such a similarly

unfair fashion. Before I finally pronounce judgement on the man, I want to have met and seen him face-to-face.

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>Atwater, met with the head of the Klu Klux Klan in the area at the time of
>great racial antagonism in the early 70s. They met for a series of
>"charettes" and out of that dialogue came many insights and
understandings.

>I believe in talking with those in opposition to your ideas or
>perspectives. Senator Helms to me is a different story. His motives to me
>are clear and well known. And I have no interest in giving him a forum
>that will do little if nothing to advance our understanding of the process
>or of issues.

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>Can you tell I have strong feeling on this matter?

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>If you want to pursue this further, we can get people from all sides of
>the issue to talk to you. Please let Wendy know and we will circulate a
>list of possible speakers. I assume you all understand how politicized
>not only the process of judicial confirmation is but the interpretation
>of the process. There is also a long history behind these battles which
>also illuminates the ideological obstacles that Congress has thrown up
>against more than just judges.

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>>Wow, Khalid, you're really a follow-through kind of guy. I like all of

>>your suggestions, and would be happy to do my part. With respect to the

>>confirmation process, my understanding is that it's the home state

senator

>>for any particular nominee that can really make-or-break the individual.

>>In the case of Ronnie White -- the African American judge from Missouri

>who

>>was recently rejected -- that's exactly what happened. His home state

>>senator turned on him, and that was the nail in the coffin.

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>>--Rey

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>> I suggest writing her another letter and pushing her on the question.

>> I agree with Rey, she did not really answer it. Maybe there is no good answer. Maybe, the recent climate is simply a function of the current political realities.

>> If our class really feels this is an issue worth exploring further, maybe we should contact the judge (forgot his name) who was rejected and ask him to speak to our class. Or we try to get the point person

>> in the Clinton admin. who was supposed to champion him. Or we try to

>> talk to someone in the Rep. leadership in the senate. How about trying to get Judge Bork and ask him what he thinks?

>> Just some thoughts.

>> Khalid

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>>Gary & Gang:

>> I have finally had a chance to review Linda's response to

>>Gary's great inquiry (great job, dude), and it seems to me that her
answer.

>>was just that: an answer and not a true response. Gary asked her about

>>the CURRENT political atmosphere and she dismissed his inquiry by

>>pointing to two examples from the past -- Justice Ginsburg and Justice

>>Breyer. Those may, indeed, be examples of where strong-willed judges
with

>>a "paper trail" were able to get confirmed, but those were a few YEARS

>>ago.

>>As I understood Gary's question, he was trying to focus her on the more

>>recent climate (say past 12-16 months), and it seems to me we still don't

>>have an answer to that more troublesome question.

>>Just some of my observations.

>>--Rey

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TEXT:

Hi, all...

Since confirmation issues seem to be of interest to people, would anyone like me to ask Jim (my partner) if he would be able to (or the State department would allow him to) have an off-the record informal discussion about his rather lengthy confirmation process?

He is going to be in town on Monday for some meetings at the State department, and I could check to see if he is available for an informal lunch. (Wendy...I can't remember if we have anything scheduled for lunch Monday).

Tim

Original Text

From: <khalid.azim@exim.gov>, on 10/29/1999 9:45 AM:

Can I ask our new committee for speakers/policy issues to please consider how we as a class can come to a better understanding of the issue of Senate confirmations. I think there is enough interest to try to pursue this further, either with Helms or with others.

Khalid

Reply Separator

Subject: There Helms Goes Again . . .

Author: <Reynaldo_Valencia@who.eop.gov> at INTERNET

Date: 10/28/99 11:07 AM

The Washington Post is carrying an article this morning regarding the fact that Jesse Helms called on Capitol Police to escort nine female House members out of a Committee meeting he was chairing yesterday. The nine female House members, and some of their staffers, for a total of 20 in all, had gone to Helm's office to request that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hold hearings on the 1979 United Nations Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Helms opposes the treaty and has refused to hold hearings or to allow a vote on it. When the group of 20 did not find Helms in his office, they proceeded down the hall to the Committee meeting in issue. The Post reports that the transcript of the altercation quotes Helms as follows: "You know, you're out of order, and I would not be discourteous to you where you work. Now, you please be a lady . . . You are not going to be heard." Rep. Lynne C. Woolsey, one of the nine who was escorted out, stated, "I think it's very inappropriate for a member of the Senate to refuse a group of House members a discussion of what we regard as an important issue. . . . It's appalling."

Helms' spokesman said that the group was treated like any other demonstrators. "Senator Helms asked them to behave like ladies, but apparently they weren't willing to do so. If they want to be treated like members of Congress, they ought to behave like members of Congress. But if they're going to barge into a committee room and disrupt a hearing, they're going to be escorted out of the room by police like other protestors."

Yes, please let's invite this fine, upstanding American to lunch with us.

--Rey