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Honorable Lyndon Johnson
Vice-President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Re: Judge James Sewell
Corsicana, Texas

Dear Lyndon:

This is to recommend Judge Jim Sewell to you for possible appointment as a U. S. District Judge.

I make this recommendation to you without any reservation whatsoever. I would stake my complete reputation and honor on the judicial ability and goodness of this man.

Sewell was blinded in the Navy. After the war, he graduated with honors from the University of Texas Law School after being told three years before that he, a blind man, could never graduate.

I served in the Texas Legislature with him where he became a distinguished floor leader.

He was Adlai Stevenson's co-campaign manager for the State of Texas.

Presently, he is a State of Texas District Judge and is highly regarded by the lawyers, both liberal and conservative, who practice before him.

Sewell is one of the top men I have ever known in my life. He is highly qualified from a pure judicial standpoint. And he has always been a stout Democrat.

You would do great honor to yourself, to the judicial processes and to our country if you would help this man.

Your friend,

MAURY MAVERICK, JR.

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