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Dear Mr. DeMar:

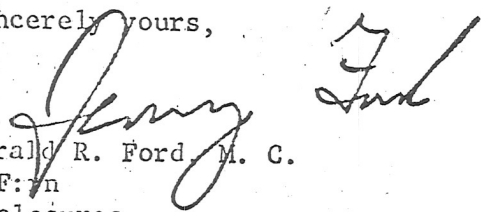
As you requested in your letter of December 16, 1970, I am enclosing a copy of the Final Report by the Special Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary on Associate Justice William O. Douglas. Also enclosed is a copy of my statement concerning the Subcommittee's report.

So many concerned citizens have written to ask about developments in this matter that I have had reprinted from the official Congressional Record the enclosed summary of developments following my speech to the House of Representatives on April 15, 1970. The Committee on the Judiciary of the House successfully asserted jurisdiction over the impeachment question during this 91st Congress. More than 100 Members of the House, representing both political parties, have thus far been unsuccessful in their efforts to have the matter investigated by a special bipartisan committee selected for that purpose, without other legislative duties and with an independent investigative staff.

In the enclosed reprint you will find my views and those of other Members of Congress who continue to urge a thorough-going probe of Justice Douglas' behavior. You will also find the complete texts of the legal memoranda on the Constitutional power of the House of Representatives to impeach members of the Federal Judiciary as prepared by the attorney for the accused, Judge Simon H. Rifkind of the New York-Washington firm of Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, and on my behalf by Mr. Bethel B. Kelley and Mr. Daniel G. Wyllie of the Detroit, Michigan firm of Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow & Trigg.

As you know, all proceedings of the House of Representatives start anew with the election of a new Congress which will convene in January 1971. I hope this material will help to keep you fully informed on developments to date.

Sincerely yours,


Gerald R. Ford, M. C.
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Enclosures