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The Hon. Gerald R. Ford  
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Dear Congressman Ford:

I thank you for sending me the final report and other materials relating to the question of impeachment of Justice Douglas.

Some of the factual presentation and conclusions reached puzzle me, particularly regarding the alleged hoodlum associations of Al Parvin. I am not now in a position to dispute any statements in the final report but it seems to me that a good deal of available information was not presented, leaving, on balance, a somewhat favorable impression of Mr. Parvin and his activities.

I would venture an opinion that a more searching and independent investigation would present a different overall view of him, and, perhaps, of the Justice's association with him.

The research on the entire question of impeachment, both pro and con as to the jurisdiction of the House Judiciary Committee, makes the report valuable, in my opinion, if not as to the conclusion with respect to Justice Douglas certainly as the groundwork should any impeachment be considered in the future.

Somewhat related to impeachment is the question of recall. I have prepared an essay (which may or may not be published, depending on the critical commentaries I receive from a number of people better informed in this area than myself) which proposes a form of "instant recall."

If your time at all permits, I should greatly be honored to learn your opinions and reaction to the proposal.

Should I come across any material bearing on Mr. Parvin or Justice Douglas which appears to be of possible interest to you, I certainly will pass it along.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

Very sincerely,

Ed DeMar