

REHNQUIST OPPOSED BY NEGRO BAR GROUP

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The National Bar Association, an organization of Negro lawyers, announced its opposition today to the nomination of William H. Rehnquist to the Supreme Court.

A statement by the president of the N.B.A., James W. Cobb, also expressed some reservations about the other nominee, Lewis F. Powell Jr., but concluded that "the record of the man reflects no substantial reasons for opposition."

Mr. Cobb said that the association represents 4,000 black lawyers, judges and law professors across the country.

Mr. Cobb, a 43-year-old lawyer here, said, "We are generally concerned with the pronouncement that the prime criteria for both nominations was based on an alleged judicial philosophy characterized as 'conservative'."

Speaking of Mr. Rehnquist, he said, "We are concerned

with his position in such areas as public accommodations, electronic surveillance, pre-trial detention and other pronouncements reflecting his political ideology."

In a separate development, 19 members of the law faculty at Catholic University have Senator James O. Eastland, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to recall Mr. Rehnquist to answer questions about his role in formulating policy at the Justice Department.

Mr. Rehnquist has declined to answer questions about his role as Assistant Attorney General in the office of legal counsel. He has maintained that this would violate the lawyer-client relationship between himself and the Attorney General.