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TO: HONORABLE JAMES EASTLAND
UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON D.C.

In view of recent developments relative to the ousting of Archibald Cox and William Ruckelshaus and the resignation of Elliott Richardson as Attorney General, I most respectfully request that you convene a meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee as soon as possible to consider all the factors involved.

Certain promises and pledges were made by the Attorney General to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Certain commitments were made so that Mr. Archibald Cox could assume an independent position as Special Prosecutor. The Senate proceeded in good faith on the basis of those promises, pledges and commitments.

The resignation and discharges of the above mentioned individuals are matters of the highest importance and I believe they should be considered by the full Judiciary Committee as soon as possible. This is a matter which, in my opinion, confronts not only the Judiciary Committee but the full Senate, the Congress and the American people as well.

Sincerely yours,

MIKE MANSFIELD
MAJORITY LEADER
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