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November 19, 1986

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Re: Samuel A. Alito

Dear Mr. Burns:

This letter follows my telephone conversation with you concerning Samuel A. Alito, Jr. whose candidacy for the position of United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey I heartily endorse.

As I informed you over the telephone, Mr. Alito served as a law clerk in my chambers from July 1976 to August 1977. Since that time I have remained in constant communication with him and have followed his career with great interest and pride.

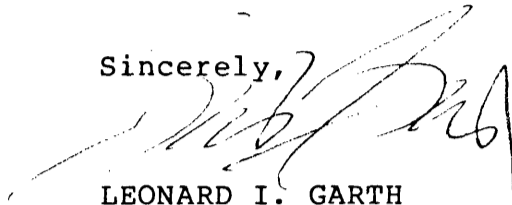
Without going into all of the details that I discussed with you, suffice it to say I believe Mr. Alito is not only admirably well-qualified to discharge the substantive tasks of the United States Attorney's office, but that his aptitudes extend to administrative tasks as well. I can certify to Mr. Alito's integrity, ability, discretion and honesty. Above and beyond those qualities, however, I believe his talents as a lawyer are exceptional. I am sure that his tenure in government service since he has left my chambers has reflected the fact that he is a thorough, meticulous, intelligent and resourceful attorney and that his judgments are mature and responsible. Indeed, he was one of the finest law clerks I have had the privilege to engage. If I were to rate him on the basis of one to ten -- ten being the highest rating -- he would without question receive a ten+ rating.

I therefore recommend Mr. Alito for the position of United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey without any reservations whatsoever. If I can furnish any additional information, I would be happy to do so upon request, and I would

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also welcome any additional telephone inquiries if you should desire to discuss any further aspects of his application or his service with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. I. Garth', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

LEONARD I. GARTH

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