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From: SMITH, CONG. CHRISTOPHER H.  
To: AG.  
Date Received: 12-23-86 Date Due: 01-20-87 Control #: 6122317779  
Subject & Date  
12-22-86 LETTER RECOMMENDING AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE POSITION  
OF U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.  
SEE EX SEC NOS. 6112116207 AND 6121817541.

	Referred To:	Date:	Referred To:	Date:	
(1)	EOA;TYSON	12-23-86	(5)		FILE:
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SEC FOR TRANSMITTAL TO OLA FOR CONCURRENCE.  
(2) FOR CONCURRENCE - RETURN TO EX. SEC., ROOM 4414.  
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(3) FOR CONCURRENCE. DD EXT FROM 01-12 TO 01-14. (CYN)  
(4) CONCURRED BY DAG & FORWARDED TO AG FOR SIG. (HBR)

Other Remarks:

02-09-87. AG SIGNED LETTER WHICH WAS DATED 02-05-87 PER  
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# Memorandum

ATTORNEY GENERAL/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION



Subject	Date
Request for Signature on Letter	JAN 7 1987

To	From
Mr. Edwin Meese III Attorney General Thru: Mr. Arnold I. Burns Deputy Attorney General	William P. Tyson Director Executive Office for U. S. Attorneys

**Action Required:**

Signature on letter.

**Final Action By:**

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney General

Deputy Attorney General

**Previous Background Provided:**

None

**Summary:**

**Comments:**

Congressman Christopher H. Smith (R. N.J.) has requested that Samuel A. Alito, Jr., be considered for appointment to the position of United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. Attached is a proposed response to Congressman Smith.

Concurrences:      DAG AAG OLC OLP OLA PAO JMD

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See Reverse For Instruction

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

5 February 1987

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Samuel A. Alito, Jr., for appointment as United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I am well aware of Sam's outstanding abilities and share your high regard for him. Please be assured that he will receive every consideration as recommendations are developed for the President.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Edwin Meese III

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

4TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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The Honorable Edwin Meese  
U.S. Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ed:

I would like to take this opportunity to strongly recommend Samuel A. Alito, Jr. for the position of United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey.

As you know, Mr. Alito currently holds the position of Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel. He previously served in the Solicitor General's office, where he had the distinction of arguing numerous cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Alito is very attuned to President Reagan's concerns in the area of law enforcement, and is particularly committed to stemming the flow of illegal drugs. He would be able to draw upon his previous experience in the U.S. Attorney's office in New Jersey upon assuming this important new assignment.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Alito has resided in my hometown of Hamilton Township (Mercer County). He distinguished himself at Princeton University and Yale Law School, where he also served as editor of the Law Journal.

Sam Alito has compiled a great deal of educational and professional achievements. He is an individual of high integrity and great skill. In my opinion, he would be an excellent choice for the vital position of United States Attorney for the State of New Jersey.

Thank you very much for considering my recommendation. Please feel free to call on me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH  
Member of Congress

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