

MEMO FOR CHASE UNTERMEYER

FROM: Becky Armendariz/ Jack Quinones

SUBJECT: HISPANIC CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL POSITIONS

NAME: Sonia Sotomayor

Professional Background:

Partner Associate, Law firm (New York)
Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's
Office.
Research Assistant, Law

Political Background:

Potential Positions:

- 1) Dept. of Justice
- 2) Housing and Urban Development
- 3) Judicial Branch

COMMENTS:

COMPLETED

RECOMMENDATION ROUTING TICKET

IDATE: Sotomayor, Sonia
 NR: 56615 FILESTAT: CF
 BY: GHB RECAGCY: DCT
 OS: Southern NY
 SENSE: 18 TO AD: mmR

 ESS?: Y N

WAIT LETTER

never returned in '89

BATCH #: W128 LTR1: W '89

CLEARANCE LETTER

BATCH #: _____ LTR1: C

SSAN: _____

AFTER REVIEW

STAT: AD CF
 RG: A (Must hire)
 B (Strong)
 C (Consider)
 D (Do NOT Consider)
 L: 1 (PAS) 2 (PA)
 3 (SES) 4 (SKC)

750 Columbus Avenue
New York, New York 10025
March 26, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

I recently heard the good news that the name of Sonia Sotomayor has been sent to you for consideration to fill a vacancy in the District Court of the Southern District of New York. Having known, studied with, and worked with Sonia for nearly 20 years, I wish briefly to bring to your attention aspects of her background which make her a superb choice.

At Princeton, where Sonia and I were classmates, she received the Pyne prize, the highest award conferred upon an undergraduate. At Yale Law School, where Sonia and I were assigned to the same small group section, she distinguished herself as a brilliant lawyer and tireless worker. On the basis of her scholarly writing, she was named an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

At the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Sonia and I worked in the same trial bureau. She was uniformly regarded as the finest lawyer of our group. Perhaps even more importantly, she demonstrated a very keen sensitivity to the need of the community for vigorous and fair enforcement of criminal laws.

Sonia's technical brilliance as a lawyer is matched by a deep appreciation of social issues. She consistently avoids the doctrinaire and the dogmatic; indeed, she is a registered Independent.

I am confident that Sonia's appointment will bring honor to the federal bench. Quite simply, she is a superbly qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

Peter Kougasian

PETER M. KOUGASIAN

Kougasian, Peter M.

April 15, 1991

Dear Mr. Kougasian:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush recommending Sonia Sotomayor for a judicial appointment in the Bush Administration.

Your comments will be included in this candidate's personnel file and will be given careful consideration.

We appreciate your dedication to having a federal judiciary in keeping with President Bush's philosophy.

Sincerely,



CHASE UNTERMEYER
Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential Personnel

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