



HIGH COMMISSIONER
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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PERSONAL

Dear Ruth:

I delayed responding to your inquiry regarding Kelly Turner and the judgeship position until I had had the opportunity to discuss it personally with Judge Furber. At the time your note arrived some weeks ago, the Judge was in Truk and has just returned to Saipan within the past few days. Last evening I sounded him out on the matter and he posed no strong opinion for or against the possible appointment. He recognizes in Kelly an attorney who has very firm and vocal opinions and who, in the Judge's view, is possibly very quick in forming his opinions or judgments. Judge Goss, on the other hand, is at the other extreme--soft voice, extremely deliberate and perhaps somewhat unduly cautious.

In my opinion, Kelly would make a very good judge. Bob Shoecraft agrees. Kelly is interested in the position although disclaims any recent efforts to activate the appointment. He also is disinclined to make the move until a satisfactory replacement as Assistant AG is available. Shoe, of course, will be very reluctant to lose Kelly but recognizes the opportunity which this would be for Kelly. If this matter is pursued, we must handle it in such a way that we have reasonable opportunity to line up a replacement in the AG's office where we already are rather thin.

I hope this information is sufficient answer to your two notes of inquiry. If you want me to develop anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Bill

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