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Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis
2203 California Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Justice:

Please pardon me for troubling you but I find it is the Pittsburg Post-Gazette which has complete proof that Justice Hugo L. Black was a member of the Ku Klux Klan at the time of his nomination by Mr. Roosevelt, and that he is still a member of the Klan. This proof is in the form of a photographic letter showing Justice Black's life membership in the Klan.

This would necessitate either impeachment or a resignation, as I understand it. Can nothing be done? Is there no way to reject this frightful membership recently made? Either through the above facts or through the two suits about to be brought?

If he deceived in order to obtain a position in our highest Tribunal and a generous salary for life, is he to be trusted?

One insult after another has been heaped by Mr. Roosevelt on our marvelous Supreme Court -- the ages of the justices, their inability unless assisted by "new blood", and their dockets not cleared -- therefore will you accept, to go down in history, this final disgrace to the Supreme Court?

Is it not to be considered that decisions (with Justice Black on your Bench) will be challenged?

The points are as follows against Mr. Black:

- First - ILLITERACY (not even a high-school education) will make our high Tribunal common.
- Second - His Ku Klux Klan affiliation -- which can be proved.
- Third - His absolute lack of Legality, (see Article 1, Section 6 of the Constitution and Section 260 of the Judicial Code.)
- Fourth - Endorsement by John L. Lewis.
- Fifth - His acknowledging that Karl Marx has been his Master or Teacher (at least his inspiration).
- Sixth - How can he be impartial! If necessary in the Supreme Court to vote on his own Bill? The Black-Connery Bill.

Seventh - Being a rampant New Dealer, his inclination would be to push through un-Constitutional laws, certainly blows (or steps) in the wrong direction for us as a Nation.

Eighth - To quote from a Washington letter received:

“He seems to lack that spirit of tolerance and of fair-mindedness which is so essential to a judge.”

Please arrange with your great and clam tact to save the United States from this blow, which is to my mind too terrible to be considered for a moment!

Thanking you

Sincerely yours,

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