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Mr. Mike Tigar
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Dear Mike:

I have been meaning to write to you for over a week. Upon honest reflection, I must say that the Brennan situation was not a surprise to me, just a tremendous disappointment.

My disappointment is two fold: First, I am disappointed that the "witch hunters" could so markedly influence a Justice who wrote the dissent in Uphaus v. Wyman and in effect ridiculed the New Hampshire legislature for yielding to similar pressures.

Second, I am, of course, disappointed because a good friend has lost a valuable opportunity.

My reaction to the first disappointment was to dictate a long and nasty letter to the Court, the Los Angeles Times and every other "ear" I could think of. Upon reflection, I thought I would put the question to you: Do you want your friends to attempt to make some noise? Pat sent me the article from the Washington Post. More of the same would at least prove that the "right-wing" cannot get away with these things unnoticed. I await your answer.

As to the second disappointment, I suppose this is also in your hands. The Mike Tigar I know will not permit a personal set-back over which he has absolutely no control to alter the paths in life he has chosen for himself. John tells me you plan to stay in the East for

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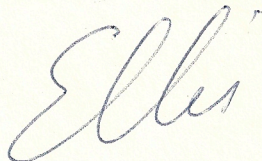
two or three years before making any final decisions as to your future. Let me say one thing, Ex-Supreme Court Clerk or not, if Mike Tigar is teaching law at a first-rate law school when my brilliant son (yet to be born) is selecting a law school, I will advise him to attend that school if, for nothing else, an opportunity to spend some time learning at Tigar's feet (paws?!):

Life goes on. Baby girl Harmon (Victoria Lynn) is now seven weeks old and well over 12 pounds. She is alert and no trouble whatsoever--she has slept through the night since her first week at home. Nonetheless, there is room for condolences: Everyone says she looks like me!

Los Angeles is not nearly as bad as we all remembered it last year. There are places and people to avoid, but there are also places and people to enjoy. We are even considering the purchase of a home. Right now we are looking in the Santa Monica Canyon and Palisades area. The tight money situation has brought within our reach several homes that a year ago would have been "untouchable".

My best to Pam and your burgeoning family. Write when you get a chance. I am anxious to know your plans.

As always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "E" and a long, sweeping tail.