The gentle breezes soothe our browe
The sky is blue & clear
The palm leaves whisper kindly things
And that is all we hear.

Save Neptune's inarticulate
And murmured conversation
That speaks a tongue that brings us peace
Amid a troubled nation.

The Gulf of Mexico is near
As smooth as gasoline;
And now, at last, we know just what
The words "That Good Gulf" mean.
I speak the words the wise should heed from this vacation land.
'Tis better far and comfort know than try to be too grand.

Oh! What a glorious thing it is to see the sky of blue
And know that we can live without a—God—damn—thing—to—do.
Dear Mr. President,

Here we are where the weather grows. We arrived Jan. 31st and have been horizontal practically all the time. This is one of the few perpendicular moments she had. It's either utter fatigue or the 1st stages of some sickness.

The beach is 1½500 blocks away.
go down then to lie down
for 15 or 20 hours and am
then so worn out I have
to come back to the
cottage to go to bed for
5 hours. Practically
everyone is in bed by
10:30 - even the "bridgers"-
being in a cottage we
could stay up until
11, if we got wild.

There is a fair
5 hole golf course that
10 men played yesterday -
he is going to play again
today, but thinks he'll
have to rest 2 or 3 days.
after that.

The place is infested with Du Ponts, although we haven't seen one yet—no that we'd know one if we fell over it. They are spoken of in hushed tones, the manager (for no reason at all) said to us one day in a low, that sounded to me like the voice that breathed over Eden: "Mr. Harry Du Pont was in to lunch yesterday." As the Du Ponts to me are less than the dust & generally gaze ceilingward to see if any flies came in with them, but apparently some
these people mistake These for God. I say, that's Pettin' up false gods & down with 'em.

The first night we were here, a sower came up & asked me if I liked to go shelling. My poor old brain has been loping along on 3 cylinders for the past few months - so I looked at her in a dazed way & wondered what she was talking about. The only shelling I knew anything about was Ernest's while I liked his concerts very much I couldn't imagine "going for" him. First, he's already gone for 'Ames furnishing & second, Mrs. Schelling (if there
is one night object. So, I stupidly repeated "shelling - shelling." "Yes," said she brightly, "there are lovely shells all along the shore." I came to with a start I allowed I was too tired to go shelling. I never can understand why dowagers - ponderous ones, too - are attracted to us.

During the 6 years in Washington I had the fanciest collection of dowagers you ever saw who all thought I believed it or not - I was "darling."
Do you think they understand what I'm saying? It must be a fatal defect in my character — cause on the surface I ought to be proper to them.

We felt very sad when we left and wished we might have wasted you away. Around here is supposed to be the greatest tarpon fishing grounds in the U.S.

This went so at the train by say "see you," from 3 chauffeuses of the D.L. & J. up to & including the attorney.
General. Homer got some of his favorite Champagne & I got cassages & books & magazines. Just as we were pulling out Homer called to them the only thing they forgot was the rice.

We do wish you were here or some place where the skies are soft & blue & the breezes balmy — & the fishing balmy — & the fishing paradise — an. Jack, Walton paradise & there ain’t no senators.

Enclosed in Homer’s gift to anthologies if he could only get more pureness & light
into it he could have Eddie Guest's job.

As always our affectionate wishes go to you.
March 11, 1939.

Dear Homer:

Many thanks for your letter. It is mighty good to hear from you and especially to know that all goes well with you and Cecilia.

Be sure to let me know as soon as you come back to this village!

I know how you feel about Harold. I have been back such a short time that I have not had a chance for more than a five minute talk on the vacancy situation and I am still in the process you know so well — getting "dope" on half a dozen different people. I hope to make a decision soon but it certainly is a difficult problem.

As ever yours,

Honorable Homer S. Cummings,
1630 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely and with all my heart hope you will appoint Harold Stephens to the Supreme Court. Of course you have long known how I feel about the matter and why. But I thought you would not mind if I summed up, as it were:

1. Clearly the appointment should go to either the 9th or the 10th circuit. That is hardly open to debate. Our western friends are loyal but disturbed. They have a good case and both as a matter of justice and policy they should not be disappointed.

2. I have combed the whole Territory and there are but a few possibilities -- Denman, Schwellenbach, Rugledge and Stephens.

3. Denman - fine and loyal and progressive - but the age factor is fatal.

4. Schwellenbach - a fine man and loyal - but without Judicial or scholastic background - or with experience at the bar.

5. Rutledge -- a man of good ability and progressive -- but would not be regarded as well qualified for the Supreme Court -- and Iowa is not far enough West -- and Associate Justice Butler comes from the same circuit.

6. Stephens -- far and way the best qualified of all. Experienced as a Judge in a trial court in Utah - degrees from Harvard and elsewhere - and a fine record in his present post. He was one of the group that stood behind George Dern and against the old crowd in Utah. George Dern was one of the first to speak to me about him. I talked to Stephens in my early days as A. G. and decided right away he was a man I wanted. You know of his work as Asst. to the A. G. -- and as Assistant A. G. in charge of the Anti-Trust Division. He has argued case after case in the Supreme Court. He was with us in the early days when the going was difficult. He never wavered - worked like a horse and went through fire with us. I know the work he did
and of his loyalty to you and the Administration. He is a progressive -- was so in the early days both as a judge and as a citizen. If he should be appointed you could rely upon the same attitude toward constitutional questions and administration questions as was exemplified by Cardozo and carried on by those of his school. He is a student and a scholar of wide learning. The West would acclaim the appointment and the country would applaud. I am very fond of Harold Stephens but I think I can view the matter impersonally.

7. I know that other suggestions have been made -- such as Douglas, Hutchinson and Bratton -- but I assume that you will not find them available -- for one reason or another.

Hutchinson & Bratton we know about and have discussed heretofore. Douglas is of the East -- so unmistakably that his appointment, whatever else might be said of it, would not be a recognition of the Great West.

8. It all comes back to Stephens -- far and away the best qualified, the best trained, the most available, the most experienced and the only one in the lot who really knows the problem of administration in a modern state as it impinges upon the law.

Pardon the lengthy epistle -- but I feel very strongly on the subject.

Your address to Congress was in your best vein. I thought it a perfect document -- and so far overtopped the address of the C. J. that it gave us a real thrill. Cecilia and I are having a real vacation and as ever and always send affectionate greetings.

HOMER CUMMINGS

TO THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely trust all your health, if the time and appointment permit.

Harvey, Shingle & Co. - The Egyptian Court - Of course you have only known how I feel about the matter today. But I had to write you something and meant to mention this, as it was.

1. Clearly, the appointment should be kept, both as a matter of fact and in the public interest. The interest of our friends, the national interest, the good of the country, and the prestige of this nation must be considered.

2. Please contact the other Territory Office and a few additional - Demonet.
April 13th, 1945

Marine Corp.
Marine Barracks
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

I write this letter with a heavy heart, knowing that it may be my last. As a loyal U.S. citizen, I have dedicated my life to serving my country. Now, as I stand at the crossroads of our nation's history, I must share my thoughts and concerns with you.

Firstly, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Their courage and dedication have been truly heroic. Let us remember them always.

Secondly, I urge you to consider the consequences of our actions. The world is watching, and the eyes of history are upon us. We must act with wisdom and compassion, ensuring that our decisions lead to a better future for all.

I understand the complexity of the decisions you face, but I implore you to consider the long-term implications. The choices we make today will shape the course of our nation and the world for generations to come.

In closing, I wish to convey my fondest wishes for your health and success. May the spirit of this nation guide you and inspire you to lead with strength and vision.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
This note as Asst. S. G. was Assistant A. G.

In charge of Anti-Trust Division. He has
argued cases after case in the Supreme
Court. He was well as in the early
days when big cases were handled.

The note is bristling with vig.

He wrote the kind of his loyalty begin
with the Administration, the in a profession
cross as in men. He declared a
judgment. He appointed your counsel and upon the
same attitude toward constitutional questions a new administration

by Cardozo. I cannot recall it, but of his work.

It is a student, a counselor I write
the matter in the

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Yours a foreword & Judge to communicate 55 - to President - 抄写 by hand -
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

The President
The White House

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Dear Cecelia:

I have been a very long time in replying to thank you for that letter which was such a joy. I do hope the whole visit has been pleasant and restful and that you and Homer will come back feeling completely re-freshed.

The poem is lovely and makes me long to spend weeks in Florida. Some day I shall!

We missed you much at the Cabinet Dinner and next year you must both be there with us.

My affectionate greetings to you both.

As ever,

F. D. R.

Mrs. Homer Cummings
Forest Hills Hotel
Augusta, Georgia