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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of June 11 concerning my views on the appropriate method for the selection of an Attorney General.

It is my opinion that the Attorney General should be an elective officer. I base this conclusion on the experience and observation of the Attorney Generals' offices in other states and I am confident that the greatest freedom of professional judgment and independent action will be achieved by a source other than by appointment. I feel that this will minimize to the greatest extent possible the making of decisions of a legal nature based upon political considerations or other factors besides the professional judgment of an Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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