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MR. JUSTICE RUTLEDGE

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Wiley Rutledge was my friend. I was greatly pleased when he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He came here with deep convictions concerning the value of law as an instrument for protecting the individual against injustice. Firmly adhering to those convictions, he rendered invaluable services to the Court and to the Nation. His innate kindliness and uniform courtesy won the affection of all. His ability and sense of duty won their respect. The opinions he wrote show the fervor with which he championed principles without regard to popular clamor. The only thing of which he was ever afraid was that he might agree to an unjust result.

All of us lost much when this gentle but courageous man was taken from us.

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