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MESSAGE

I thank you for the invitation to take part in the Conference on Judicial Accountability. Ill health forbids my travel although I consider the subject of your discussion important.

The judiciary is a great instrumentality with vast powers devoted to justice social and economic to every humble citizen. Our Constitution obligates social and economic justice to everyone including the deacon in the country which involves judicial accountability which alone makes power purposeful to the common people. In this dimension your discussion must concretize ways and means whereby the humblest human will be able to demand justice, especially social and economic. The court is not authoritarian, but is bound to use its power in such manner that the rich and powerful shall not hold the weaker section in thralldom. There must be an instrumentality whereby the little man and woman may insist on accountability in the administration of justice so that power may not be cornered by the rich, and the poor shall not be denied the access to justice.

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