

September 18, 1987

Dear Bill:

I have now had an opportunity to read several of the chapters in "The Supreme Court", and congratulate you warmly on what I am sure will be an important book - of interest to lawyers as well as laymen.

When I read your chapter on how the Court goes about its work, I was pleased with the similarity of your description with what I said - more briefly - in the talk I gave at the ABA meeting in San Francisco. I enclose a copy that perhaps Nan as well as you will find interesting.

I also enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Lawrence Hughes. Jo and I thought the dinner Monday evening was one of the very nicest we have ever attended, and we are grateful to you and Nan for including us as guests.

As ever,

The Chief Justice

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January 6, 1988

Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
Supreme Court Justice  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
10th & Main Streets  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Federal Circuit Executives

Dear Justice Powell:

This will confirm my conversation with you yesterday about the dilemma of the twelve Federal Circuit Executives and the fact that they do not have an effective spokesman, lobbyist, or association to represent their interests.

Title 28 U.S.C. § 332(f) provides that each Circuit Executive shall be paid a salary not to exceed the annual rate of level V of the Executive Schedule Pay Rates.

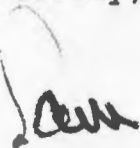
A resolution of the Chief Circuit Judges dated the 17th day of March 1987, supports an increase in salary for the Circuit Executives not to exceed level III of the Executive Schedule Pay Rates. The Judicial Conference of the United States voted on September 21, 1987 to recommend that 28 U.S.C. § 332(f) be amended to increase the salaries of Circuit Executives not to exceed the annual rate of level IV of the Executive Schedule Pay Rates.

I fear that this matter is not being actively pursued by the Administrative Office on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

As Chairman of the Circuit Executives for 1988 I thank you on their behalf and personally for your very kind offer to explain our dilemma to Chief Justice Rehnquist and enlist his help for his twelve Federal Court Administrators.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Samuel W. Phillips

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Enclosures



January 19, 1988

Dear Sam:

Your letter of January 6 did not reach me until today. I will find an appropriate opportunity to talk to Chief Justice Rehnquist, and get back to you.

It always is good to see you, as well as others on your fine staff. You and they have been helpful and thoughtful neighbors when I am working next door.

I send best wishes.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Phillips, Esquire  
Circuit Executive  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Fourth Circuit  
P. O. Box 6G  
Richmond, Virginia 23214

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January 19, 1988

Federal Circuit Executives

Dear Chief:

The Circuit Executive for CA4, Sam Phillips, is the chairman this year of the 12 Federal Court Administrators. Sam is a former Richmond lawyer whom I know quite well. In my view, he does a fine job and is highly respected by the judges in our Circuit.

When I was sitting on CA4 the first week in January, Sam spoke to me about the unhappiness of the Circuit Executives because of the absence of any action on the recommendation of the Judicial Conference last September to change the level of salaries. My understanding is that the Judicial Conference has the primary responsibility in this matter, and that last September it recommended the increase.

I enclose Sam's letter, with its enclosures. As Sam is a friend and as it appears that the Circuit Executives have some reason to be unhappy, I would like to visit with you a few minutes sometimes at your convenience. .

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss



January 29, 1988

Dinner for Judge Kennedy

Dear Chief:

Jo and I would be happy to give a dinner for Judge and Mrs. Kennedy and the Court unless other plans have been made.

We would, of course, defer to you or any other Justice, but absent other plans we would like to have a dinner at the Anderson House.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss



January 30, 1988

Dear Chief:

I have talked to Bob Werner and he would be happy to work part time for Judge Kennedy for the March and April sittings. He would hope that Kennedy would give him the opportunity to work on at least one Court opinion. Bob - on the basis of talking with clerks in a couple of other Chambers - thinks that he would have that opportunity with one of the present Justices.

I will be at the University of Virginia for almost four weeks beginning March 18. But will return here on weekends. As I will be doing some teaching, and also a Supreme Court Seminar, I will need Bob from time to time to help me with preparation. Also, perhaps, unhappily I have agreed to make several speeches - including two at commencements. I may need some research and help for these. But from about mid-February, I estimate I will need Bob for only about half of the time. He works quickly, and long hours when necessary. I enclose his resume.

Two of the clerks whom I had engaged for this Term have not obtained Court clerkships. One of them, Ned Foley, is being interviewed by Harry. When I know what Harry does, I'll let you know and send the file or files to Judge Kennedy.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

February 22, 1988

The Honorable John W. Warner  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear John,

As you will note from the enclosed copy of the Joint Resolution with respect to Earl Warren, enacted in 1974 there is a long tradition of congressional procurement of portraits and busts of former Chief Justices of the United States. Retired Chief Justice Burger tells me that he took the laboring oar in seeking approval for the 1974 resolution on behalf of Earl Warren. I now propose to do the same on his behalf. Though he and I are not native Virginians, we at least have the merit of choosing wisely, and I am writing to you as the senior Senator from Virginia in hopes that you will introduce an appropriate resolution. I enclose a copy of what I think would be such a resolution, but I realize that it may require the fine hand of someone like you who is thoroughly experienced in the practice of Congress to put it in final form. As you will note from the marginal information, there is already in existence a bust of the Chief Justice, and all that is now needed is a portrait.

Sincerely,

*Bill Rehnquist*

cc: Chief Justice Warren E. Burger  
Justice Lewis F. Powell



Joint Resolution

Authorizing the procurement of an oil portrait of former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

Former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. Oil portrait.

(A private source has provided an appropriate marble bust.)

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That (a) the Curator of the Supreme Court of the United States, subject to the direction and approval of the Chief Justice of the United States, is authorized and directed to procure an oil portrait of the former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and to cause it to be placed in the United States Supreme Court Building.

Appropriation.

(b) There is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000 to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution.



Former Chief  
Justice Earl  
Warren,  
Oil portrait  
and marble bust,  
procurement.

Appropriation.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) the ~~Marshal~~ of the Supreme Court of the United States, subject to the direction and approval of Chief Justice of the United States, is authorized and directed to procure an oil portrait and ~~a marble bust, including pedestal,~~ of the former Chief Justice Earl Warren and to cause ~~them~~ <sup>it</sup> to be placed in the United States Supreme Court Building.  
(b) There is authorized to be appropriated \$25,000 to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution.  
Approved October 17, 1974.

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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

(10) Correspondence  
with Chief Justice  
October 3, 1988  
*Rehnquist*

Dear Lewis and Jo,

Thank you so much for the flowers which you sent to my Mother's funeral in Milwaukee. Losing a parent who is ninety-one is not tragic or shocking, but the sense of loss is very much there whatever the age. All of my family appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending the flowers.

Sincerely,

*Bill*



November 7, 1988  
11:00 a.m.

Dear Chief:

Here are my predictions for the  
election.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss



December 19, 1988

Dear Bill:

Jo and I think that the Christmas party this year was the best of the 17 years since we came to the Court. The music and singing in the great Conference Room was exciting and inspiring.

We were particularly pleased to see Nan present and looking so well. We have great admiration and affection for both of you.

We are off to Richmond until December 27.

As ever,

The Chief Justice

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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.  
RETIRED

Chief,

Your after-dinner  
talk Sunday evening  
was was a smash  
hit!

It was educational  
and attractively  
delivered.

Lewis

Jan. 31, 1989



May 17, 1989

Dear Chief:

As perhaps you know, I attended the recent combined Judicial Conference of CA5 and CA11 in New Orleans. Byron and Tony also were there, and the three of us were on a panel together.

I write to say that your efforts, particularly your testimony before a congressional committee to obtain salary increases, were widely approved. Ralph Mecham was one of the speakers. He also spoke highly of your leadership in this respect and was impressive in summarizing the ongoing action of the Administrative Office.

As ever,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss



May 26, 1989

Dear Chief:

As I will be sitting on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond the week of June 5, I will not be here for your reception for the Supreme Court press corps. It is good to know that it will be held on the 200th anniversary of Madison's introduction of the Bill of Rights.

I may have commended you before on holding a reception for the press corps. On balance, I think the reporters who cover the Court regularly do a creditable job. They also respect the confidentiality of the Court where it would be easy enough to obtain advance copies of opinions.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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*Sally ~~Art Janet~~*

Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

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*Tues the 27<sup>th</sup>  
- I may speak  
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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

May 31, 1989

ATTENTION

ALL LAW CLERKS OT 1988

ALL OTHER COURT PERSONNEL WHO (FOR WHATEVER REASON)  
WANT TO BID FAREWELL TO THE OT 88 LAW CLERKS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARTY IN THE EAST AND WEST  
CONFERENCE ROOMS AT 3:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th.

THERE WILL BE SINGING, AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT YET TO  
BE DEVISED. LIQUID REFRESHMENTS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

*WM*

*The Chief Justice plans to  
leave on Thursday, the 29th, for  
the Judicial Conference.*

*There is a reception + dinner  
on the evening of Wed, the 28.*

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Wed

July 25, 1989

Subject: Agenda for Talk With W.H.R.

The Chief Justice returns from France today (Monday), and I may talk to him tomorrow about the following:

The Ad Hoc Committee (draft of Professor Pearson July 20th, copy to be delivered to The Chief by Mike Levy Tuesday morning.

I should ask Mike also to give The Chief a copy of Charles Clark's letter and draft.

Also talk to The Chief about Dean Sullivan's letter of July 11, and give The Chief a copy.

L.F.P., Jr.





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*Call Dean Sullivan*

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July 11, 1989

The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
c/o Samuel W. Phillips, Esquire  
Circuit Executive  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 6-G  
Richmond, Virginia 23214

Dear Justice Powell:

I am very grateful for your willingness to assist in acquainting the Chief Justice with his nomination as the first Carter O. Lowance Fellow in Public Service. I have attached a brief statement which describes the essential points of the Fellowship.

Should the Chief Justice accept, our expectation is that he would spend two days in residence meeting with our students and our faculty in a variety of informal settings. There would be one or two of the usual social events as well. No formal public lecture is contemplated. The two days in residence would provide a brief respite from the great pressure of court business and allow a brief period of intellectual and personal interaction with our students and our faculty.

The Chief Justice's selection of our first Carter Lowance Fellow is most appropriate. His speech, delivered at the University of Chicago on the subject of lawyers and public service, inspired the idea of the Lowance Fellowship. The Fellowship's principal purpose is to encourage our students to take seriously their professional obligation to serve their community.

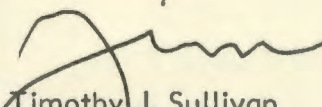
The Chief Justice would be welcome to visit any time during the 1989-90 academic year. Indeed, we could wait until September of 1990 if the timing of the visit becomes critical to his decision to accept.

Senator Spong and Governor Godwin, both members of the Selection Committee, encouraged me to ask for an appointment to present this invitation personally to the Chief Justice.

While I am certain that pecuniary considerations will not weigh heavily in the Chief Justice's decision, the Lowance Fellowship includes an honorarium of \$7,000 plus incidental travel and living expenses.

If I may provide additional information, you need only ask. I am most grateful for your kindness, and I shall take no additional steps in this matter until I have the benefit of your further counsel.

Most cordially,

  
Timothy J. Sullivan  
Dean

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A PROPOSAL FOR THE CARTER O. LOWANCE  
FELLOW IN LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Carter O. Lowance belongs in a select company of twentieth century Virginians. No man has more selflessly or effectively contributed to the public good for a longer time. He is a paragon of the public servant. Such men, in the words of former Governor Albertis Harrison, "deserve the special commendation of their fellow citizens."

This is a proposal to honor Carter Lowance through creation of a Carter O. Lowance Fellow in Law and Public Service at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary. If established, each year a Carter Lowance Fellow will be invited to the Law School to meet informally with students and faculty and participate generally, if briefly, in the life of both the Law School and the broader College community. Designation as the Carter Lowance Fellow will not require legal training. The essential criterion for selection will be distinguished public service.

Creation of Carter Lowance Fellowships now would be especially timely. In a speech delivered last year to University of Chicago law students, Chief Justice William Rehnquist spoke eloquently of the decline of the lawyer-statesman. "One suspects", he wrote, "that Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln did not worry to the extent of their present day counterparts about the number of hours they had billed during a particular week. Law is surely a more profitable profession for those who practice it now than it was then, but one cannot help doubting



whether its contribution to the political life of the nation has not been sadly diminished in the process."

The need to restore high standards of public service exemplified in Carter Lowance's life was also underscored in a recent article in the Washington Post entitled, "The Decline of Public Service". The author laments the absence of leaders like General George Marshall whose careers were devoted to the selfless service of their country. In comparing General Marshall's values with those of many contemporary public servants, the author contends that the question asked most often now is not "'Is it right?' but rather 'What's in it for me? How will I look?'"

Chief Justice Rhenquist's fears, echoed more generally in the Washington Post article, are well grounded. Since the founding of the Republic, lawyers have been broadly and constructively involved in the formulation of public policy. Virginia has contributed more than her share of lawyer-statesmen. Chief Justice Rehnquist identified Jefferson, Marshall and Madison. A Virginian would undoubtedly include others such as Henry, Pendleton and Wythe. In recent Virginia history, one thinks of Governors Albertis Harrison and Mills Godwin as well as former Senator William B. Spong, Jr. and Justice Lawrence W. I'Anson.

The creation of Lowance Fellows would be a fitting and enduring testament to Carter Lowance, whose own life so closely approaches the ideal of selfless public service. It is fitting, too, that this tradition should be sustained at the Marshall-



Wythe School of Law. George Wythe, himself a lawyer-statesman of the first rank, spoke to the heart of his hopes for legal education at William and Mary when he said, "Here we must form such characters as may be fit to succeed those who have been useful in the national councils of America."





P. Kevin Morley/The Richmond News Leader

Ex-Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. (left), Carter O. Lowance and ex-Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. reminisce.

## Dignitaries outspoken in praise for Virginia's 'still, small voice'

By Guy Friddell  
Landmark News Service

**WILLIAMSBURG** — When dignitaries had finished praising Carter Olin Lowance by establishing a fellowship in law and public service in his name at the Marshall-Wythe Law School at The College of William and Mary, Lowance said he just wished that on the eve of George Washington's birthday they had shown stricter regard for the truth.

The gray eminence of Virginia government for three decades, the habitually self-effacing Lowance, 78, was confidant and executive assistant to six governors. He also served as assistant president of the Medical College of Virginia, now the health-sciences division of Virginia Commonwealth University, from 1958 to 1962, and as executive vice president at W&M from 1970 to 1974.

In ceremonies in W&M's Christopher Wren Building yesterday, former Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. said he never had had so easy a time raising money to honor someone. Lowance's "enthusiastic" friends had responded joyfully.

Godwin said that as long as Virginia governors had heeded Lowance's "still, small voice," they stayed out of trouble. Lowance could say "no" more pleasantly than any other person in state government, he said.

Another fund-raiser, former House Appropriations Committee Chairman W. Roy Smith of Petersburg, recalled that as a newcomer to the House of Delegates he had conferred 20 minutes with Lowance about something he wanted for his district and had left the governor's office aglow about it.

"It was not until I was driving home along the old road to Petersburg, passing the Du Pont plant, that I realized Carter hadn't agreed to anything I'd asked," Smith said.

Former Gov. Albertis S. Harrison Jr., who sent regrets at not being able to attend the ceremony, once recalled that no major policy was decided in the governor's office before consultation with Lowance.

When Lowance disagreed, "he just shook his head slightly, and you kept talking, and he kept shaking his head until you talked yourself out — and found that you had arrived at his judgment."

Among other jobs Lowance had was press secretary,

a post he handled with discretion when the need arose. There were no leaks. A confidence of 25 years before was as sacred with him as one that took place the day before.

He was equally reticent about his career, which included a drop behind German lines with counter-intelligence forces on D-day-plus-one.

On his record are a battlefield commission, five battle stars and commendations.

An honors graduate of Roanoke College, Lowance worked for The Roanoke Times and The Associated Press from 1930 to 1947, when then Gov. William M. Tuck asked him, "Don't you want to come over here and finish my term?"

Former U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. recalled yesterday that he tried twice, in vain, to lure Lowance from public service to Virginia — first to edit Byrd's Winchester newspaper, and then to go with him to Washington.

Lowance, Byrd said, is a man of "total integrity and absolutely sound judgment . . . and what more could be asked of a public servant?"

W&M President Dr. Paul R. Verkuil observed that the law school had for a while borne "law and citizenship" in its title and that it still "is very much a part of what we should be doing."

He was "confident" that the fellowship and the example of Lowance's life, touching students, would help lead in that direction, Verkuil said.

Law School Dean Timothy J. Sullivan said the endowment would bring "genuine statesmen" to campus. Describing Lowance, he drew on a quotation from the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said that "the best service we can do for our country and for ourselves is to see so far as we can and to feel the great forces that are behind every detail, to hammer out as competent and solid a piece of work as one can, to try to make it first rate and leave it unadvertised."

Noting that there had been "quite a few recent discouragements to public service," Lowance observed that if his name could contribute to the purpose of the fellowship, "I'd be more honored than any man deserves."



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August 3, 1989

The Honorable William H. Rehnquist  
Chief Justice of the United States  
U.S. Supreme Court Building  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

I write to invite you to become the first Carter O. Lowance Fellow in Public Service. I have attached a brief statement which describes the essential points of the Fellowship.

The Selection Committee, which included former Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. and former U.S. Senator William B. Spong, Jr., was unanimous in its hope that you will accept this honor. The committee believed that your career embodies the ideal which inspired creation of the Lowance Fellow's program: a selfless commitment to public service at the highest level.

There would be a special satisfaction for me in your acceptance. It was your speech, delivered at the University of Chicago, which caused me to begin the effort which ended in establishing the Lowance Fellowship. In a real sense, I am asking you to help us begin a program which you inspired.

If you accept, we ask that you commit to spending two full days in residence meeting with our students and faculty in a variety of informal settings. There would be one or two of the usual social events, but no public lecture. Your two days here would provide a respite from the great pressure of your position and allow a brief, relaxed period of intellectual and personal interaction with the William and Mary community.

We would welcome your visit any time during the 1989-90 session. Indeed, we would agree to postpone your visit until September or very early October of 1990 if timing becomes critical to your decision.

While I am certain pecuniary considerations will not weigh heavily in your decision, the Lowance Fellowship includes a \$7,000 honorarium plus travel and living expenses while in residence.



The Honorable William H. Rehnquist  
August 3, 1989  
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I do hope that you will accept this offer. The cause we seek to serve is of supreme importance to our profession, and all of us here agree that you are the ideal first recipient of this honor.

I would be happy to come to Washington to discuss the matter further if that would be helpful.

Most cordially,

Timothy J. Sullivan  
Dean

TJS/lb

✓ cc: Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr.



August 9, 1989

Dear Chief,

It was good to hear your voice, and particularly that of Nan, in our telephone talk yesterday. The news about your grandchildren also pleases Jo and me. We have seven grandchildren and know what joys they can be.

You did not recall having seen the August 3rd letter from Dean Sullivan of the Marshall/Wythe School of Law. I enclose a copy. The Lowance Fellowship is one I can commend. Carter Lowance served as Chief of Staff and Counsel to at least four governors of Virginia. I have known and admired him for many years.

I think you would enjoy two days on the William & Mary campus, and apparently you can select the time of the visit.

With affectionate best to you and Nan.

As ever,

Chief Justice Rehnquist  
General Delivery  
Greensboro, Vermont 05841

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Dunk Island  
Australia

Dunk Island with Purtaboi Island in the foreground.



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Dear Joe + Ruth

Shooting from the South Pacific! We are winding up our trip to Australia with 3 days at Dunk Island, a real tropical paradise. Yesterday we snorkelled on the Great Barrier Reef. Home today by way of Cairns, Hoboken, N.Y. A.  
Nan + Bill



Dunk Island.



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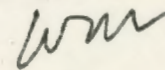
CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

September 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

I enclose a copy of a statement which I released to the press last week.

Sincerely,



cc: Chief Justice Burger  
Justice Powell

Enc.



My attention has been called to a passage on pages 18-19 in a book entitled "Battle for Justice" by Ethan Bronner, which states that I broke my word to Justice Powell when I notified Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, of his impending retirement. That statement is in error. I notified Howard Baker of the retirement shortly before we went on the bench on the morning of Friday, June 26, 1987. This communication was made with the knowledge and approval of Justice Powell.



September 19, 1989

Dear Chief:

Thank you for the copy of your memorandum of September 18 to the Conference.

Your summary with respect to the sequence of events when I retired is entirely correct.

I hardly need say that June 26, 1987, is a day I am not likely to forget.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

November 30, 1989

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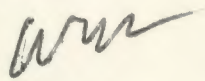
Dear Lewis:

On Tuesday, January 16, 1990, the Court will hold a modest courtroom ceremony commemorating the 200th anniversary of its first sitting; a reception in the East and West Conference Rooms will follow the ceremony. Your law clerk will receive an invitation and the law clerks' section in the courtroom will remain available to all law clerks. Also, both your secretary and messenger will receive invitations. The invitations will be for invitees only and do not include spouses.

The seat next to the "President's Chair," where Chief Justice Burger will be seated, will be reserved for you. In addition to a box seat for Jo, two box seats and three seats in the Marshal's Section will be reserved for your guests. Could you please provide Larry Averill's office as soon as possible and no later than December 15 with a list of your five guests and their addresses and in which section you would like them to be seated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Justice Powell



December 12, 1989

Dear Chief:

Thank you for your letter of November 30 about the plans for the ceremony on January 16.

Unhappily for me, I have a longstanding agreement to make a talk that evening at the Drake University Law School in Des Moines. It is having a special program in honor of Dwight Opperman, the President of West Publishing Company. Dwight and I have been friends dating back to the years when he attended CA4 Judicial Conferences as a salesman for West Publishing Company.

I note that my law clerk, secretary (Sally Smith), and messenger (Nat Weldon) will be invited.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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Enc.