

January 2, 1987

Dearest Andy:

Jo and I have thought of you particularly during the Christmas season. We know that with Potter absent this has been a time of many memories of the decades of happiness you and he had together. But also this must have been a time of sadness.

We hope you have been with both of your families in New England. I have lost count of your grandchildren, but believe you have at least five there. What fun to be with them at Christmas. Jo and I were in our Richmond home only a few days. Our daughter Penny and two children were there. Jody and her family were in Houston, Molly and hers in Salt Lake City, and Lewis with his wife Mims were in Birmingham with her family. But we did see many dear friends in Richmond, and enjoyed attending the Christmas German - a dance ball that dates back for more than 100 years. I am reminded of what a super dancer you are!

Jo and I thought of calling you on New Year's Day, but concluded that one can never be really sure when a telephone call is convenient. We agreed that I would write today and send much love from both of us.

As ever,

Mrs. Potter Stewart  
Bowen Brook Farm  
Franconia, New Hampshire 03580

lfp/ss



February 6, 1987

Dear Andy:

I enclose a copy of a letter from Dean Calabresi's of the Yale Law School in which he acknowledges my gift to the Memorial Fund in Potter's name.

This is sent to you only because of the second paragraph in the letter. The tribute to Potter expresses my own opinion of him as a Justice.

I repeat that if there is ever anything you wish me to do, do not hesitate to call me. I know Jo would join in sending our love.

As ever,

Mrs. Potter Stewart  
5135 Palisade Lane  
Washington, D. C. 20016

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Enc.



April 4, 1987

A-716 Western Airlines v. IBTCHWA

Dear Sandra,

This is to repeat what I said at Conference.

I think the Per Curiam you wrote as Circuit Justice is well written and totally convincing. Indeed, it is not easy to see how you and your Chambers could have produced this opinion working under pressure throughout the night.

I hope you will have a much deserved rest over the weekend.

Sincerely,

Justice O'Connor

lfp/ss



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

Dear Byron,

Congratulations on  
surviving here for a  
quarter of a Century!

I think you have  
been a strong and  
constructive member  
of the Court.

I am proud to serve  
with you.

Lewis

April 16, 1987



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

April 20, 1987

*Sally -*

*Get me there*

Re: No. 81 - The Birthday of Justice William J.  
Brennan, Jr.

Dear Justice Powell:

We invite you to the Brennan Chambers for a  
birthday song and cake on Friday, April 24, 1987,  
at 2 p.m.

Sincerely,

The staff of Justice Brennan

Justice Powell  
cc: The Conference



April 22, 1987

Dear Andy:

Perhaps you saw the story in the Washington Post about J. Edgar Hoover's libelous reports on Potter.

I thought you would be interested in knowing that all of us here at the Court are outraged by this example of media irresponsibility. There also was a story in U.S.A. Today. Neither story mentioned the fact that Potter volunteered for the Navy promptly after Pearl Harbor, and was with the naval task force that supported the invasion of North Africa in November 1942.

Also the reference to FBI checks when Potter was nominated to serve on Commissions after he retired is grossly unfair. Such checks are routine and are mere formalities. I have been checked by the FBI at least a half a dozen times over my long career.

The insensitivity of some in the media is almost beyond belief. They write and publish this "stuff" when Potter is no longer here.

With love,

Mrs. Potter Stewart  
5135 Palisade Lane  
Washington, D. C. 20016

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bc: The Chief Justice



April 30, 1987

Dear Justice White's Clerks:

Mrs. Powell and I thought the reception in honor of Justice and Mrs. White last Saturday was a delightful event in every respect.

It was a tribute to the Justice as well as to you that so many clerks returned. I was glad to see several of them whom I had come to know. Although I have not checked the record, my guess is that the quarter of a century that Justice White has served will place him among the top dozen or so members of this Court in terms of years of service, as well as important judicial contributions.

We appreciate being invited, and send best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary G. Sprague  
Mr. David W. Burcham  
Mr. Samuel J. Dimon  
Mr. Richard A. Westfall

lfp/ss





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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

Justice Full

April 1987

Dear Lewis,

I enclose a copy  
of my comments on  
the occasion of receipt  
of the Jefferson Award.  
Please do not acknowledge  
this or even read it  
until there is some  
leisure time.

Sincerely,

Sandra



June 15, 1987

Dear Marlon and Bryon:

A brief word to say that Jo and I thought you celebrated your 25th anniversary in an admirable way.

It was evident that you invited friends going back to the early days of your arrival in Washington. We were happy to see many of them whom we also knew, and to meet others. Despite the rain that prevented use of the patios, the two large Conference Rooms accommodated all of the guests quite comfortably. These are beautiful rooms.

The highlight of a happy evening was Barney's parody on his father's career. It was done lightheartedly and yet obviously with tremendous admiration. How proud you both must be of Barney and Nancy.

With affection.

Sincerely,

Justice White and Mrs. White

lfp/ss



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

June 26 (1987)

Dear Lewis,

John and I watched your interview with Bill Moyers last night. It was exceedingly interesting. You were very natural and relaxed and spoke about the issues with your customary thoughtfulness. Your warmth, intellect and reasonableness showed clearly. I am very glad you consented to participate. It was a splendid hour.

Sincerely,  
Sandra



P.S. It was a very good  
opening to refer to the  
Constitution of the U.S.S.R.  
It led into your discussion  
beautifully.



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Movers file  
Also Justice  
file

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JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

June 26, 1987


Dear Lewis,

Your announcement today leaves me devastated. No one on the Court has been kinder than you. There is no one with whom I have felt as free to discuss our cases and how to resolve them than you. There is no one for whom I have greater respect and affection than you. In short, you are irreplaceable.

On the Bill Moyers interview you were asked how you would be remembered. You responded with modesty that you thought you would be only a "footnote" in history. My assessment is quite different; you have been one of the great justices of this century and certainly the best loved.

I can only hope you will remain in Washington, D.C., a great deal of the time and that we will be privileged to see you often at lunch, and for informal visits as before.

With sadness,





CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

Dear Linn -

Excuse me for not writing sooner, but I have so much to say that I don't know how to begin. It is, as you know, a truly great privilege to have you in a friend. Your firmness, wisdom, and love of country are an inspiration to everyone who knows you - and I hope

and, what you have done for the Court and for the nation is not just a footnote - as you said to Bob Meyer on TV. You are - and will be remembered as - one of the greatest for great justice.

Sincerely,

John

P.S. If you have ever written a draft of your views on reform, the world has been right about your ability to write.



Transcript of undated letter from Justice Stevens

Dear Lewis-

Emotion prevented me from speaking, and now there are so many things I want to say that I don't know how to begin. It is, and has been, a truly great privilege to have you as a friend. Your firmness, wisdom, and love of country are an inspiration to everyone who knows you--over fifteen years, what you have done for this Court and for this nation is not just a footnote--as you said to Bill Moyers on TV. You are--and will be remembered as--one of the select few great justices.

Sincerely,

John

P.S. If you had circulated on August 1 (?) your opinion in retiring (?), there would have been eight strong dissenting opinions.



CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

Friday, June 26

Dear Lewis,

I have seen a good many Justices come and go, but I'm quite sure that I shall miss you more than any of the others, and that is saying a good deal. I have admired your work as have we all, but it is the personal relationship that I have treasured the most. The sessions with you were always enjoyable, our lunches together great fun, and your advice always sound. Saturdays will be lonely here,



especially afternoon.

Please take care of yourself,  
and I know that Marion joins  
me in wishing you and Jo the  
very best.

Cheers

Bryon



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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

June 29, 1987

Dear Lewis,

You know without our telling you again how saddened we are by your departure from our ranks. For more than fifteen years we have benefited from your wise and careful marshaling of arguments in Conference, and from your shouldering Term after Term of more than your share of the Court's opinion writing. All of us admire your extraordinary capacity to forcefully participate in our private and public debates without ever allowing advocacy to degenerate into contentiousness.

Your career in the legal profession before coming here was replete with laurels. Thirty years of successful law practice, wartime service overseas in Air Force Intelligence, President of the American Bar Association, President of the Richmond School Board were but some of your accomplishments. The lessons from a life so rich in experience informed your judgment as a member of the Court.

We bid you a fond farewell as you retire from this last arena in which you have served your profession and served your country. We are grateful for, and look forward to, the prospect of your continued companionship in the future.

Affectionately,

William A. Brennan  
William J. Brennan Jr.  
Byron R. White  
Thurgood Marshall  
Harry E. Blackmun  
John Paul Stevens  
Sandra Day O'Connor  
Antonin Scalia



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

November 3

Dear Lewis and Jo,

John and I look forward very much to seeing you tonight at the Sulgrave Club. We will meet you there — upstairs — at 7:15 P.M. A parking attendant is available if you drive your own car. It is "black tie."

The others at the table will be Ginny and John Sapienza,



Ambassador and Mrs.  
Muller (from Finland),  
former U.S. Ambassador  
to Norway and Mrs.  
Sommerfeld, and Admiral  
and Mrs. <sup>Pauline</sup> Walter Innis.

Birds  
in Bay

Sincerely,

Sandra





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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

Dear Louis,

Norm and I were remarking  
again last night what a good time  
we had with you and Jo at  
Williamsburg. We do thank you for such



a pleasant weekend. Andy m had  
such remarkable control of the weather.

Cheers

Bym



Dear Lewis

It was so nice / you and Jo to  
remember my birthday. Morrie and  
I shall make merry.

Sincerely  
Bryn