

February 20, 1991

Dear Warren:

It was thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your "remarks" that were delivered last weekend at the meeting of the American Medical Association in Florida.

Although doctors, like lawyers, increasingly have been primarily interested in making money, it is good to remind both professions of the historic distinction between "business" and the ancient professions of teaching, practicing medicine and law.

We miss seeing you and Vera. When my hip improves enough for us to go out in the evening, it would be our pleasure to take you and Vera to the Sulgrave Club for dinner one evening.

Sincerely,

Chief Justice Burger

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

OFFICE OF  
THE CURATOR

June 4, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO: Justice Powell  
FROM: Gail Galloway  
SUBJECT: Chief Justice Burger's Portrait

Yesterday, prior to the Supreme Court Historical Society reception and dinner, we hung Chief Justice Burger's official portrait in the West Conference Room. Chief Justice Burger had asked that it be hung with no fanfare but be hung before last evening's festivities.

Chief Justice Rehnquist approved moving the Chief Justice Vinson and Chief Justice Warren portraits to the left to make room in the chronological order for Chief Justice Burger's portrait.

The portrait was painted this past year by George Augusta, the same artist who painted the portraits of Justice Fortas and Justice Powell.

Gail



June 10, 1991

Dear Warren:

When I returned to the Court today after sitting on CA4 in Richmond last week, I found on my desk the two-volume biography of John Marshall.

I am delighted to have this biography as I share your view, expressed in the Foreword, that John Marshall ranks among our Founders second only to George Washington and James Madison. I fully agree that Chief Justice Marshall ranks ahead of Thomas Jefferson even though his Declaration of Independence is emphasized in the history books. Of course, George Mason, even before the Declaration of Independence, had written his famous Declaration of Rights.

I am glad that your portrait was hung in the West Conference Room where you will be beside Chief Justices Vinson and Warren. As I think you know, I was in Richmond sitting on CA4 and therefore missed the ceremony.

I send affectionate best wishes to you and Vera.

As ever,

Chief Justice Burger

lfp/ss



September 17, 1991

PERSONAL

Dear Warren,

This is a note to commiserate with you on your ancient age, your 84th birthday. Of course, I am much younger as I will be only 83 until Thursday.

I have admired you primarily because of our friendship but also because of your remarkable career of service to our country in many important roles: Chief Assistant to the Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the United States for 17 years in which you wrote many important decisions. Retirement for you meant assuming large responsibility as Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission.

It was your idea to make this important anniversary an opportunity to educate high school students on the history and Constitution of the United States.

Jo and I have enjoyed our friendship with you and Vera. Jo joins me in sending affectionate best wishes.

As ever,

Chief Justice Burger

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Sept. 19, 1991

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

✓ CHAMBERS OF  
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER  
RETIRED

Dear Lewis

You made it!  
Now I can't refer to you  
as my "junior" colleague.

Seriously, our long  
association and work  
together to make the  
system of justice work  
better, has been one of  
the rewarding experience  
of my life.

Let's keep it up!

As ever,  
Warr

January 3, 1992

Dear Warren:

I was happy to see in the December 30 issue of Newsweek, page 11, your comment on the Second Amendment.

The American Rifle Association takes an advantage of the Second Amendment that the Founding Fathers never intended. I have a low opinion of the NRA.

Jo and I send special best wishes to you and Vera for 1992. It has now been 20 years since I came to Washington to serve on the Court. I am glad that for most of those years you were the Chief Justice.

As ever,

Chief Justice Burger

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## Overheard

"It would have been nice to run for president."

MARIO CUOMO, after announcing he will not be a presidential candidate

"I decided this was more appropriate."

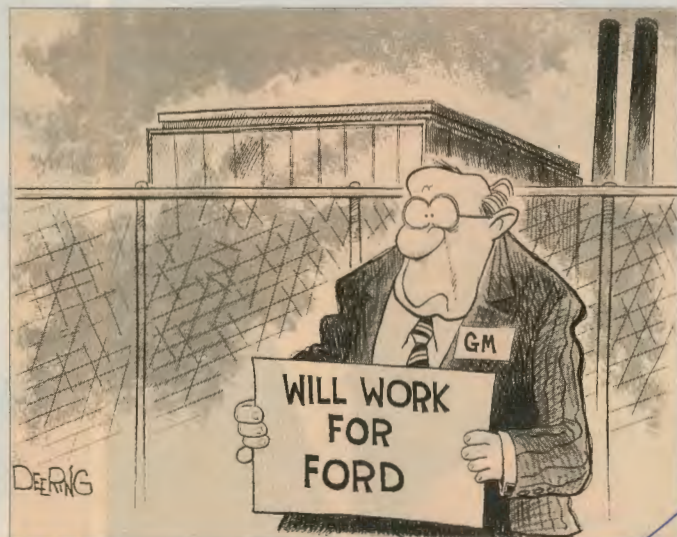
Sen. TED KENNEDY, on why he wore a plain gray suit to his annual Christmas bash. In the past he has gone dressed as Elvis and a member of Milli Vanilli.

"He was miserable [and] a man who said he was miserable was irresistible."

GLORIA STEINEM, on why she dated real-estate tycoon and media mogul Mort Zuckerman



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"Dan Rather is a tragic figure, in my judgment. He has paid his dues, he has done good work, has earned his spot. There is something in him though—and I'm not a psychiatrist—that drives him like a demon to his own destruction... You watch him now to see if tonight's the night when he's going to crack. Is tonight going to be the night that makes him go just berserk and turns him into the mad anchorman?"

ABC's SAM DONALDSON, in *Frisko* magazine

"Our friends say we're like Scarlett and Rhett. We have so much passion."

MARLA MAPLES, on her relationship with Donald Trump after the two reportedly had an ugly public spat in Washington, D.C.

"If I were writing the Bill of Rights now, there wouldn't be any such thing as the Second Amendment... This has been the subject of one of the greatest pieces of fraud—I repeat the word fraud—on the American public, by special-interest groups, that I have ever seen in my lifetime."

Former Supreme Court chief justice WARREN BURGER, on how the gun lobby trumpets the Second Amendment, which includes the right to bear arms

"I don't know if it has an E."

California Rep. PETE STARK, 60, when asked to spell the name of his fiancée, 24-year-old Deborah Ann (without an E) Roderick



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Quotations are compiled from NEWSWEEK correspondents as well as other press, TV and wire-service reports.

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January 15, 1992

Dear Warren:

I much appreciate your sending me (or lending me(?)) Cornelius Ryan's book entitled "A Bridge Too Far". I note that the book was published in 1974. It had not come to my attention.

You may recall that I was on the staff of General Spaatz who was the supreme commander of the U.S. Air Force in the War Against Germany. I well remember the dramatic events that ended up in tragedy for the British Airborne Brigade. It landed "one bridge too far".

Near the end of World War II, allied forces wanted to gain control over the bridges in Holland. Intelligence had failed to discover that there were two German divisions "resting and refitting" near the Dutch town of Arnheim. Only a single narrow road was available for allied ground troops. This road crossed four bridges. The United States had the 82nd Airborne Division commanded by General Taylor. The 9,000 members of the British Brigade assigned to capture the fourth bridge were either killed or taken prisoner. This was one of the last successes of the German armed forces.

I send affectionate greetings to you and Vera.

As ever,

Chief Justice Burger

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bc: Professor John C. Jeffries, Jr.  
Lewis III



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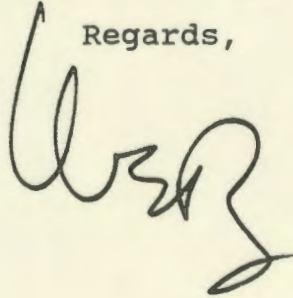
May 5, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

I am sure that you all remember that in 1791, at the urging of Chief Justice John Jay, President Washington urged Congress to take steps to relieve the Justices from the burdens of circuit riding. Ten years later, President Adams secured passage of a bill that authorized judges for the circuits and eliminated the Justices circuit-riding duties, but the Jeffersonian Republicans repealed the law shortly after they were swept to power in the election of 1800. Congress then acted with "all deliberate speed" and finally eliminated circuit riding in 1891 -- 100 years after Washington first brought the problem to their attention!

In our Bicentennial activities, we found that very often the best way to get something done that was too expensive for our budget was simply to propose a project, and hope that someone else would pick up on the idea and carry it out. A small item that appears to be a product of that approach is enclosed.

Regards,



cc: Justice Brennan  
Justice Marshall  
Justice Powell



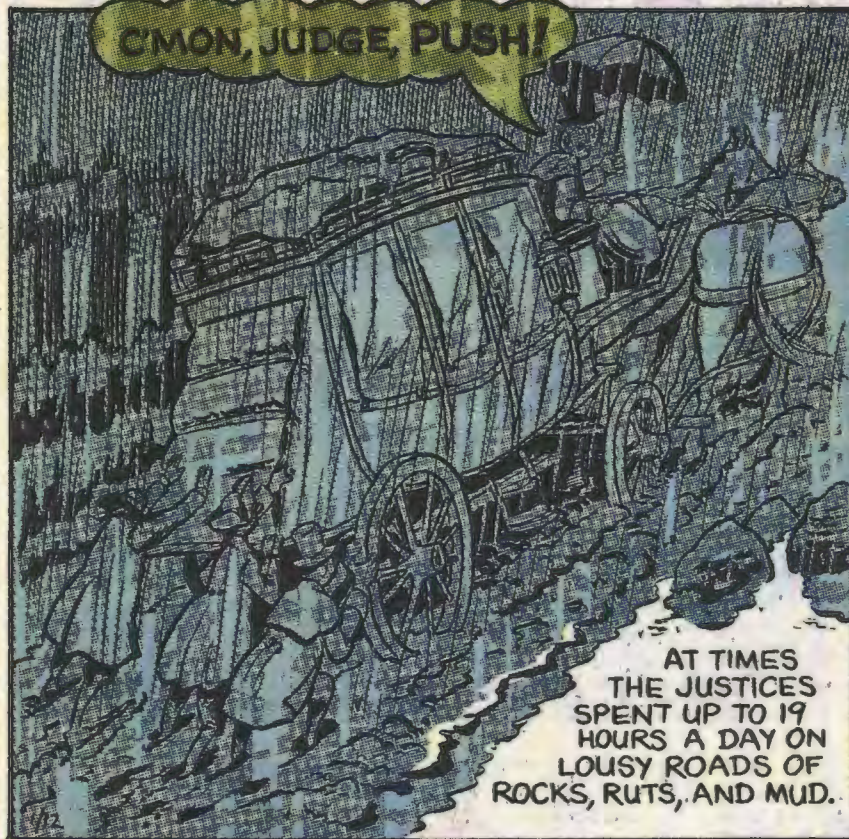
# FLASHBACKS by Patrick M. Reynolds

THE JUDICIARY ACT OF 1789 REQUIRED THE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO TRAVEL TWICE A YEAR TO REMOTE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY AND PRESIDE OVER CIRCUIT COURTS. THE PURPOSE WAS TO ACQUAINT AMERICANS WITH THEIR NEW SUPREME COURT.

## A Most Miserable Job



C'MON, JUDGE, PUSH!



AT TIMES THE JUSTICES SPENT UP TO 19 HOURS A DAY ON LOUSY ROADS OF ROCKS, RUTS, AND MUD.

BRUISED AND EXHAUSTED AFTER BOUNCING INSIDE A STAGECOACH, JUDGES OFTEN ARRIVED AT THE CIRCUIT COURT TOO SICK TO CONDUCT ANY BUSINESS.



THEIR NIGHTS WERE SPENT IN WHAT WE NOW CONSIDER AS QUAIN OLD INNS, WHICH WERE REALLY SMELLY, OVERCROWDED FLOPHOUSES. JUSTICE IREDELL SUMMED UP HIS LIFE...

I FEEL LIKE A TRAVELING POSTBOY.



THE JUDGES COMPLAINED TO PRESIDENT WASHINGTON IN 1792.

TELL HIM WE'RE GOING TO QUIT!



WASHINGTON SENT THE LETTER TO CONGRESS, WHO RELENTED IN 1793: ONE CIRCUIT TRIP A YEAR WOULD BE ENOUGH.



June 18, 1992

Dear Warren:

This is to thank you warmly for giving me four cassettes each on a President of the United States. You knew each of these four on a personal basis.

Your 17-year tenure as Chief Justice was a period of great historical importance. The cassettes will be useful at the high school level as well as colleges and private homes.

Please let me know the retail cost of these cassettes. It would be a privilege to reimburse the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. You served as Chairman with great distinction.

As ever,

Hon. Warren E. Burger

lfp/ss



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

*[Handwritten signature]*

CHAMBERS OF  
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER  
RETIRED

June 26, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

From: Chief Justice Burger

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Today being a National Holiday (the twenty-third anniversary of my taking the oath at the close of the 1968 Term) I hand you four more copies of the Supreme Court book. You will note that this can be mailed by you without postage.

Justice William J. Brennan  
Justice Thurgood Marshall  
Justice Lewis F. Powell



June 29, 1992

Dear Warren:

Thank you for your memorandum of June 26, and the additional copies of the Supreme Court book.

I am happy to have these copies. As the years go by it will be regarded as one of the most important books on the Court,

Jo and I will be in Richmond for most of July and August. I hope that we can have dinner with you and Vera when we return in September.

As ever,

Hon. Warren E. Burger

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July 17, 1992

Dear Warren,

In the event you may not have seen it, I enclose an article that may not have come to your attention. It was sent to me just as I now send it to you. There is no identification of the newspaper although it appears to be in Virginia.

You are described as "an elder statesman" but your picture hardly does you justice.

As you know Jo and I are in our Richmond home for the summer. We will return Labor Day weekend, and it would give me much pleasure to have lunch with you early in that month.

With affectionate best wishes to you and Vera.

Sincerely,

Honorable Warren E. Burger  
United States Supreme Court  
Washington, D.C. 20543

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CHAMBERS OF  
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER  
RETIRED

6 OCT 1992

October 1, 1992

Dear Lewis:

I am sending you the cassettes of interviews on the Presidency by each of our former Presidents. We at the Bicentennial Commission thought it important to preserve these because the last time we had four living Presidents was when Lincoln defeated Buchanan in November, 1861.

I hope you have a VCR.

Regards,

Honorable Lewis F. Powell  
Associate Justice, Retired  
United States Supreme Court  
#1 First Street  
Washington, D. C. 20543



October 6, 1992

Dear Chief:

Thank you for your letter of October 1. The cassettes of interviews on the Presidency were delivered to me, and I am happy to have them.

As you suggest, this may well be the last time we have four living Presidents in many years. We do have a VCR.

I hope we can have lunch in the near future.

As ever,

Chief Justice Burger

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