

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

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

January 26, 1977

Dear Lewis:

In connection with your circulation of January 25, I enclose copy of a letter I wrote January 12 agreeing to see the Yale Political Union group, but only if arrangements had not been made with any other member of the Court. I fully agree that we should adhere to a "one Justice" policy.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Powell

cc: The Conference

Blackmun

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February 26, 1977

Dear Dottie:

Jo and I were distressed to learn from Harry that you have undergone some corrective surgery.

I am sure, however, that you are glad to have the operation behind you, especially since Harry advises that it was entirely successful. He is concerned that, in view of arguments here, he could not be with you.

As you may recall, I underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital in the summer of '74. If an operation is necessary, I am convinced that it is the best place to be. The combination of the superb medical staff and the hospital staff, gives one a great deal of confidence.

When you feel a little better, I am sure you will enjoy the opportunity of seeing the host of friends that you and Harry have in Rochester. I enjoyed meeting a number of them when Jon and I were there.

With affectionate best wishes.

As ever,

Mrs. Harry A. Blackmun
Methodist Hospital
Rochester, Minnesota 55901

lfp/ss

Julien

February 26, 1977

Dear Bill:

The specialist at Bethesda whom I mentioned is Dr. Allen D. Kornblut, the No. 2 physician in the nose and throat clinic at Bethesda.

I have found him professionally competent (so far as a layman can tell) and a physician who appears to take a genuine interest in his patients.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Brennan

lfp/ss

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

March 1, 1977

Dear Lewis:

As I indicated on the bench,
I think you should be proud of the
fact that over 60% of any group of
lawyers or judges rated the quality
of your opinions as "excellent."
No matter how the group was selected,
that is a real tribute and I con-
gratulate you.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Powell

Washington, D. C. 20543

March 8, 1977

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

Dear Thurgood:

You may have seen the story in last week's U.S. News & World Report about the Court. The results of the "poll" reported in the story are hardly credible. I have no explanation for these, but do want you to know that neither I - nor any of your Brothers - put any credence in the ranking of our opinions.

I also want you to know that, although we often disagree (as can be said as to each of us), I think the writing and thoroughness of your opinions is of the highest order.

Putting it differently, you have the full respect of your Brothers, as a judge and a person, and this is the most that any of us can wish.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Marshall

lfp/ss

bc: Mr. Justice Stewart

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

March 23, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

Re: Cases Argued during the February Session

As I had earlier indicated in a memorandum which I circulated while in the hospital, I anticipate taking no part in the consideration or decision of any of the cases argued and decided at the February session. I shall try to remember to advise each of you individually when such an opinion circulates to mark me as not participating, but would appreciate any backup help you could give me in the reminder department if you would make such a notation on your draft opinion when it first circulates.

Sincerely,

WM

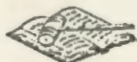
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April 4, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Justice Marshall:

The undersigned are the Chancellor, the President, the immediate Past President and the President-Elect of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In addition, we speak for each and all of the Regents.

We express to you our deepest regret that anything was said or done at the last meeting of the College, which caused you distress and which caused distress to many others who share your views.

You know, of course, that the unhappy event was neither planned nor foreseen. We share with you the unhappiness that the event has engendered.

Some of us are not strangers to the pain of racial or religious slurs, sometimes intended and sometimes the product of thoughtlessness. These reveal the debris of old and pernicious habits which still reside in the dark interstices of our culture.

We, like you, are committed to the eradication of such vestigial remains of ancient bigotries. We share your faith that we can and will succeed.

Please abide with us so that we may all share in a united effort to sustain our common faith in equality and justice.

Respectfully yours,

Emil Gumpert
Chancellor

Simon H. Rifkind
President

Thomas E. Deacy, Jr.
Immediate Past President

Kraft W. Eidman
President-Elect

other men
J. Lewis

April 5, 1977

Real Estate Agents in Williamsburg

Dear Potter:

The following real estate agents have been recommended to me.

Mr. William J. Bull
Williamsburg Real Estate Agency
202 Parkway Drive
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
804-229-1074

Real Estate of Williamsburg
Attention: Mrs. James Vaden
110 Cary Street
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
804-220-3700

My sister and brother-in-law had a pleasant apartment temporarily (while they sought a permanent residence) in:

Village Green Apartments
1184 Jamestown Road
804-229-4430

No agent has these apartments, as Village Green does its own renting.

It is possible that the management of Colonial Williamsburg also could be helpful. You might let me know if this is desired.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Stewart

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Count

April 20, 1977

PERSONAL

Dear Thurgood:

I have wanted for some time to say how distressed I am that an unscheduled event occurred at the March meeting of the College that prompted you to resign.

Having worked fairly closely with the College leadership for some years, I can assure you that no intentional offense was intended or would have been tolerated.

Friends of yours of long standing (Bernie Segal, Barney Sears, Bert Jenner, Leon Jaworski and Whit Seymour, as well as Si Rifkind and the present officers) were anxious to have you among our members, a desire that I shared. I know I speak for all of them and everyone else associated with leadership of the College when I express the hope that in due time you may reconsider.

Warm best wishes.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Marshall

lfp/ss

bc: Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice Stewart

For your information, I enclose a copy of the letter to Thurgood written by the top officers of the College. I appreciate your respective concern and assistance. I suppose it is best to consider the matter closed.

L.F.P., Jr.

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Washington, D. C. 20543

Conrad

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

May 3, 1977

Dear Lewis:

There was a drought in my office and
you were very kind to come to the rescue with a
bottle of Sherry. I am returning a fresh
bottle herewith. Let me know if I can help
you in a similar way at anytime.

Yours faithfully,

W. O. Douglas

Mr. Justice Powell

May 5, 1977

Dear Bill,

It was my pleasure to present you a bottle of sherry, and so I am happy to return it herewith.

This may forestall a "drought" on some future occasion.

I have just returned from the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference, where a large number of judges and lawyers inquired about you. Invariably, they expressed admiration for your great courage, a view that Jo and I share abundantly.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Douglas

lfp/ss

Camp

May 10, 1977

Dear Byron:

At the Fifth Circuit meeting last week, I received a glowing report on Rhesa Barksdale from one of the senior partners in his law firm.

As you will note from the enclosed letter, the Barksdales probably have increased their family by 50% by now.

As ever,

Mr. Justice White

lfp/ss

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

June 13, 1977

The Death of Mr. Justice Tom C. Clark

Mr. Justice Tom C. Clark (retired) died today in New York City. The Chief Justice has made the following statement:

"We mourn the loss of our Brother Tom Clark who died early this morning in New York. He was unique in the annals of this Court and the Judiciary, in that he took all problems of the judicial process as his personal burden. Following his fine career as a Justice he has literally "ridden Circuit" as the Justices did in the first century of the Court. He is the only man ever to sit as a Judge in every Circuit.

"His work to improve the system will be his lasting monument. His service as first Director of the Federal Judicial Center was notable, but great as it was, it was only the "tip of the iceberg" of his total contribution.

"No one in the past thirty years has contributed more to the improvement of justice than Tom Clark.

"We have lost a distinguished colleague and an incomparable friend."

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

June 13, 1977

TOM C. CLARK

It is likely that Mr. Justice Clark was known personally and admired by more lawyers, law professors and judges than any Justice in the history of the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition to his remarkable career as a jurist for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Justice Clark was a leader in public service activities of the American Bar Association and other bar organizations - giving generously of his time and providing unique leadership over many years. His death will sadden thousands of lawyers who were proud to call Tom Clark their friend.

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Lewis F. Powell, Jr.

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

June 29, 1977

I think this means
he cannot go to lunch
with us. TTB

Mr. Tyler A. Baker
Chambers of Justice Powell

Dear Tyler:

I am afraid that I appear ungracious, but I have very much in mind the invitation of the Powell clerks for lunch. The hectic final days of the Term have slowed me up, but I still appreciate the invitation. Have a good summer, and good luck to each and all of you.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

Mr. Lewis -

The formal comment is so well
deserved that I am even pleased by being
characterized as a worm or a sparrow. My
only criticism is of the statement that it
is too early to say whether you will
rank among the great justices - the work

You have already done where it counts
the most - that is to say, when you
are writing for the Court in significant
cases - has unquestionably earned
you the lasting respect of the
profession.

Columnas like this are good for
all of us. I am delighted that he
hit the target as squarely as he did
Sincerely, John

The Tom C. Clark Family

July 16, 1977

Dear Lewis and Jo:

Your warm, thoughtful letter has given such comfort to me. Tom would have been so pleased by your generous comments -- he cherished his "brethren" on the Court and all our wonderful friends. It has been a marvelous part of our lives for us.

Your kindness brought
back so many happy memories
which Tom and I treasured
during our years together --
it was one of the blessings
we shared.

With warm appreciation,

Affectionately,

Mary

(over)

P.S. I feel so fortunate that
my darling Tom and I have
had as our good friends
for so many years such
beautiful people as you
and Jo.

Much love to you
both, Mary

*other member
of family*

September 28, 1977

Dear Dottie and Harry,

Friends of ours sent us the story from the Rochester Post-Bulletin of September 10 on the Harry A. Blackmun Law Library at Mayo.

We send warm congratulations to you both, and also commend Mayo on the appropriateness of this recognition.

Harry is so darned modest that he has not told any of us here at the Court about the library or its dedication. He sat quietly just yesterday when Thurgood mentioned the nine-foot bronze statue of him being erected in Baltimore. Although a library in Rochester, Minnesota, may not be as conspicuous a monument as a bronze statue before the City Hall in Baltimore, it is a tribute from the people who know Harry best. It therefore is one that I would greatly cherish.

Warm best wishes to you both.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Blackmun and Mrs. Blackmun
Normandy House
1701 Kent Street, Apt. 306
Arlington, Virginia 22209

lfp/ss

Court

November 16, 1977

Dear Harry,

I have just have had a most welcome conversation with Shirley about the result of your operation. I was absent from the Court on yesterday with what I believe was a touch of the flu, but was advised of the Chief's brief talk with you.

Shirley now tells me that the operation was "100% successful", that the doctors are delighted, that you are taking daily walks, and - not so good - that you are doing some work and dictating to your secretaries! All of this is most reassuring. I was quite concerned when you left, and I am sure you also were apprehensive - as any surgery at our age can identify serious problems. My own experience at Mayo, and the Methodist Hospital, gave me great confidence in the skill and dedication of the medical staff, and also the care one receives from the nursing and supporting staff.

As you know, the Chief was hospitalized on yesterday with severe pain in his lower back. I saw him Monday, and he obviously was suffering and moved with difficulty. He had taken demerol during the previous night, without satisfactory relief. I urged him to forget the work of the Court and spend the necessary time under hospital care.

I know of no other news, having missed a day and a half with my own indisposition. I have not seen any member of the Court since you left except the Chief Justice. Even circulations seem to have slowed down.

Although I know your Chambers provides all of the essentials, if you can think of any errands that may require a Justice - or a friend - I hope you and Dottie both will feel free to call on me or Jo, or both of us.

With affectionate best wishes.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Blackmun

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HIGH COURT OPENING; NIXON IMPRINT SEEN

Justices Reconvene Today—'Burger Bloc' Viewed as Still Holding Conservative Vote Balance

By WARREN WEAVER JR.

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—The Supreme Court that formally reconvenes tomorrow in its marble temple on Capitol Hill still reflects strongly, in balance if not always in conviction, the imprint of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and the three Associate Justices named to the nine-member Court by Mr. Nixon are voting together a little less consistently than they did at first, but they still present a united front in about two-thirds of the cases resolved by the highest tribunal and, as a result, carry the day.

During the last five terms, the so-called Burger Court has handed down decisions in criminal cases that supported the prosecution 64 percent of the time and decisions that favored the accused 36 percent of the time.

Over the same period, the Court has reversed lower court rulings 61 percent of the time and sustained them 39 percent. In many instances, the Court is persuaded to accept a case for review in the first place because a number of justices are inclined to believe that it was wrongly decided at a lower level.

Burger Bloc Is Backed

The Burger bloc is getting increasing support in the generally conservative tenor of its positions from two justices whose actions were regarded five years ago as "swing" votes. They sometimes joined with the liberal wing of the Court to produce a majority.

Associate Justice Byron R. White, named to the Court by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, has virtually become a member of the Burger bloc, joining the Nixon appointees in 90 percent of their joint votes during the last term and 91 percent in each of the two terms before.

Associate Justice Potter Stewart, appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in 1959, appears to have lost a measure of his independence. Over the last three terms, he voted with the four Nixon appointees 86 or 87 percent of the time that they were united, compared with 75 percent five years ago.

The Court's newest member, Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, the appointee of former President Gerald R. Ford, has shown less inclination to vote with his fellow Republicans. During the 1976-77 term, his first full term on the high bench, he joined the Burger bloc in 70 percent of its joint votes.

On the other hand, Justice Stevens voted with the Court's two identifiable liberals, Associate Justices William J. Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Marshall, in 61 percent of the Court's rulings, exactly as often as Justice White did, according to figures compiled by The New York Times.

Generally, the Justices do not favor this sort of analysis of Supreme Court voting patterns, maintaining that it gives a political cast to judicial decision making and blurs the fact that each member of the Court votes independently on each case argued.

For legal scholars, political scientists and news reporters, however, such figures provide the only solid means of identifying patterns in Supreme Court behavior and detecting movement within the Court on the critically important issues it resolves.

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In the term that ended last June the Court was more deeply divided on cases than it had been for years. Under the leadership of Chief Justice Burger, the number of cases resolved by 5-4 or 6-3 votes had declined steadily, from 46 percent in the 1972-73 term to 29 percent in 1975-76. But last term, with Justice Stevens on the bench full time, the rate of that incidence rose again, to 39 percent.

The solidarity of the four Nixon appointees reached a statistical peak during the 1973-74 term, when they voted together on 75 percent of the cases before the Court. In the last term, that figure was 67 percent, down from 73 percent in the previous term. Such unity almost always forms the basis for a majority. During the past five years, the four Nixon appointees, when united, were in the majority 500 times and the minority only four.

Independence Irregularity

While the level of unanimity among Chief Justice Burger and the three other Nixon appointees has fallen off somewhat, the patterns of independence are irregular. In the 1975-76 term, Associate Justices Harry A. Blackmun and William A. Rehnquist each declined 11 times to join an otherwise solid Burger bloc, while Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. did so seven times. Mr. Blackmun voted against the Chief Justice 18 times, Mr. Powell 15 times and Mr. Rehnquist 14.

During the 1976-77 term, Mr. Powell broke up a solid bloc 11 times, Mr. Blackmun nine, and Mr. Rehnquist only five. Mr. Powell voted against the Chief Justice 22 times, Mr. Blackmun 21 and Mr. Rehnquist 10. When the four Nixon appointees all voted together, Justice Stewart voted the opposite way 10 times and Justice Stevens 27 times. Mr. Stewart voted differently from Chief Justice Burger 2 times and Justice Stevens 49 times.

Justice White's tendency to vote with the Nixon Justices has been most pronounced in criminal law cases. In 1975-76, he joined Chief Justice Burger and his colleagues on 29 of 32 untied votes in this area, and in 1976-77, on all 2 occasions that they agreed.

During the last two terms, Justice Brennan voted in the minority the most times, 50 last year and 54 the year before, closely followed by Justice Marshall.

Dissents by Republicans

Justice Stevens dissented 29 times last term, more often than any Republican did. During his more than one term on the Court, he has filed an opinion to explain his dissenting vote on all but three of 47 occasions, an unusually high incidence.

Chief Justice Burger, the Court statistician indicate, almost never assumes the role of a lone dissenter against the rest of the Court. Two years ago, he did not make such an objection to the majority position once, and in the last term he did so only twice.

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

Rochester, Minnesota

November 21, 1977 ✓

Dear Jo and Lewis:

A very lovely bouquet of flowers arrived. Dottie and I were touched by your sending them. We are basking in their beauty and appreciate more than we can tell you the thoughts that are behind them.

Things are going well. Word reaches me that Lewis has had a bad cold. I hope that it has not proved to be too serious.

Sincerely,

Harry (by sjh)

The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
and Mrs. Powell

Nov 1977

Supreme Court of the United States

Memorandum

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Lewis -

The George Barker spent the night with us last night. (They were in town for a farewell party for the Chinese Chief of Mission). They asked me to convey their best wishes to you and Jo.

P.S.

[c. NOV. 1977]

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

Lewis:

Congratulations !!

Goody called to tell us your
son made the law review - no
surprise

Thurgood

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

December 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

Last month Andy and I had lunch at the Capitol Hill Club with close family friends from Michigan, whose son had been admitted that morning to the bar of our Court. One of our fellow guests was Charles Chamberlain, a former Congressman from Michigan and the current President of the Club, whom I have known slightly for several years.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke to me about the possibility of a reception at the Club in honor of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and I expressed some doubt about it in view of the Club's frankly political coloration. A few days later he sent me a letter, a copy of which is herewith attached.

In view of the need to respond to Mr. Chamberlain's letter, I hope we can discuss it briefly at the Conference tomorrow.

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Stewart
The Supreme Court
Washington, D. C. 20543

Dear Mr. Justice:

Monday's lunch with the Dudleys was a most pleasant occasion and I was particularly pleased to be able to chat with you briefly.

As I mentioned, the Capitol Hill Club would be delighted to host a reception honoring the Justices of the Supreme Court and, after you have had an opportunity to reflect a bit about this suggestion, I would be pleased to discuss the possibility of such an event with you further.

Since our conversation I have thought perhaps it might be well to consider a reception jointly sponsored by the Democratic Club and the Capitol Hill Club. I would be pleased to pursue this, of course, if it were concluded to be preferable.

Assuring you of our warm appreciation for any comments or recommendations you may have, and with my kind regards, I am

Most respectfully yours,

Charles E. Chamberlain

CEC:cc

December 6, 1977

Dear Harry:

I enclose a copy of Duke Bayne's letter to me of December 2, advising that you will be invited to become a member of the Fort Myer Club. As I would have expected, Duke was delighted to make the necessary arrangements.

As you may recall, Jo and I have found the McNair Club to be a pleasant and convenient place to go, especially since it is nearby and one can go for lunch or dinner - seven days a week - on short notice. We think the Fort Myer Club is somewhat more elegant than McNair, although I am not sure Duke would agree.

This seems to be the season of the year when our "court family" is having various ailments. The Chief is still quite uncomfortable, and spent most of last weekend in traction. We learned this morning that Marjorie Brennan was hospitalized today for some type of surgery, which concerns us all in view of her medical history. Bill has been absent today, and I have no report.

Bill himself plans to be hospitalized for two or three days next week (as I understand it) for some treatment of his vocal cord problem.

We can at least be thankful that, except for tomorrow, there will be no further arguments until January 9. By then, we should be back to full strength.

I thought about you Sunday when the Vikings made a dramatic last minute comeback, overcoming a 24 point deficit, on the passing of a rookie quarterback. Perhaps a worthy successor to Tarkenton has been found^o

It was good to visit with you and Dottie on the telephone Saturday. My best to you both.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Blackmun

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December 14, 1977

Dear Bill,

Jo and I are sending to you with this note Leon Uris' novel called "Trinity".

Although the book came out last year, it only recently came to our attention. We are reading it together slowly - some 20 to 30 pages a night after I finish my Court work. Although the first hundred pages are a bit slow, we find it a rather fascinating - and shocking story.

As Presbyterians, we can't believe that Uris is "telling it like it was". If so, we hope you good Catholics will forgive us.

In any event, the book enables me to understand - far better than before - the intensity of the fanaticism that continues to defy solution in North Ireland.

If you have read the book already, please send it back by your messenger (Joe Thompson). I can exchange the book for a newer one that you may not have read.

We have been thinking about you particularly today, and hope all went as well as Dr. Kornblut expected.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Brennan
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

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Supreme Court of the United States
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM.J. BRENNAN, JR.

December 16, 1977

Dear Brethren,

The biopsy from Wednesday's laryngoscopy reveals that I have a malignant tumor of the left vocal cord. Cobalt radiation for a seven week period, Monday through Friday of each week, will be initiated on Thursday, December 22. I am advised that after three weeks the soreness of my throat will make speaking somewhat difficult. Since the end of that 3 week period coincides with the January conference and argument session (from January 6 - 20), I very much doubt my ability to participate in that session, although I shall make every effort to do so.

Bill

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

Dear Bill,

I am deeply
distressed by the
news of the biopsy
result.

We all have had
friends who had this
experience, and we
know that there are
solutions to the problem.
But the intervening
treatment is not pleasant.
I therefore am most
disappointed that you
have to undergo this.

Don't worry about your
work here. You have
carried more than your

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

share of the load
here for two decades
- with great distinction.
You have those years
of accumulated credit.
We will gladly carry
forward the work of
the Court while you
take all the time
your doctors recommend
to recuperate.

With affection,

Lewis

December 16th

Court

December 29, 1977

Dear Bill,

Seeing you at the Christmas party reminded me that I had warm messages for you from old friends at Princeton.

Jo and I went up to Princeton in the fall, where I met with the Constitutional Law class that you used to address regularly every two years. We also dined with a group of faculty members and top students, and generally had a most enjoyable time.

Dr. Alpheus Mason, who attended all of these activities, is in fine health. He particularly asked to be remembered to you, and spoke of you most warmly. Dr. Murphy, who presently conducts the class, also spoke of the important contributions you have made to Princeton over the years.

Sidney Davis - who formerly clerked for you (I believe) - also was at the dinner.

Jo and I have thought of you and Kathy during the "holidays". We send you affectionate best wishes.

As ever,

Mr. Justice Douglas

[c. DEC. 1977]

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

Dearest Jo & Lewis

We simply can't begin to
thank you for so many, many
kindnesses - flowers, notes, "Trinity",
etc etc. But you know how
deeply grateful we are - and
how deeply affectionate our
regard for two very dear friends
Bill