

79-935

January 7, 1981

* P.O. Box 124 * La Push, Washington 98350 * 206 374-2056 *

December 20, 1980

Mr. Walter Miale
Post Office Box 124
La Push, Washington 98350. Blackmun
The Supreme Court of the United States
Dear Mr. Miale: a, D.C.

Thank you for your supportive letter of December 20. It reached me only today. Allen v. McCurry was not an easy case, but I felt that my dissent was appropriate and that in correct. I appreciate your writing. (Allen v. McCurry) you

It is hard to find out true facts about a legal decision from the news accounts. Journalists often have a difficult time dissecting the facts and the basis rulings. This one, however, came through correctly.

It is of course hard to glean the essence of a complex dispute in constitutional law. Sincerely, a newspaper story, but I would like to applaud your action. Times are hard now, the right wing is ascendant, the gap between rich and poor is widening, the political mood of the country is chilling, the poor and the outcast have few allies. I agree with you that the balance between state and federal courts should be maintained and also that precarious balance between individual rights and state power.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Walter Miale

Walter Miale