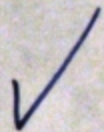


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CHAMBERS OF
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February 25, 1978

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of Social Services

Dear Bill,

As Lewis has indicated, we are indebted to both you and Bill Rehnquist for educating your Brethren as you have. I am grateful.

I also appreciate Lewis' memorandum. I agree with you and with him that school boards are persons for the purpose of §1983 but share his preference for not overruling Monroe and Moor. At this juncture, however, I am not at rest as to the possible immunity of school boards and prefer not to decide the issue. At least, that is my tentative view.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Brennan

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