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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE

April 27, 1978

November 12, 1977

Re: No. 75-1914 - Monell v. New York City
Department of Social Services

Dear Bill:

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Dear Bill:

I have read with great interest the more recent writings in this case, and the correspondence. As of now, I am about where Potter and John are in their respective letters of April 26. It seems to me that if Monroe v. Pape is to be overruled, the Court is striking off in a new direction and we should move cautiously, one step at a time. There is much to be said, also, for Lewis' approach, and I shall be interested in what he comes up with.

This memo is to be used only for the assigned Assignment Sheet.

Sincerely,

Larry

Mr. Justice Brennan

cc: The Conference