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JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

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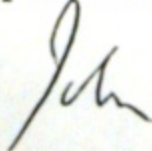
Re: 83-1919 - Oklahoma City v. Tuttle

Dear Bill:

Consistent with my vote at Conference, I plan to try my hand at a dissent as soon as I can get to it.

I might note that I am particularly troubled by the holding that the city can obtain reversal on the basis of an error in the instructions that was not properly preserved in the district court. I have prepared a rough draft of a DIG in Western Airlines v. Chriswell, 83-1545, that is based entirely on the Airlines' failure to make a proper record of its objections to the trial court's instructions to the jury. If the Court accepts your opinion--which I assume it will--perhaps we should also reach the merits in that case.

Respectfully,



Justice Rehnquist

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