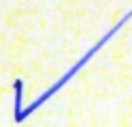


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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS



April 10, 1978

Re: 75-1914 - Monell v. Dept. of Social
Services of the City of New York

Dear Bill:

Although I expect to join Parts I-A, I-B, most of I-C, and II-A of your opinion, I do not presently plan to join Parts II-B, II-C, or III.

I plan to write a separate opinion in which I take issue with II-B and suggest that the discussion in Parts II-C and III is unnecessary and is not embraced within the question presented by the certiorari petition.

With respect to I-C, I cannot accept "the full power" argument; if that argument were valid, there would be no room for immunity for judges or other officials.

Respectfully,

Mr. Justice Brennan

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