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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

April 27, 1978

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

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.

Sincerely,

*Harry*

Mr. Justice Brennan

cc: The Conference