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JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

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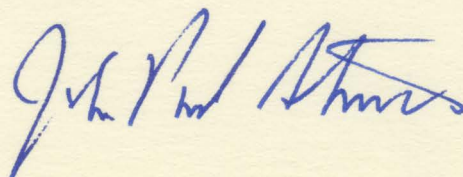
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With my highest esteem, I am

Respectfully,

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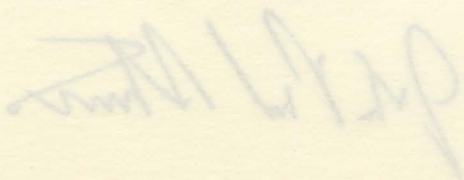
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