

January 3, 1990

Dear Chief:

The article in Monday's Post prompts me to write this note. You emphasized that additional judges are urgently needed in view of the burden on the courts and the judicial system primarily by drug-related cases.

I admire the way you take a broad view of the role and responsibilities of the Chief Justice.

As a personal note, Jo and I think of you and Nan as dear friends whom we admire. We hope the decade of the 1990's will be happy for you and your family.

As ever,

The Chief Justice

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February 8, 1990

Ms. Sally Smith  
Secretary to Justice Powell  
Supreme Court of the United States  
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Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Sally:

As always and once again, thanks for your counsel and assistance. As we discussed, the University of South Carolina wishes Chief Justice Rehnquist to participate in the extraordinary occasion relating to our commencement activities this spring. Any encouragement and support you could lend to his staff and/or should the Justice be able to reinforce the invitation, would be appreciated tremendously by Dr. Holderman, the University and myself.

Here are the details:

- o Senator Thurmond will approach the Chief Justice.
- o The University of South Carolina would like to invite the Chief Justice to speak to our graduate convocation on Friday afternoon, May 11th. This ceremony honors our graduates from law, medicine, business, as well as our doctorates in all other fields and is their formal hooding ceremony. The ceremony would be held on the beautiful and historic Horseshoe at the University of South Carolina, an idyllic setting of learning and inspiration as the graduates go forth with the highest degree the University offers.
- o We then wish the Chief Justice and Mrs. Rehnquist, if available, to spend the night at the President's house at the University. The Chief Justice would receive an honorary degree from the University the next day at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony. The President and Mrs. Bush and the composer, Andrew Lloyd Weber, are the other degree recipients.
- o Senator Thurmond was responsible for getting the President to Columbia, and would hope that the Chief Justice could accept the invitation as a magnificent event in the life of our University as well as our Country in honoring the President and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on the same day, with the United States Senator on the stage as well.
- o Following the undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 12th, a special performance centered around Mr. Andrew Lloyd Weber's work with the honored



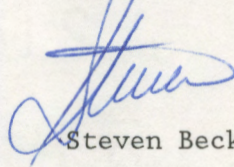
guests of the First Family, the Chief Justice, Senator and Mrs. Thurmond, as well as the great composer himself would be staged in the new Koger Center for the Performing Arts on the campus.

o Then, late that afternoon, the Chief Justice would be free to stay in Columbia or to go wherever. The University would provide transportation of the Chief Justice to and from the event to any location he desired.

o The University is grateful for the Chief Justice's consideration of this request.

Sally, thank you. I will call you later on Friday.

Sincerely,



Steven Beckham

February 13, 1990

Dear Chief:

You have or will receive an invitation from the University of South Carolina to speak at its graduate convocation on Friday, May 11.

I was requested to support the invitation. Normally I would decline such a request.

I can say that I have known Dr. James B. Holderman, President of the University, for a number of years. He has done a great deal to improve the University.

If this is a time when you can leave the Court, I think you and Nan would enjoy Columbia. It is an interesting city, and the state itself also has a great deal of history. As you know, Jimmy Burns - a remarkable man - served on this Court but only for less than a year.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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April 17, 1990

Dear Chief:

Thank you for your letter advising that service awards will be made on Tuesday, May 8, to Justices Stevens, O'Connor, and you. I regret that I will be out of the city on that day, and would appreciate your explaining my absence.

I am a bit puzzled that you should be scheduled to receive a service award and not I. Perhaps you don't give awards to retired Justices. If so what about Chief Justice Burger?

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

21 SEP 1990

September 20, 1990

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

Nan was operated on today at NIH and the surgeon's report is encouraging. The operation took six hours, and she will be in intensive care for several days. She should be back in her own room by the beginning of the week. Her telephone number there is 402-3755.

Sincerely,

*Wm*

cc: Chief Justice Burger  
Justice Brennan  
Justice Powell



October 4, 1990

Summary

Tuesday, October 9, 1990  
Investiture Events

NOTES: First Floor will be closed to public until approximately 9:40 a.m., following photo session on plaza, and after Chief Justice Rehnquist and the new Justice are in West Conference Room.

As soon after 9:35 a.m. as possible, police begin seating for oral argument; Court sits at 10:15 a.m.

If raining or otherwise necessary, Lower Great Hall will be holding area while investiture takes place.

Guests for Investiture will be entering either by main entrance, First Floor or through garage, if being chauffeured. No parking being offered; defer any requests to Marshal's office.

Tables for seating assignments (four skirted tables arranged along left side of Great Hall).

Invitation and seating card will be presented as guests check in.

Courtroom diagram will be color-coded and distributed to Marshal's Office and police on Friday, October 5.

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8:30 a.m.

Seating begins.

9 a.m.

[Buzzer for Justices to robe and assemble in Conference Room.]

Signing of Oath, Justices' Conference Room. Chief Justice, Associate Justices and Judge Souter. (Clerk to provide copies of Oaths for signature. PIO Photographer (Heinen) and Curator's photographer (Nielson) and Court photographer (Long).

9:15 a.m.

Investiture Ceremony in Courtroom. Priority Seating chart, color codes and reserved seating cards.

9:25 a.m.

Coffee in West Conference Room. [Justices derobe prior to going to West Conference Room.]



[NO RECEIVING LINE.]

9:25 a.m.

Photo opportunity, Front Plaza. Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice Souter. [Five minutes only; Toni House coordinating with Dennis Chapas and police/Marshal's Office.] Alternate location: East Conference Room.

Following photograph session, Chief Justice and Justice Souter proceed to West Conference Room.

10:05 a.m.

Buzzer for Justices to assemble and robe for argument.

10:15 a.m.

Court sits.

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Ken Heinen, Press Coverage.

Kim Nielson, Smithsonian, Court photographs and general coverage.

Lois Long, Court Photographer, Curator's Office.



October 5, 1990

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EXPANDED AGENDA INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE AND COURTROOM INVESTITURE SCRIPT

Agenda, Monday and Tuesday, October 8-9, 1990

Monday, October 8, 1990

White House Swearing-In Ceremony

4:30 p.m. Meet at the Court; assemble in garage for trip to White House (Justices, Justices' spouses and statutory officers)

4:40 p.m. Depart for White House

5:00 p.m. Swearing-in Ceremony

5:15 p.m. Reception

5:45 p.m. Approximate departure time from White House and return to Court

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Tuesday, October 9, 1990

Courtroom Scenario and Script for Investiture of Judge David Hackett Souter

[Note: The Chief Justice, Judge Souter and Lawrence Averill will briefly stop in the Courtroom around 8:30 a.m. to go through the investiture outline.]

8:30 - 9 a.m. Courtroom Seating

9 - 9:15 a.m. Private signing of Oath cards and photographs, Justices' Conference Room

9:05 a.m. [The Attorney General and the Solicitor General are escorted by Mark Miskovsky from the Solicitor General's room to the Courtroom. The Attorney General and the



Solicitor General will be dressed in usual formal morning clothes. The Attorney General and the Solicitor General are escorted to their respective seats at the Counsel's table, the Attorney General on the right of the lectern and the Solicitor General on the left.]

9:10 a.m.

[Judge Souter (wearing robe) will be escorted by Chief Deputy Clerk Frank Lorson from the Court Conference Room to the John Marshall chair near the Clerk's desk in the Courtroom.]

9:15 p.m.

Marshal Al Wong cries the Court and the Justices enter the Courtroom in usual order.

Script

Chief Justice:

This special sitting of the Court is held today to receive the Commission of the newly appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, David Hackett Souter. The Court now recognizes the Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Thornburgh.

Attorney General:

Mr. Chief Justice and may it please the Court, I have the Commission which has been issued to the Honorable David Hackett Souter as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Commission has been duly signed by the President of the United States and attested by me as the Attorney General of the United States. I move that the Clerk read the Commission and that it be made part of the permanent records of this Court.

Chief Justice:

Thank you, Mr. Attorney General, your motion is granted. Mr. Clerk, will you please read the Commission?

[William Matthews steps forward, takes the Commission and hands it to the Clerk, Joseph Spaniol. The Attorney General will remain at the lectern while the Clerk reads the Commission. Judge Souter remains seated.]

The Clerk:

(Reads Commission.)



Chief Justice: I now ask the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court to escort Judge Souter to the bench.

The Marshal: Please remain seated. Only the Court will rise.

[Chief Justice Rehnquist's chair is pulled back and away from the bench. Chief Deputy Clerk Lorson escorts Judge Souter up to the back of the bench; the Clerk escorts Judge Souter to the left of the Chief Justice on left-hand side of the bench, facing the Courtroom.]

Chief Justice: Judge Souter, are you ready to take the oath?

Judge Souter: I am.

[The Clerk of the Court will stand between the Chief Justice and Judge Souter holding the Bible and facing the Courtroom. The Chief Justice will stand on the Clerk's right and raise his right hand. Judge Souter will stand on the Clerk's left and raise his right hand.]

Chief Justice Rehnquist will administer the oath and Judge Souter will repeat the oath after him as follows:

Chief Justice: Please repeat after me.

I, David Hackett Souter, do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons and do equal right to the poor and to the rich and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States, so help me God.

Chief Justice: Justice Souter, on behalf of all the members of the Court, it is a pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome as an Associate Justice of the Court and to wish for you a long and happy career in our common calling.



[Messenger David Hawthorne escorts Justice Souter to his seat on the bench. The Chief Justice conducts further business: circuit assignments.]

Chief Justice: Effective with the appointment of Justice Souter, an order has been entered by the Court today allotting the circuit justices as follows:

District of Columbia, Fourth and  
Federal Circuits: Chief Justice  
First and Third Circuits: Justice Souter  
Second Circuit: Justice Marshall  
Fifth Circuit: Justice Scalia  
Sixth and Seventh Circuits:  
Justice Stevens  
Eighth Circuit: Justice Blackmun  
Ninth Circuit: Justice O'Connor  
Tenth Circuit: Justice White  
Eleventh Circuit: Justice Kennedy

The Marshal: The Honorable Court is now adjourned until 10:15 a.m. The Court requests guests to remain briefly in the Courtroom while the bench is cleared and the press exits.

[PIO staff will escort press out of Courtroom to front plaza for photo opportunity. Justices will derobe as normal. After the Chief Justice and Justice Souter depart for the plaza the police will escort Justices' spouses and their guests to the Conference Room hallway where they will meet the Justices and proceed to the West Conference Room. Other guests will be guided out of the Courtroom and into the West Conference Room for coffee.]

[Once Courtroom is cleared, police begin seating for oral argument.]

9:25 a.m. Photo Opportunity. [Immediately after leaving the bench, and derobing, Dennis Chapas and Toni House will escort Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice Souter to front plaza for photos. (Photographers will already be set up and waiting.) Afterwards Dennis Chapas and Toni House will escort Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice Souter will be escorted to West Conference Room for coffee.]



There will be no receiving line at the reception.

[If raining, photo opportunity will take place in East conference Room.]

9:25 - 10:05 a.m. Coffee, West Conference Room

10:05 a.m. [Buzzer rings.] Justices leave coffee to robe and assemble for argument session.

10:15 a.m. Oral Argument



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE Wm. J. BRENNAN, JR.  
RETIRED

November 5, 1990

I must  
write C J  
when I  
return from  
Rd.

Dear Nan and Chief,

Mary and I accept with greatest  
pleasure your invitation for dinner on  
the evening of January 19, 1991.

Sincerely,

Brennan

The Chief Justice  
and Mrs. Rehnquist

cc: Chief Justice Burger (Retired)  
Justice Powell (Retired)

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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

November 6, 1990

Dear Chief:

Last April I made a commitment to attend the Devitt Committee Meeting in Naples, Florida from January 19 through January 22, 1991. Because I believe I should keep that commitment, it would not be convenient for Maryan and me to attend a dinner on the 19th.

Respectfully,

*J.P.S.*

The Chief Justice

Copies to the Conference

cc: Chief Justice Burger  
Justice Brennan  
Justice Powell

*Sally - Have we  
been invited?  
By whom?*



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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

November 7, 1990

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Dear Chief:

Dottie and I have a tentative commitment for January 19, but it is one from which we could unhook and shall do so if that date is the one decided upon.

Sincerely,

*Harry*

The Chief Justice

cc: The Conference  
Chief Justice Burger (Retired)  
Justice Brennan (Retired)  
Justice Powell (Retired)



December 18, 1990

Dear Bill:

Jo and I appreciate the Christmas greetings from you and Nan. We have missed seeing you on a regular basis. My health has been comparatively good over the past year.

I also write to say that you and Nan have made the Christmas party an occasion that everyone at the Court attends and enjoys. I hope there were some good photographs taken of you leading the singing in the East Conference Room. You were in good voice! Nan looked quite lovely and we hope that her health has stabilized. We have never known a finer person.

We will be in our Richmond home for Christmas, and then will visit our Houston daughter and her family on their ranch in Texas. It is located in what is called the "hill country", and is a great place to hunt wild turkeys.

We send affectionate best wishes to both of you.

As ever,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss



December 18, 1990

Dear Chief:

I now find that Jo and I can accept your invitation for dinner on the evening of Saturday, January 19.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

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