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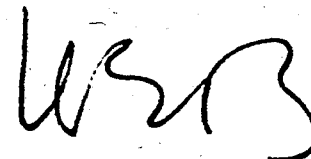
CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

December 2, 1969

Re: No. 86 - Morales v. New York

Dear Byron:

I join your per curiam.



Mr. Justice White

cc: The Conference

December 1, 1969

Re: No. 86 - Morales v. New York

Dear Byron:

I agree with your per curiam.

Sincerely,

J.M.H.

Mr. Justice White

CC: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

December 3, 1969

RE: No. 86 - Morales v. New York

Dear Byron:

I agree with your Per Curiam in
the above case.

Sincerely,



W. J. B. Jr.

Mr. Justice White

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

December 2, 1969

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Dear Byron,

I am glad to join the Per Curiam you have
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Sincerely yours,

P.S.

Mr. Justice White

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

From: White, J.

No. 86.—OCTOBER TERM, 1969

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