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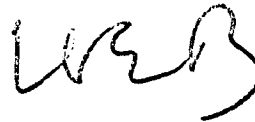
October 13, 1970

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410 -
United States v. Chicago

Dear Bill:

Please join me in your Per Curiam.

Regards,



Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: The Conference

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

October 12, 1970

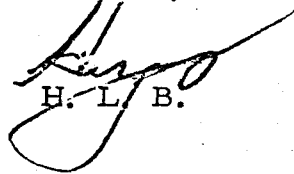
Dear Bill,

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396 and 410.

Please add the following at the
foot of your Per Curiam in this case:

"MR. JUSTICE BLACK has grave
doubts about the Court's interpretation of
Section 13a(1) of the Interstate Commerce Act
and therefore does not join the Court's sum-
mary reversal, but would note jurisdiction
and set this case for argument."

Sincerely,



H. L. B.

Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

October 14, 1970

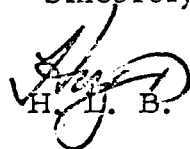
Dear Bill,

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410
United States, et al. v. City
of Chicago, et al.

I am joining Brother Harlan's
dissenting opinion in the above cases.

Please remove my statement at the end
of your opinion.

Sincerely,


H. L. B.

Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: Members of the Conference

Supreme Court of the United States
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

October 14, 1970

Dear John:

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410
United States, et al. v.
City of Chicago, et al.

Please join me in your dissent
in the above cases.

Sincerely,


H. L. B.

Mr. Justice Harlan

cc: Members of the Conference

To: The Chief Justice
Mr. Justice Black
Mr. Justice Harlan ✓
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From: Douglas, J.

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

October 7, 1970

Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410 --
United States v. Chicago

Dear Bill,

I am glad to join the Per Curiam circulated by you today in these cases.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Douglas

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October 12, 1970

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396 & 410 -
U.S. v. City of Chicago

Dear Bill:

Confirming my oral communication, I join your per curiam for this case.

Sincerely,

B.R.W.

Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

October 8, 1970

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410 --
United States v. Chicago, etc.

Dear Bill:

Please join me in your Per Curiam.

Sincerely,


T.M.

Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

October 9, 1970

Re: Nos. 386, 387, 396, 410 -
United States v. Chicago

Dear Bill:

Please join me in your proposed Per
Curiam for these cases.

Sincerely,

H. A. B.

Mr. Justice Douglas

cc: The Conference