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CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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

May 20, 1971

No. 840 - Astrup v. Imm. & Naturalization Service

Dear Hugo:

I do not really agree but the case is narrow and unimportant except to this one man.

In my view he made what turned out to be a "bad bargain" and ought to be held to it.

But I am very pliable this week and I will join up with you in spite of my reservations.

Regards,

W.B.

Mr. Justice Black

cc: The Conference

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J. P.

To: The Chief Justice
Mr. Justice Douglas
Mr. Justice Harlan
Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice Stewart
Mr. Justice White
—Mr. Justice Marshall
Mr. Justice Blackmun

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May 18, 1971

Re: No. 849 : Astrop v. INS

Dear Hugo:

I am glad to join you.

Sincerely,

J. M. H.

Mr. Justice Black

cc: The Conference



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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

May 14, 1971

RE: No. 840 - Astrup v. Immigration and
Naturalization Service

Dear Hugo:

I agree.

Sincerely,

WJB
W. J. B. Jr.

Mr. Justice Black

cc: The Conference

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

May 14, 1971

No. 840 - Astrup v. INS

Dear Hugo,

I am glad to join your opinion for the Court in this case.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.

Mr. Justice Black

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May 14, 1971

Re: No. 890 - Astrea v. Immigration
and Naturalization Services

Dear Hugo:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

B. R. N.

Mr. Justice Black

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

May 17, 1971

Re: No. 840 - Astrup v. I.N.S.

Dear Hugo:

Please join me.

Sincerely,


T.M.

Mr. Justice Black

cc: The Conference

May 17, 1971

Re: No. 640 - Aistrup v. INS

Dear Hugo:

Legree.

Sincerely,

H. A. B.

Mr. Justice Black

cc: The Conference

MR. JUSTICE BLACK