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Re: No. 71-16 - Kleindienst v. Mandel

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Mr. Douglas dissenting

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[June 29, 1972]

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

June 16, 1972

RE: No. 71-16 - Kleindienst v. Mandel

Dear Thurgood:

Please join me in your dissent in the
above.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Marshall

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JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

June 8, 1972

71-16, Kleindienst v. Mandel

Dear Harry,

I agree with your memorandum,
which I hope will become the opinion of the
Court.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

June 19, 1972

Re: No. 71-16 - Kleindienst v.
Mandel

Dear Harry:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

Byron

Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

May 3, 1972

Memorandum for the Chief Justice

Re: No. 71-16 - Mitchell v. Mandel

While I appreciate the assignment of this opinion to me and have worked on it almost continuously since that time, I sincerely regret that I find myself unable to write it. As a matter of fact, I am convinced that my vote was in error.

You will remember that my vote was to agree because "we had come too far to turn back." However, my further research convinces me that I am not in accord with The Chinese Exclusion Case and do not agree that the Constitution gave to either Congress or the Executive the broad power they assert.

As I said before I am sorry, but I will have to go down as a "backslider."


T.M.

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No. 71-16 - Kleindienst v. Mandel

Mr. JUSTICE MARSHALL dissenting.

From: Marshall, J.

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Dr. Ernest Mandel, a citizen of Belgium, is an internationally famous Marxist scholar and journalist. He was invited to our country by a group of American scholars who wished to meet him for discussion and debate. With firm plans for conferences, colloquia, and lectures, the American hosts were stunned to learn that Mandel had been refused permission to enter our country. American consular officials had found Mandel "ineligible" to receive a visa under §212 (a)(28) of the Immigration Act, (D) and (G)(v) which bars even temporary visits to the United States by aliens who "advocate the economic, international and governmental doctrines of world communism" or "who write or publish any written or printed matter * * * advocating or teaching * * *" such doctrines. Under §212(d)(3), the Attorney General refused to waive ineligibility.

I, too, am stunned to learn that a country with our proud heritage has refused Dr. Mandel temporary admission. I am convinced that Americans cannot be denied the opportunity to hear Dr. Mandel's views in person because their government disapproves of Dr. Mandel's ideas, and, therefore, I dissent.

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MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN, Memorandum.

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“Does appellants’ action in refusing to allow an alien scholar to enter the country to attend academic meetings violate the First Amendment rights of American scholars and students who had invited him?”¹

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JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

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Lewis

Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

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Re: No. 71-16 - Kleindienst v. Mandel

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Mr. Justice Blackmun

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