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CIPOLLONE ET AL.

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ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

No. 71-5729. Decided January —, 1972

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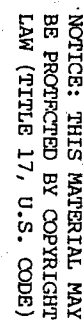


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The judgment is affirmed.

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

January 13, 1972

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Re: No. 71-5129 - Lippitt v.
Cipollone

Dear Bill:

Please add at the foot of
your opinion:

Mr. Justice White
would also note probable
jurisdiction and set the
case for oral argument.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Douglas

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January 15, 1972

Re: No. 71-5729 - Lippitt v. Cipollone

Dear Bill:

In place of the reference at the foot of your opinion in this case to what Brother Brennan and I would do, please substitute the following:

Mr. Justice Brennan, Mr. Justice White
and Mr. Justice Powell:

We are three of the four who dissent from the affirmance of the judgment of the District Court in this case. In the circumstances present here, however, we do not insist that the case be set down for oral argument.

Sincerely,

B.R.W.

Mr. Justice Douglas

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