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Texas v. Louisiana

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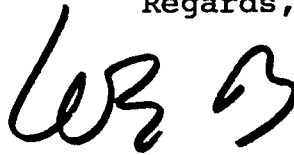
May 9, 1977

Re: 36 Original - Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

I join.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "WB" followed by a stylized flourish or the letter "B".

Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM.J. BRENNAN, JR.

May 4, 1977

RE: No. 36 Orig., Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

I agree.

Sincerely,

B. J.

Mr. Justice Blackmun

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

May 4, 1977

No. 36 Orig., Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry,

The proposed decree you have circulated seems fine to me as to form. Needless to say, I have not checked the numbers.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

May 4, 1977

Re: No. 36, Orig. - Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

I agree. And thanks.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

May 5, 1977

Re: No. 36, Orig. - Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

I agree with your proposed decree.

Sincerely,



T. M.

Mr. Justice Blackmun

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

May 4, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

Re: No. 36 Orig. - Texas v. Louisiana

Herewith is the proposed decree which, among other things, will discharge the Special Master. With the exception of paragraphs 6 and 7, its form is that stipulated by the two States and approved by Judge Van Pelt.

If this meets with the approval of the Conference, I believe the routine is to have it appear on the next order list.

HAS.

To: The Chief Justice
 Mr. Justice Brennan
 Mr. Justice Stewart
 Mr. Justice White
 Mr. Justice Marshall
 Mr. Justice Powell
 Mr. Justice Rehnquist
 Mr. Justice Stevens

From: Mr. Justice Blackmun

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF TEXAS v. STATE OF LOUISIANA

ON BILL OF COMPLAINT

No. 36, Orig. Decided May —, 1977

DECREE

For the purpose of giving effect to the opinion of this Court announced on June 14, 1976, 426 U. S. 465:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the extension of the boundary southerly from the point where the line forming the boundary between Texas and Louisiana southerly from the Arkansas boundary, intersects the geographical middle of the Sabine River (Latitude $31^{\circ}59'56.225''$ North, Longitude $94^{\circ}02'33.105''$ West, said point being taken from the United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Center, Tex.-La. 1958 edition) to the mid-point between the gulfward extension of the Sabine Pass jetties Latitude $29^{\circ}38'37.329''$ North, Longitude $93^{\circ}49'30.940''$ West hereby is established.

Said boundary commences at Latitude $31^{\circ}59'56.225''$ North and Longitude $94^{\circ}02'33.105''$ West, thence proceeding in a southerly direction along the Sabine River using the federal line as shown for the boundary on the United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Center, Tex.-La., 1958 Edition (photorevised 1969) and signed by Hatley N. Harrison, Jr., for Louisiana on February 20, 1974, and by H. H. Forbes, Jr., for Texas on February 20, 1974, which is in evidence in this case as Texas Exhibit AAA-1.

Thence, on the United States Geological Survey Quadrangle Logansport, La.-Tex. Edition of 1956 (photorevised 1969) and signed by Hatley N. Harrison, Jr., for Louisiana on February 20, 1974, and Herman H. Forbes, Jr. for Texas on February 20, 1974, which is in evidence in this case as Texas

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

May 4, 1977

No. 36 Orig. Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

Lewis

Mr. Justice Blackmun

lfp/ss

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

May 4, 1977

Re: No. 36 Orig. - Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Blackmun

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

May 4, 1977

Re: 36 Orig. - Texas v. Louisiana

Dear Harry:

Please join me.

Respectfully,



Mr. Justice Blackmun

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