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Alexander v. Fioto

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

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

March 31, 1977

Re: 75-1704 Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John:

I join.

Regards,

WB

Mr. Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

March 21, 1977

RE: No. 75-1704 Alexander v. Fioto, etc.

Dear John:

I agree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

March 18, 1977

Re: No. 75-1704, Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John,

I am glad to join your opinion for the Court.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.

Mr. Justice Stevens

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

March 21, 1977

Re: No. 75-1703 - Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stevens

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

April 1, 1977

Re: No. 75-1704 - Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,


T.M.

Mr. Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

March 18, 1977

Re: No. 75-1704 - Alexander, Secretary v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

H.A.B.

Mr. Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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

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JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

March 18, 1977

Re: No. 75-1704 - Alexander, Secretary v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

H.A.B.

Mr. Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

P.S. [to JFS only] Should not Bill Rehnquist be marked as not participating?

H. A. B.

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

March 18, 1977

No. 75-1704 Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

Lewis

Mr. Justice Stevens

lfp/ss

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

March 23, 1977

Re: No. 75-1704 - Alexander v. Fioto

Dear John:

Please show me as taking no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

Sincerely,

WHR

Mr. Justice Stevens

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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Secretary of the Army, Appellant, v. Louis J. Fioto, etc.	}	On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York,
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"(c) No person who, before August 16, 1945, was a Reserve of an armed force, or a member of the Army without component or other category covered by section 1332 (a)(1) of this title except a regular component, is eligible for retired pay under this chapter, unless he performed active duty after April 5, 1917, and before November 12, 1918, or after September 8, 1940, and before January 1, 1947, or unless he performed active duty (other than for training) after June 26, 1950, and before July 28, 1953."

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