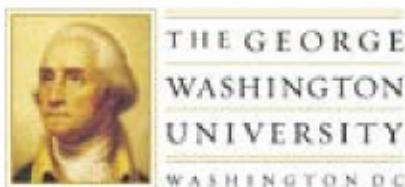


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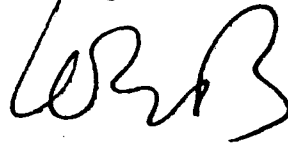
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Dear Bill:

I join.

Regards,



Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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January 19, 1979

RE: Nos. 77-1465 & 77-1491 Director, Office of
Workers' Compensation Programs and GEO Control
v. Rasmussen, et al.

Dear Bill:

I agree.

Sincerely,



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January 18, 1979

Re: No. 77-1465 & 77-1491 - Director, Workers'
Compensation Programs v. Rasmussen

Dear Bill:

I am glad to join your opinion for the
Court.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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January 19, 1979

Re: Nos. 77-1465 & 77-1491: Director,
Office of Workers' Compensation
Programs, US Department of Labor
v. Rasmussen; and Geo Control, Inc.,
and New Hampshire Insurance Co.
v. Rasmussen

Dear Bill,

I agree.

Sincerely yours,

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

February 1, 1979

Re: 77-1465 - Director v. Rasmussen and
77-1491 - Geo Control v. Rasmussen

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Sincerely,

J.M.

T.M.

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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January 22, 1979

Re: No. 77-1465 - Director v. Rasmussen
No. 77-1491 - Geo. Control, Inc. v. Rasmussen

Dear Bill:

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Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

January 18, 1979

No. 14-1465 Director v. Rasmussen

Dear Bill:

Please show at the end of the next draft of your opinion that I took no part in the decision of this case.

Sincerely,

Lewis Powell

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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

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Nos. 77-1465 AND 77-1491

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Labor, Petitioner,

77-1465 v.
Genevieve O. Rasmussen et al.

Geo Control, Incorporated and
New Hampshire Insurance
Company, Petitioners,

77-1491 v.
Genevieve O. Rasmussen et al.

On Writs of Certiorari to
the United States Court
of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit.

[January —, 1979]

MR. JUSTICE REHNQUIST delivered the opinion of the Court.

In May 1973 William Rasmussen was employed as a hydrologist by Geo Control, Inc., which was under contract with the United States to perform work in South Vietnam. Rasmussen was fatally injured during the course of his employment when the vehicle in which he was riding was blown up by a land mine. His employment was within the coverage of the Defense Base Act, 42 U. S. C. § 1651 *et seq.*, which incorporates the provisions of the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U. S. C. § 901 *et seq.* (Act). It is undisputed that Rasmussen's surviving widow and son,¹ respondents here, are entitled to death benefits under § 909

¹ Rasmussen's surviving son is entitled to benefits until his 18th birthday, or, if he qualifies under the Act as a student, until his 23d birthday. See 33 U. S. C. §§ 902 (14), (18), and 909 (b) (Supp. 1976).

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

January 18, 1979

Re: 77-1465; 1491 - Director v. Rasmussen

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Respectfully,

Mr. Justice Rehnquist

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