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440 U.S. 444 (1979)

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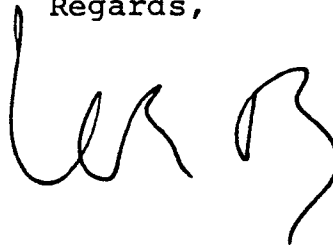
February 27, 1979

Re: 77-6540 - Ramsey v. State of New York

Dear Potter:

I join.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Lewis B. Powell", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Justice Stewart

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

February 27, 1979

RE: No. 77-6540 Ramsey v. New York

Dear Potter:

I agree with the Per Curiam you have prepared
in this case.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Justice Stewart

cc: The Conference

✓
To: The Chief Justice
Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice White
Mr. Justice Marshall ✓
Mr. Justice Blackmun
Mr. Justice Powell
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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 77-6540

Harold Ramsey, Petitioner.	} On Writ of Certiorari to the	
<i>v.</i>		Appellate Division, Supreme
State of New York.		Court of New York, Second Judicial Dept.

[March —, 1979]

PER CURIAM.

The petition for certiorari in this case stated the question presented as follows:

"Whether a guilty plea is obtained in violation of due process of law when it is induced by a judge's threat that, should the defendant be convicted after trial, he will receive a sentence almost four times greater than one once seriously discussed, and more than twice as great as the one then held out as part of a plea offer."

We granted certiorari to decide this question. — U. S. —. After briefing and oral argument, it has become evident that on the record in this case it cannot be said with any degree of certainty that this question is actually presented. The writ, therefore, is dismissed as having been improvidently granted.

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

February 27, 1979

Re: No. 77-6540 - Ramsey v. New York

Dear Potter,

Please join me.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

February 27, 1979

Re; No. 77-6540 - Ramsey v. New York

Dear Potter:

I agree with your Per Curiam.

Sincerely,

J.M.

T.M.

Mr. Justice Stewart

cc: The Conference

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

February 27, 1979

Re: No. 77-6540 - Ramsey v. New York

Dear Potter:

I agree with your proposed per curiam disposition.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stewart

cc: The Conference

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

February 28, 1979

77-6540 Ramsey v. New York

Dear Potter:

Your Per Curiam is fine with me.

Sincerely,

L. Lewis

Mr. Justice Stewart

lfp/ss

cc: The Conference

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

February 27, 1979

Re: No. 77-6540 Ramsey v. New York

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Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

February 27, 1979

Re: 77-6540 - Ramsey v. State of New York

Dear Potter:

Please join me.

Respectfully,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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