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## *Alexander v. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

441 U.S. 39 (1979)

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Washington, D. C. 20543

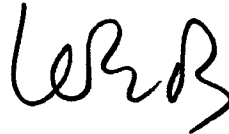
CHAMBERS OF  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

April 9, 1979

Dear Thurgood:

Re: 77-874 Alexander v. U.S. Dept. of HUD  
77-1463 Harris v. Cole  
I join.

Regards,



Mr. Justice Marshall

cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States  
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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

April 9, 1979

RE: Nos. 77-874 and 77-1463 Genanett Alexander v. HUD  
and Patricia Roberts Harris v. Sadie E. Cole, et al.

Dear Thurgood:

I agree.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

Mr. Justice Marshall

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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

April 5, 1979

Re: 77-874 and 77-1463 - Alexander v. U.S. Dept. of  
HUD

Dear Thurgood:

I am glad to join your opinion for the Court.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Justice Marshall

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CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

April 6, 1979

Re: Nos. 77-874 and 77-1463: Alexander  
v. HUD, etc.

Dear Thurgood,

Please join me.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Justice Marshall  
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## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Nos. 77-874 AND 77-1463

Genanett Alexander et al.,  
 Petitioners,  
 77-874 v.  
 United States Department of  
 Housing and Urban De-  
 velopment et al.

On Writ of Certiorari to  
 the United States Court  
 of Appeals for the Sev-  
 enth Circuit.

Patricia Roberts Harris, Secretary  
 of Housing and Urban Devel-  
 opment, et al., Petitioners,  
 77-1463 v.  
 Sadie E. Cole et al.

On Writ of Certiorari to  
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 of Appeals for the Dis-  
 trict of Columbia Circuit.

[April —, 1979]

MR. JUSTICE MARSHALL delivered the opinion of the Court.

These cases require us to interpret the definition of a "displaced person" set forth in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Relocation Act), 84 Stat. 1894, 42 U. S. C. §§ 4601-4655. Section 101 (6) of the Act defines a "displaced person" as

"any person who . . . moves . . . as a result of the acquisition of . . . real property, . . . or as a result of the written order of the acquiring agency to vacate real property, for a program or project undertaken by a Federal agency. . . ." 42 U. S. C. § 4601 (6).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Section 101 (6) provides in its entirety:

"The term 'displaced person' means any person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, moves from real property, or moves his personal property from real property, as a result of the acquisition of such real

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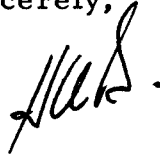
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JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

April 9, 1979

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77-1463 Harris v. Cole

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Please join me.

Sincerely,

*Lewis*

Mr. Justice Marshall

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CHAMBERS OF  
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Respectfully,



Mr. Justice Marshall

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