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Pratt v. Westcott

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

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

May 2, 1979

PERSONAL

Re: 78-689 - Alexander Sharp, II, etc. v.
Cindy Westcott, et al.

Dear Lewis:

Will you take on a dissent in this
case?

Regards,

Mr. Justice Powell

Dear Chief,

I will be glad to try
a dissent.

At the Conference I
agreed with Potter that the
D.C. should not have rewritten
the statute. It should have
given a declaratory judgment
& issued an injunction, and left
the rewriting to Congress.

*The D.C., having undertaken to divine
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Sincerely

*cc: Stewart
Tolson*

WB

May 3, 1979

78-689 Sharp v. Westcott

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At the Conference I agreed with Potter that the DC should not have rewritten the statute. It should have given a declaratory judgment and issued an injunction and left the rewriting to Congress.

The District Court, having undertaken to devise an affirmative remedy, should have focused on "the principal wage earner".

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss

cc: Mr. Justice Stewart
Mr. Justice Rehnquist