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

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

February 1, 1980

Re: 78-357 - Williams v. Brown

Dear Potter:

I join the proposed remand order circulated
January 4.

Regards,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

March 20, 1980

RE: No. 78-357 Williams v. Brown

Dear Byron:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

Bill

Mr. Justice White

cc: The Conference

Mr. Chief Justice
Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice White
Mr. Justice Marshall
Mr. Justice Blackmun
Mr. Justice Powell
Mr. Justice Rehnquist
Mr. Justice Stevens

From Mr. Justice Stewart

Submitted 4 JAN 1980

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 78-357

Robert R. Williams et al.,
Appellants,
v.
Leila G. Brown et al. } On Appeal from the United
States Court of Appeals for the
Fifth Circuit.

[January —, 1980]

PER CURIAM.

The judgment of the Court of Appeals is vacated and the case is remanded to that court for further proceedings in light of the opinion of the Court announced today in *City of Mobile v. Bolden*, ante, at —.

It is so ordered.

To: The Chief Justice
Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice White
Mr. Justice Marshall
Mr. Justice Blackmun
Mr. Justice Powell
Mr. Justice Tanquist
Mr. Justice Stevens

From: Mr. Justice Stewart

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To: The Chief Justice
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Mr. Justice Stewart
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Mr. Justice Rehnquist
Mr. Justice Stevens

From: Mr. Justice White

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Appellants,		States Court of Appeals for the
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Leila G. Brown et al.		

[March —, 1980]

MR. JUSTICE WHITE, dissenting.

Because the decision below in this case is based on findings of fact and conclusions of law virtually identical to those in *City of Mobile v. Bolden*, ante, p. —, I dissent for the reasons stated in my opinion in that case, *id.*, at —.

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Leila G. Brown et al.	} States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

[March —, 1980]

MR. JUSTICE WHITE, with whom MR. JUSTICE BRENNAN |
joins, dissenting.

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

February 6, 1980

Re: No. 78-357 - Williams v. Brown

Dear Potter:

My vote was the other way in this case. For now, I
shall await the dissent.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stewart

cc: The Conference

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

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MR. JUSTICE BLACKMUN, concurring.

I, of course, must accept the Court's vacation of the judgment and its remand. If, however, we were to reach the merits, then, in contrast to the result in City of Mobile v. Bolden, ante, I would affirm the judgment of Court of Appeals in this case.

Mr. Chief Justice
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[April —, 1980]

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.


April 9, 1980

78-357 Williams v. Brown

Dear Potter:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stewart

lfp/ss

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST


April 9, 1980

Re: No. 357 - Williams v. Brown

Dear Potter:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

April 8, 1980

Re: 78-357 - Williams v. Brown

Dear Potter:

Please join me.

Respectfully,



Mr. Justice Stewart

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