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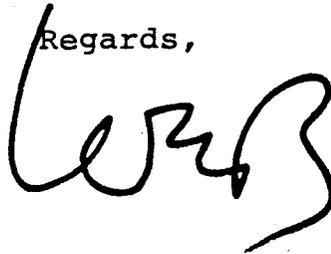
April 10, 1985

Re: No. 82-1889 - Springfield Township v. Knoll

Dear John,

I join.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. J. Stevens', written in a cursive style.

Justice Stevens

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

April 8, 1985

No. 82-1889

Springfield Township School
District, et al. v. Knoll

Dear John,

I agree.

Sincerely,



Justice Stevens

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

April 8, 1985

82-1889 - Springfield Township
School District v. Knoll

Dear John,

I agree.

Sincerely yours,



Justice Stevens

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

April 8, 1985

Re: No. 82-1889-Springfield Township School District v.
Madelin H. Knoll

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,

J.M.

T.M.

Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

April 8, 1985

Re: No. 82-1889, Springfield Township v. Knoll

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

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

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

April 5, 1985

82-1889 Springfield Township School District v. Knoll

Dear John:

At the end of the next draft of your Per Curiam please add that I took no part in the consideration or decision of the above case.

Sincerely,

Lewis

Justice Stevens

lfp/ss

cc: The Conference

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

April 11, 1985

Re: No. 82-1889 - Springfield Township School District
v. Knoll

Dear John:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



Justice Stevens

cc: The Conference

To: The Chief Justice
Justice Brennan
Justice White
Justice Marshall
Justice Blackmun
Justice Powell
Justice Rehnquist
Justice O'Connor

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No. 82-1889

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.,
PETITIONERS *v.* MADELIN H. KNOLL

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF
APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

[April —, 1985]

PER CURIAM.

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The District Court, App. to Pet. for Cert. A19, dismissed the § 1983 claim because it was not brought within the six-month limitations period which applies to:

“An action against any officer of any government unit for anything done in the execution of his office, except an action subject to another limitation specified in this subchapter.” 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 5522(b)(1).

The Court of Appeals reversed, holding that the “application of the six-month limitations period would be inconsistent with the policies and legislative history underlying § 1983” and that “the six-year residuary provision of the limitations scheme should govern this dispute.” 699 F. 2d 137, 139 (CA3 1983). We granted certiorari, — U. S. — (1984), and heard argument.

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Justice Marshall
Justice Blackmun
Justice Powell
Justice Rehnquist
Justice O'Connor

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

April 5, 1985

No. 82-1889 Springfield Township School
District v. Knoll

Dear John,

Once you have your Court in Wilson v. Garcia,
I agree with your disposition in this case.

Sincerely,



Justice Stevens

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