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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

November 4, 1982

Re: 81-430 - Illinois v. Gates

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your note. I must, however, correct your statement that I suggested the case should be reargued. I definitely did not make that suggestion and am strongly opposed to it. I merely pointed out that the Court had already decided not to allow the Illinois Attorney General to argue the question that some of you have now indicated should be reargued.

I should also note that I agree with your statement that there is a basis for reversal that seems to command a majority of the Court and therefore there is absolutely no need to reargue the case except to provide the Court with an excuse to do some unnecessary lawmaking.

Respectfully,

Justice Rehnquist

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