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Re: No. 80-5303 Beltran v. Myers

Dear Lewis:

While I do not feel strongly about the matter, it seems to me that a "dismiss as improvidently granted" would still be the preferable treatment in this case. In view of the Boren-Long Amendment, the case has no future significance when that Amendment comes into effect, and therefore we would simply be allowing a selected group of people to argue to the Court of Appeals that one view rather than another as to the "transfer of assets" provision should apply to them. I probably would not dissent from your Per Curiam circulated April 30th if it otherwise obtains a Court.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justice Powell

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