10-19-1982 Correspondence from Blackmun to Burger

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Dear Chief:

Re: No. 81-430 - Illinois v. Gates

My comments at conference on this case indicate that my position is in sympathy with much of what Bill Rehnquist says in his letter of October 19 to you. In fact, I could almost go for a one-line reversal, citing Draper. I indicated, however, that if a majority wished to explore a good faith exception, I would go along.

Sincerely,


The Chief Justice

cc: The Conference