

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 03, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FRANK SINATRA

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSE TO SUPREME COURT DECISION REGARDING BURNING OF THE FLAG

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REMARKS: PERSONAL FRIEND; SIGNED "FRANCIS ALBERT"

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# FRANK SINATRA

June 29, 1989

PHOTOCOPY  
MISC. HANDWRITING

Dear Mr. President:

I applaud you long and loud for your reaction to the Supreme Court ruling which permits the burning of the banner you so proudly hail to the world.

Be assured, Sir, I march in your parade with millions of our fellow countrymen and women who are outraged at the behavior of those to whom our flag in flames receive the benediction of the First Amendment behind which too many have hidden for too long.

And I must add that if torching the ultimate symbol of decency and freedom in the world is our generation's expression of freedom of speech then surely the matter now rejected by the Court must enter the legislative arena where this monumental wrong must be righted.

I urge you to be the Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln of our time and continue speaking out as I feel they would have spoken out had such an insult been legalized in their occupancy of what is now your office.

God bless you and your Barbara. The mountains you climb are taller than ours. We know that. We also know our faith in you extends from the East to the West and that our dreams and hopes are in safe hands. You have, as always, my prayers.

Respectfully,

*Francis Albert*

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Francis Albert Sinatra  
1041 North Formosa Avenue  
Hollywood, California 90046



THE PRESIDENT

7-7-89

Dear Frank,

I was moved by  
your supportive letter on  
the flag. Some of the  
columnists are tearing me up  
but I am right on this one,  
and I won't change

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my views —

Thanks, my friend —

Cez /

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALEXANDER STARK

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO NOT  
AMEND THE CONSTITUTION REGARDING FLAG BURNING

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*Dear Friends Con Flag Amend*

# American Jewish Congress

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June 20, 1990

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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Bush:

At a recent general membership meeting of this organization I was directed to write to you.

We are dismayed by the proposal for an amendment to the Bill of Rights in reaction to some instances of flag burning. We stand with the decision of the Supreme Court protecting unpopular and even odious expressions of opinion. In our view, an amendment to the Bill of Rights endangers what our flag stands for.

We respectfully ask that you lend the weight of your office to an affirmation of the Bill of Rights and against its erosion.

Sincerely,

Alexander Stark  
President  
Maryland Chapter  
American Jewish  
Congress

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cc: Maryland Senators  
and Congressmen  
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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 26, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. LOREN F. GHIGLIONE

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF SUPREME COURT DECISION  
REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE FLAG AND OPPOSES  
CONSIDERATIONS IN CONGRESS AS UNNECESSARY AND  
TROUBLING

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Wendin Fitzwater. 8/2/89*

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July 21, 1989

Honorable George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The concept of free speech has been America's single greatest contribution to the human experience. It has served the country and its citizens well for two centuries, in war and peace, prosperity and depression. The proposals Congress is considering in connection with the flag burning issue are profoundly troubling as well as unnecessary.

To give away even a small part of America's great right to free speech would be a historic retrenchment from the basic freedoms that Americans have always enjoyed.

The U.S. Supreme Court correctly held that a law prohibiting the burning of the flag violates the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.

The First Amendment has been a cornerstone of all the freedoms enjoyed by the American people. The Constitution heretofore has protected dissenting speech, even when it is unpopular or offensive to some segments of the population, or even to the majority of Americans.

Americans who cherish our flag -- and that includes almost all of us -- should refrain from undermining the long-established freedoms that are symbolized in the flag itself.

Sincerely,

Loren F. Ghiglione, President  
The News  
25 Elm Street  
Southbridge, MA 01550

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

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*POEMS*  
From the desk of  
**Gary Farmer**



*(GB ? modify K-39)*  
*SLR*

President George Bush  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir,

I have enclosed some poems composed by my wife and myself. They declare our position about our Flag, our Soldiers, and our Country. My wife and I support a Constitutional Ammendment that prohibits burning the Flag.

Sincerely,  
*Gary Farmer*  
Gary Farmer



P.O. Box 143 Hubbard, Texas 76648



OLD GLORY

JUST THE OTHER DAY  
I HEARD SOMEONE SAY  
THEY HAVE A RIGHT  
TO BURN OLD GLORY

BRAVE MEN FOUGHT AND DIED  
MOTHER'S GAVE THEIR SONS AND CRIED  
FATHER'S PRAYED SIDE BY SIDE  
TO SAVE OLD GLORY

FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS  
SHE'S BEEN STEADFAST AND TRUE  
THAT RED, WHITE, AND BLUE  
LET HER PROUDLY WAVE, OLD GLORY

FREEDOM STILL RINGS  
AND NO ONE HAS A RIGHT  
TO BURN OLD GLORY

## THE SOLDIER

BRAVE AND STRONG AND TRUE  
THE SOLDIER  
FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM  
IN FAR AND DISTANT LANDS  
THE SOLDIER  
WILL FIGHT AND DIE  
AND NEVER ONCE ASK WHY  
THE SOLDIER  
DEFENDS MEN'S RIGHT  
TO PRAY FOR GOD'S HOLY LIGHT  
THE SOLDIER  
STANDS ON THE FRONT LINE  
WHILE POLITICIANS WINE AND DINE  
THE SOLDIER  
GIVES HIS ALL  
AND ANSWERS HIS COUNTRY'S CALL  
THE SOLDIER  
BRAVE AND STRONG AND TRUE

MR. LINCOLN SIR

JUST THE OTHER DAY  
I HEARD MR. LINCOLN SAY  
HOW FARES THE UNION  
DOES OLD GLORY PROUDLY WAVE  
OVER THE HOME OF THE BRAVE  
DOES FREEDOM STILL RING  
DO WE STILL SING  
OF GOD'S SAVING GRACE  
FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED  
FROM SEA TO SEA  
FOR SWEET LIBERTY  
DOES GOD'S BANNER YET WAVE  
MR. LINCOLN SIR  
THE HEATHEN SAY  
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO PRAY  
MR. LINCOLN SIR I WONDER  
WHAT THE HEATHEN WILL SAY  
ON JUDGEMENT DAY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1989

Dear Ms. DaSilva:

Thank you for your lovely handmade card. Your artwork is a wonderful expression of your patriotism.

I appreciate your taking the time to share with me your concerns regarding the Supreme Court's decision on flag burning. While I have the highest respect for the Supreme Court and an individual's right to protest government action, I am nevertheless deeply disturbed by the Court's decision, which, for the first time, recognizes an individual's right to burn the flag. To burn the flag is to dishonor it, and this is simply wrong. In allowing such conduct, we turn our backs on our history; on the ideals of honor, freedom, and justice; and on all those who fought and died to protect our democracy.

I believe that the surest way to preserve these ideals is to support a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag. I have worked closely with Congressional leaders to draft an amendment that gives the Congress and the States a narrow power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag. In my opinion, this proposed amendment also preserves the widest possible range of freedom of expression.

Be assured I understand the sentiments that prompted you to write, and I appreciate having your views on this issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ms. Diva O. DaSilva  
318 Winthrop Circle  
Mesa, Arizona 85213

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Dear President Bush  
I'm so proud of you  
I support your resolution  
about our flag.

I am an emigrant and  
when I see our beautiful  
flag rise in the  
air my heart trembles with  
love and respect

when I see my flag  
I see my country.

No one would burn  
my flag in front of me  
I would crash them.

God bless you M. President.

Sincerely

Scrimshaw Farm  
Box 57, Pleasant Street  
Alstead, NH 03602

I know you don't have time to answer this but I just wanted you to know how our double service widow feels so George would have something very personal to quote if he needs it - Love Belts

Dear Barbara

God knows no one has given more for their country than my two husbands - one his life - the other his life's work and his health - twice I have been handed a triangular folded flag as you will if you out five Poppy - the only way I know to get my message over is to write you as you wrote me when Jim died (for which I thank you both from the bottom of my heart) - May I suggest that we have many laws governing peoples actions - Rape is against the law - it is the law that you may not destroy private property - nor public property - as a means of protest you may not beat up a policeman - Then why is it not perfectly permissible to pass a bill that says you may not desecrate the flag without going to the odious lengths of a

OR a long winded amendment

Constitutional convention to oversee  
The supreme court decision - There is,  
after all, a difference between a  
lawful protest and a riot - what is  
The difference then between a written  
protest and a burning of a flag - So  
far as I can see it is a law, passed  
by the legislature, agreeable to the  
vast majority of the people - an  
action not acceptable just as rape  
is not acceptable either in or out of  
marriage -

And so I give you my  
own thinking - My two folded flags  
mean a great deal to me - However I  
treasure my right to protest on any  
subject I choose to and don't want the  
Constitution opened to the whims of  
any radical group - So please - a law  
that can be passed quickly - NOT an  
amendment that can open a can of worms

My best affection to you  
both and all success in protecting the  
flag (including flag underwear)

Betsy Riley Shaw

THE WHITE HOUSE

August 10, 1989

Dear Bettsy,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the flag situation. We know how strongly you feel, and you will be happy to know that many share your concern on this issue.

George joins me in sending our very best wishes.

Warmly,



Mrs. Bettsy Riley Shaw  
Scrimshaw Farm  
Box 57, Pleasant Street  
Alstead, New Hampshire 03602

Joe passed your note on to  
George.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 31, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Snowden  
11819 - 122nd Avenue KPN  
Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Snowden:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your letter and cartoon.

The President appreciates your support and he welcomes your comments and kind words.

With appreciation of your support and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Kristin Clark Taylor  
Director of Media Relations

KCT:vf

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July 6, 1989

Dear President Bush:

Wanted you to have a copy of my husband's editorial cartoon that was printed in the Peninsula Gateway recently.

The cartoon ran two days before your press conference by the statue of Iwo Jima. Must be great minds running in the same channel!

God bless you for the fine work you are doing. We are proud of you!

Sincerely,

*Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Snowden*

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Snowden  
11819 - 122nd Avenue KPN  
Gig Harbor, WA. 98335



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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 24, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. CAROLYN WARD

SUBJECT: OPPOSES SUPREME COURT RULING CONCERNING FLAG  
BURNING AND SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
TO OVERTURN THIS DECISION

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REMARKS: WINCHESTER TOWN CLERK  
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## MASSACHUSETTS TOWN CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

Town Clerk Carolyn Ward, President  
Town Hall  
Winchester, MA 01890  
617-721-7130

July 10, 1989

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express the anger and dismay of the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association over the recent Supreme Judicial Court decision concerning flag burning.

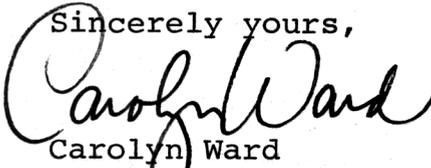
Our association learned of the decision during our summer conference in June attended by over one hundred fifty town clerks from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On a motion made by Doris Hill, Town Clerk of Auburn, a resolution was passed to ask the president of the association to communicate our feelings.

As representatives of both large and small municipal governments, who are sworn and authorized to swear others to uphold democracy and all that our flag stands for, we stand behind you in your drive to enact a constitutional amendment to overturn the dismal decision of the Court.

As you and I are summer neighbors in Kennebunkport (I'm in the fish house with the blue shutters at Turbat's Creek - straight ahead as you shoot down the "cross creek" from Cape Porpoise Harbor at high tide), I thought I would try to communicate with you directly.

We applaud your efforts on behalf of our flag and we stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely yours,

  
Carolyn Ward  
Town Clerk  
Winchester, MA

August 11, 1989

Dear Ms. Ward:

Thank you for your recent message. I appreciate your concerns regarding the Supreme Court's decision on flag burning.

While I have the highest respect for the Supreme Court and an individual's right to protest government action, I am nevertheless deeply disturbed by the Court's decision, which, for the first time, recognizes an individual's right to burn the flag. To burn the flag is to dishonor it, and this is simply wrong. In allowing such conduct, we turn our backs on our history; on the ideals of honor, freedom, and justice; and on all those who fought and died to protect our democracy.

I believe that the surest way to preserve these ideals is to support a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag. I have worked closely with Congressional leaders to draft an amendment that gives the Congress and the States a narrow power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag. In my opinion, this proposed amendment also preserves the widest possible range of freedom of expression.

Be assured I understand the sentiments that prompted you to write, and I appreciate having your views on this issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**GEORGE BUSH**

Ms. Carolyn Ward  
President  
Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association  
Town Hall  
Winchester, Massachusetts 01890

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CARL A. KEYSER  
P. O. Box 441  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

June 28, 1989

The Honorable John Sununu  
Executive Offices  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

Perhaps I misunderstand what is written or have missed some of the fine print, but hasn't anyone, a Supreme Court justice, some lawyer practising far from the beltway, a state attorney general, or governor, used car dealer, or even Alan Dershowitz bothered to read the United States Constitution? I quote

"Article I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

It reads CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW... , it does not read STATE LEGISLATURES SHALL MAKE NO LAW... .

And the Constitution further states

"ARTICLE X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people."

So all the twaddle about pornography being protected by the freedom of the press clause, about burning the flag being protected under freedom of the speech (now perverted to mean freedom of expression) clause, about prayer in schools being prohibited by the establishment of a religion clause, about sanctifying abortion, etc. is just that. If it is claimed that this behavior is now protected by past decisions that have now become tradition, then why is even longer standing tradition ignored in the case of pornography, flag desecration, abortion, prayer in schools, and etc.? Why can't state legislatures or even city councils pass laws requiring prayer in schools, laws calling for pledges of allegiance, laws against desecration of the flag and other sacred symbols (including sacrilegious treatises like Rushdie's Satanic Verses or The Last Temptation of Christ), pornography, abortion, etc., etc.? And if the mayor and city council of Center Falls want to put a Christmas tree, or Menorah, or Crescent, etc. on the town common, there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent it even though legal nitwits with the help of ACLU demons have ruled otherwise. All these rights would seem to be rights not delegated to the Congress and reserved to the states and the people, and not denied by the Constitution. What goes on here? Has the Federal Octopus acting through the Supreme Court perverted the words of the Constitution and overwhelmed common sense? Have States' Rights and rights reserved to the people been too long ignored?

An amendment to protect the flag it would seem is unnecessary and should be avoided as it would unnecessarily lengthen a Constitution that is already grown too long. A simple

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 03, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CARL A. KEYSER

SUBJECT: WRITES WITH SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CHALLENGE  
THE SUPREME COURT'S FLAG RULING WITHOUT  
AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

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resolution of Congress reaffirming the Article X should be all that is necessary. However, if Congress surrenders to the popular cry for an amendment the amendment should reaffirm the right of the states and the people to define and prohibit desecration of the sacred symbols (flag, religious artifacts, pictures, etc.), define and prohibit pornography, prohibit abortion or specify the conditions under which it is permitted, prohibit or specify the crimes for which execution is a permitted punishment, etc.

And what about 5 to 4 decisions? Do they mean that some erudite determination of the Court is only 55.556 percent constitutional and 44.444. percent unconstitutional. How can that be? Legislation may be achieved by compromise, but not interpretation of law. Logic would seem to require laws be viewed as either wholly constitutional or wholly un-constitutional. Shouldn't decisions require unanimity? Shouldn't constitutionality or unconstitutionality be absolute?

Sincerely,

  
Carl A. Keyser

July 7, 1989

Dear Mr. Keyser:

Thank you for your recent message.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views in these matters, and your suggestions will be shared with others in the Administration as well.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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