

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

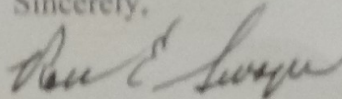
February 23, 2016

Chief Patrol Agent  
El Paso Sector  
8901 Montana Avenue  
El Paso, Texas 79925-1212

Dear Agent Self:

I am writing to bring to your attention the extraordinary assistance rendered to the Supreme Court of the United States by members of your department. During the difficult events of the untimely passing of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, Supervisory U. S. Border Patrol Agents Humberto Hernandez, Tom Hyatt, Gilbert Saenz and Shane Jahn rendered support that was above and beyond their duty to help in accommodating the security and return of the remains with the utmost dignity and respect. On their own initiative they provided aid that contributed significantly to the quick return of Justice Scalia to Washington, D. C, which was very important to the family and the Court. The family, the Court and the Supreme Court of the United States Police greatly appreciates their presence and the help they provided during this most difficult time.

Sincerely,



Ross E. Swope  
Chief of Police

P. S. The flag of the United States provided by the agents covered the casket during the flight to Washington, D. C. It draped the casket when in repose in the Upper Great Hall of the Supreme Court of the United States. This flag was on the casket during the processions at the Basilica and finally at the burial site. The flag provided by the agents was presented to Mrs. Scalia at the conclusion of the service at the cemetery.