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## Appendix III

### Interagreement Matrix (Court 60)

	Do	Bl	Wa	Br	St	Cl	Whit	Ha	Fr
Douglas	—	81.4	79.2	75.2	53.5	53.6	43.8	42.2	41.0
Black	81.4	—	88.6	80.0	57.0	63.0	50.0	51.2	49.7
Warren	79.2	88.6	—	89.4	65.6	70.2	54.5	55.6	54.2
Brennan	75.4	80.0	89.4	—	72.5	72.1	59.4	62.5	60.7
Stewart	53.5	57.4	65.6	72.5	—	76.0	79.5	78.8	76.8
Clark	53.6	63.0	70.2	72.1	76.0	—	75.2	76.2	75.3
Whittaker	43.8	50.0	54.5	59.4	79.5	75.2	—	78.7	79.3
Harlan	42.2	51.5	55.6	62.5	78.8	76.2	78.7	—	87.6
Frankfurter	41.0	49.7	54.2	60.7	76.8	75.3	79.3	87.6	—

—80% Agreement Bloc  
 — Tentative agreement with Bloc

### Interagreement Matrix (Court 61)

	Do	Wa	Br	Go	Bl	Whit	Cl	St	Ha
Douglas	—	84.6	82.4	80.0	79.7	70.5	64.6	62.0	44.6
Warren	84.6	—	95.0	87.8	82.3	80.8	73.5	70.5	50.6
Brennan	82.4	95.0	—	89.0	81.2	84.2	75.6	74.0	54.2
Goldberg	80.0	87.8	89.0	—	76.8	75.6	66.3	72.0	53.0
Black	79.7	82.3	81.2	76.8	—	74.8	64.8	62.0	45.3
White	70.5	80.8	84.2	75.6	74.8	—	76.9	76.9	66.2
Clark	64.6	73.5	75.6	66.3	64.8	76.9	—	71.2	69.7
Stewart	62.0	70.5	74.0	72.0	62.0	76.9	71.2	—	72.1
Harlan	44.6	50.6	54.2	53.0	45.3	66.2	69.7	72.1	—

—80% Agreement Bloc

Source: Inter-University Consortium for Political Research

There are two agreement blocs on Court 60. The bloc consisting of Black, Warren and Brennan can be considered to be a liberal bloc because of their position on the 1961 term scales in Appendix I. Harlan and Frankfurter made up the conservative bloc. In addition to this, Douglas and Whittaker can be considered as tentative members of the liberal and conservative blocs, respectively, because their agreement with the members of their respective blocs is nearly eighty percent.



Statistics tend to show that of all sexual assaults that occur in Baltimore City, only a portion of these are even communicated to police authorities. For example, in a recent year, while 485 rapes were reported to the Baltimore City Police, City, Mercy and University Hospitals reported treating over 900 individuals for sexual assault. In an effort to improve the current situation, Baltimore City State's Attorney William Swisher and Deputy State's Attorney Mary Ann Willin have recently succeeded in procuring a one year renewable \$113,000 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) for the purpose of organizing and operating a Sex Offense Task Force Unit within the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office.

The Task Force, which became operational in October of this year, will be headed by Assistant State's Attorney Edwin Wenck.

The primary task of the Sex Offense Task Force Unit will not only be to prosecute all sexual assaults in Baltimore City, but to place special emphasis on reducing the high incidence of unreported rapes through a co-ordinated effort involving both Baltimore City Hospitals and Baltimore City Police Department.

Recognizing that the rape victim has special needs and problems which have long been ignored, the Sex Offense Task Force Unit will work closely with medical and police agencies to improve and humanize the screening and processing of rape victims once the rape has been reported. Three Assistant State's Attorneys, who will be working exclusively with the Task Force, will be on 24-hour call seven days a week to respond to any rape in Baltimore City. From the moment the prosecutor responds to the call, he is responsible for that case and he will stay with the case until its judicial conclusion. By his immediate and sole intervention into the assault case, it is hoped that the prosecutor will be able to generate the rapport and trust between himself and the rape victim which is so crucial to the recovery of the victim and the successful prosecution of the case. Hence, the victim will regard the state more in terms of a single personality concerned about his/her welfare rather than a cold insensitive prosecutorial bureaucracy that has often been counter-productive to successful prosecutions.

The Sex Offense Task Force Unit has outlined other goals as well. First, the Task Force seeks to improve and standardize a comprehensive method for collecting evidence in rape cases by working closely with medical and police personnel involved in the victim intake process. Secondly, it is expected to have some prosecutorial input into the drafting of legislation pertaining to sexual assault. Thirdly, the Sex Offense Task Force will serve an educational function, counseling local citizen groups and schools as to rape prevention and reporting. Any group interested in having a speaker from the Sex Offense Unit should contact Mr. Edward Wenck at the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office.\*

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