

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

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER

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Dear Chief:

Apropos of Saturday's episode: Stanley and I have almost a habit of banter and I think we understand each other. As I scribbled in a note to him at Conference I was really complimenting him by what I said, for I was merely intimating that he knew exactly what he was doing. I don't know how many times I have told Stanley to his face that while there is about him an aura of sweet reasonableness, he is one of the most obstinate of men, with the result that often he yields less than he appears to yield when the feeling of his mind is not behind his yielding.

York v. Guaranty Trust Company is a good illustration. I talked with him about that case almost hours on end before he finally concurred in the opinion. But it was like the proverbial pulling of teeth, and the feeling of his mind really never accompanied his concurrence. And when that is true and a later situation arises, Stanley has a way of reverting to his original feeling.

Of course I am sending a copy of this letter to Stanley.

Faithfully yours,

F.F.

The Chief Justice