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ORDER IN PENDING CASE

03A576 BECK, SEC., NC DOC, ET AL. V. ROWSEY, RAYMOND D., ET AL.

The application to vacate the stay of execution of sentence of death entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina on January 7, 2004, presented to the Chief Justice and by him referred to the Court, is granted.

Justice Stevens, Justice Souter, Justice Ginsburg, and Justice Breyer would deny the application to vacate the stay of execution.