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TRANSCRIPT OF QUESTION AND
ANSWER BY SCALIA ON TV
IN THE SUPREME COURT

QUESTION: (From Sen. Strom Thurmond)

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Written answer from Judge Scalia (August 8)

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Honorable Strom Thurmond
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Attached please find Judge Scalia's responses to Senator Mathias' question for the record.

Sincerely,

John R. Bolton
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Senator Mathias ✓

The question has been retyped for the convenience of the Committee.

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