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Hon. Sol Wachtler Chairman of the Administrative Board Court of Appeals 20 Eagle Street, Albany, N.Y. 12207

Honorable Sir:

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- la. Mr. Samuel H. Younger of the Office of Court Administration advised me that the record of appointments pursuant to 22 NYCRR §660.24 were kept by the Appellate Division, First Department.
- b. Yesterday, in a "shell game" response to a Freedom of Information request by Mr. Christopher Georges of The New York Times and myself, I was advised by Francis X. Galdi, Esq., Clerk of the Appellate Division, First Department, that such records were maintained by the Office of Court Administration.
- 2a. The enactment of 22 NYCRR §660.24 was deemed of landmark importance by Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy that he induced The New York Times and The New York Law Journal to cause its publication on their front pages (July 7, 1977).
- b. According to the <u>in haec verba</u> language of such supposed salutary rule, those who were not appointed in accordance with its terms were specifically precluded from receiving <u>any</u> compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of disbursements.
- b. However, although <u>not</u> appointed pursuant to 22 NYCRR \$660.24 the firms of Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs. and Rashba & Pokart were awarded by Judge David B. Saxe and Referee Donald Diamond almost one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the judicial trust assets of Puccini Clothes, Ltd.
- c. Such monumental awards to these firms, notwithstanding their appointments were in manifest violation with \$660.24, is a matter which I desire to clearly show to the media and the public.
- d. Indeed Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, Esqs. were never appointed by any court or judge, and was an attempt to unlawfully circumvent the maximum fee schedule set forth in Business Corporation Law §1217.

- Additionally, neither Judge Saxe nor Referee Diamond filed the statutory mandated award statements pursuant to <u>Judiciary Law</u> 35-a, while requires a filing "on the first business day ... who has during the preceding week fixed or approved one or more fees or allowances".
- Significantly, Your Honor and the Office of Court Administration, have known of such administrative failures for aeons and have done absolute nothing to remedy such failures.
- This almost million dollars unlawfully awarded from Puccini, the judicial trust, is in addition to the "more than \$2.5 million dollars" which has been extorted personally from Mr. Hyman Raffe.
- Mr. Raffe, was unconstitutionally convicted and sentenced to be incarcerated without benefit of a trial, but for the payment of substantial monies to "indulgence merchants", which now exceeds "\$2.5 million dollars", he has never been incarcerated. At long as he keeps paying, according to the written agreement, he will not be incarcerated.
- Instructively, both Judge Saxe and Referee Diamond convicted me and had me incarcerated also without benefit of a trial or opportunity for same, Bloom v. Illinois (391 U.S. 194), to the contrary notwithstanding.
- Had such trialess convictions and incarceration occurred in certain foreign countries, rather than the City of New York, The New York Times would have probably published same.
- In short, the irresistible compelling conclusion that Your Honor's "reign" has been marked by barbaric corruption. with Your Honor's knowledge and implied consent.

Tomorrow Your Honor may regret/ that corrective action was not taken yesterday.

Respectfully

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cc: Chief Administrator Matthew T. Crosson

Frank X. Galdi, Esq. Mr. Samuel H. Younger

Mr. Christopher J. Georges, The New York Times