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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISION: SECOND JUDICIAL DEPT.

In the Matter of GEORGE SASSOWER, an attorney and counselor-at-law,

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND AND ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS,

Petitioner,

GEORGE SASSOWER,

Respondent.

STATE OF NEW YORK )
CITY OF NEW YORK ) ss.:
COUNTY OF KINGS )

GEORGE SASSOWER, Esq., first being duly sworn, deposes, and says:

This affidavit is in response to the affirmation of ROBERT H. STRAUS, Esq., dated July 25, 1985 and received July 29, 1985.

1a. The charge made by Mr. Straus and his committee is that there are outstanding two (2) orders of criminal contempt, which deponent emphatically contends are nullities, and deponent sets forth some of his reasons for his conclusion.

b. He has challenged, <u>inter alia</u>, Mr. Straus or any one of the many members of the petitioner to submit an affidavit supporting the validity of such orders of criminal contempt. -- None have!

Mr. Straus should have, but has not, informed this Court as to whether he attempted to communicate with Hon. Alvin F. Klein and/or Hon. David B. Saxe, as to whether they were willing to support their orders with an affidavit of constitutional validity.

- c. Certainly, Mr. Straus, who states that he is "fully familiar with the relevant facts and circumstances", holding office akin to that of a public prosecutor, should candidly set forth his legal opinion of the validity of such orders! -- He has not!
- Deponent denies and resents the assertion made by Mr. Straus that deponent was or is in "continued defiance of court orders, decision and rulings". It is a patently false and misleading statement.
- b. It is not in issue in this proceeding and deponent would welcome the opportunity to rebut same at the hearing which he has long demanded and which Mr. Straus has delayed.
- c. A hearing, with the right to confront and subpoena witnesses is the "American-way". Mr. Straus seems to prefer the "McCarthy-way"!

3a. Deponent does not say that these orders will ultimately be found invalid, as Mr. Straus asserts, they are invalid, as Mr. Straus knows or should know.

b. Deponent has come "to grips" with reality, to wit., that some judges will disobey their oaths of office and the Constitution of the United States, something deponent refuses to do.

c. If Mr. Straus and his committee desires reality, they should set this entire matter down for a hearing, where everyone may be fully and fairly heard.

d. After a full and fair hearing deponent will abide by that judgment, not the contrived assertions set forth in the orders of purported conviction.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that the cross-motion be granted and the motion denied.

GEORGE SASSOWER

Sworn to before me this 30th day of July, 1985

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