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Re: Matter of George Sassower

Dear Mr. Gerstman:

I have enclosed an excerpt of the transcript of the disciplinary proceeding held on March 13, 1986. Also enclosed is a letter from Mr. Sassower, dated March 14, 1986.

In view of Mr. Sassower's conduct toward the witness, Michael Gerstein, and similar statements made by him to other witnesses, it is respectfully requested that a court officer be assigned to the courtroom at all future sessions. Judge Potoker called for a court officer at the March 13, 1986 session to enable the witness to leave the building. However, none could be located in the courthouse. As a result, Judge Potoker found it necessary to personally escort Mr. Gerstein out of the building.

The hearing is scheduled to resume at 10 a.m. on March 20, 1986, at Room 101A, 15 Willoughby Street.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Hon. Michael Potoker / George Sassower, Esq.