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TO: House Judiciary Committee Courts Subcommittee
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Democratic Side: ATT: Perry Apelbaum, Robert Raben [Fax: 202-225-7680]

DATE: June 19, 1998, 1:10 p.m.

RE: The Subcommittee's June 11th "Oversight" Hearing and Impeachment Duties.

At 4:00 p.m. yesterday, when I called the Subcommittee to confirm its receipt of the exhibits for our written statement -- which I was then preparing to fax -- Eunice told me that the statement and exhibits would be forwarded to Blaine Merritt for approval. We were completely unaware before then that we would have to pass through a "censor" -- and that such "censor" would be none other than the very individual whose misconduct is reflected in our statement and exhibits.

I would point out that our June 10th fax expressly stated our intention to provide a written submission for inclusion in the record to include "the express-mailed June 5th letter, with five exhibits, to which we will annex a prefatory statement" (at p. 2). No objection was made at that time and we proceeded accordingly.

Should there be any "problem" in "approving" CJA's statement and exhibits, we request to be immediately informed as to what it is so that appropriate steps may be taken to protect the public's rights.

Eunice told me that when the "hard copy" of our faxed statement arrived, she would supersede the faxed copy with it. She also stated that there were no need for me to send the "hard copy" by "express mail", as I offered to do. Consequently, you can expect the "hard copy" of our statement to arrive early next week. We trust there will be no objection that we have corrected grammatical errors and made revisions, mostly for clarity.

Finally, in connection with the final sentence of our faxed statement, please advise what steps will be taken by the Subcommittee to proceed with impeachment investigations of the federal judges involved in the *Sassower v. Field* and *Sassower v. Mangano* cases. As reflected by our article, "*Without Merit: The Empty Promise of Judicial Discipline*" (at p. 96) -- annexed to our March 10th Memorandum, Subcommittee counsel recognized that if fully-documented §372(c) complaints of fraudulent conduct

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by federal judges were not cognizable under §372(c) as "merits-related", the House Judiciary would be obligated to investigate. That Subcommittee counsel is now General Counsel of the full Committee and Chairman Hyde's Chief of Staff, Tom Mooney.

Thank you.

Elena R. [Signature]
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cc: Tom Mooney [Fax: 202-225-1166]

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TO: Tom Modney, Chief of Staff
General Counsel - Judiciary Committee

RE: "Oversight" + Impeachment Duties

FROM: ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator

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