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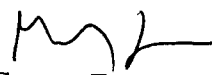
Dear Ms. Sassower:

I write in response to your letter to me of March 9, 2006.

First, as you know, we served our Notice of Appearance and Demand for Complaint on your attorney, Mr. Vigliano. We did so because it is both our preference and, from an ethical point-of-view, far more appropriate to deal directly with your attorney in this action rather than you directly. While I am happy to address you as a *pro se* party if Mr. Vigliano is in a hospital or incapacitated, upon his recovery I will again much prefer dealing with him alone as attorney for all the plaintiffs. My sense is that such direct communication would expedite matters as we go forward.

You are correct that we are serving as the attorney for Mr. Calame along with the other individuals you name. The omission on the second page which you caught was indeed inadvertent.

Finally, we are not appearing for Messrs. Fuchs and Okrent because they are not employees of The New York Times Company and we are not in the position to accept service for them. My understanding is that Mr. Okrent has not properly been served and, hence, there is no reason for him to appear in this proceeding at this time.

Very truly yours,  
  
George Freeman

cc: Eli Vigliano, Esq.

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