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Nancy Chan, Project Coordinator Corporate Communications The New York Times 229 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036

RE: Complaint of Times' Suppression and Black-Balling

Dear Ms. Chan:

Following up our lengthy conversation together—the first genuinely lovely conversation with anyone at <u>The Times</u> in all my many years of direct, first hand experience with <u>Times</u> reporters, editors, and management—I enclose the following:

- (a) CJA's informational brochure
- (b) Our expurgated Letter to the Editor, "Untrustworthy Ratings?", published in the July 17, 1992 New York Times
- (c) Our \$16,770 Op-Ed ad, "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?", published in the October 26, 1994 New York Times.

As discussed, we are preparing a submission for Project Censored, chronicling The Times' long history of suppression of major news stories about the dysfunction and corruption of mechanisms for judicial selection and discipline, as well as The Times' deliberate black-balling of us. Our submission is supported by copies of our written communications—by letter and fax—with The Times over the past six years.

We will provide you with a copy next week for appropriate follow-up with Gene Roberts, Michael Oreskes, Joseph Lelyveld, and, of course, "the man at the top"--Arthur Sulzberger, Jr.

Yours for a quality judiciary, (and responsible <u>Times</u> journalism),

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