

**Keith Eddings**

**November 10, 2001**

**Reporter**

**The Journal News**

**Mr. Keith Eddings,**

**I was pleased to read your story, "Contract reform urged", that appeared in the Nov. 11 issue of the Journal News. The article informs the public of a move toward justice that has long been overdue for the people of Westchester County.**

**I expect you will be following up on this article by covering future developments as they occur. To help you with this task, I would like to offer you use of the Center for Judicial Accountability's information resources relating to this issue. For over ten years, the Center has gathered information on judicial and political issues relevant to the county and can offer you information that will complement any article you may write in the future about this matter.**

**Also, you are still invited to follow up on our conversation about a month ago during which you expressed interest in meeting with me and looking over the Center's records.**

**For example, you made reference to Deputy County Executive Jay Hashmall and his alleged role in the awarding of emergency contracts. This may initially appear to be an isolated incident in Hashmall's career. However, the Center possesses**

**information backed by evidence that links Hashmall to a series of questionable actions and agreements dating back to 1989, when he was still a lawyer.**

**The center's previous attempts to make this information public by getting it printed have been met with blunt refusal on the part of some of your newspaper's staff.**

**However, I believe that your integrity as a reporter will show you that this is truly an issue that deserves attention and further coverage.**

**Attached are past letters to the editor, articles and correspondence between the center and members of your newspaper's staff. These may be informative to you.**

**Should you wish to receive more information from the center, you may contact us at**

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**cc. Henry Freeman,**

**Dan Greenfield**