

e-mail #2

Subj: **THIS IS NOT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: TIME SENSITIVE STORY PROPOSAL**
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How does Salon get its story leads if there is no way to contact it?

Your website lists no phone number, fax number, or address. The *only* contact information provided is your e-mail address for purposes of submitting "Letters to the Editor" and, according to your site, you are inundated with hundreds and sometimes thousands of such "Letters to the Editor" daily.

Lost in that flood of e-mail is a story proposal, sent on Monday, September 28th, for a follow-up story about Henry Hyde. Unlike the original story you ran in mid-September, this follow-up concerns Mr. Hyde's ON-THE-JOB PERFORMANCE as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and, particularly, his wilful jettisoning of the Committee's IMPEACHMENT RESPONSIBILITIES when complaints of impeachable conduct by federal judges are filed with the Committee by ordinary citizens or referred to it by members of Congress. As identified by our e-mail message, such impeachment complaints involve perjury, fraud, obstruction of justice by federal judges in performance of their OFFICIAL DUTIES.

On Tuesday, September 29th, after trying to track down a Washington, D.C. telephone number for Salon, I was successful in getting your NY number – and, thereafter, your California number (415-882-8720), which, apparently, is your headquarters. There is no menu of options to speak to a live person and I left a voice mail message, which has not been returned.

It is now Thursday, October 1st. Although our non-partisan, non-profit citizens organization is very eager to give Salon the "jump" on this story before contacting other media, there is a LIMIT to how long we can hold off pursuing other media possibilities.

Please have someone call us by the end of the day so that Salon can make an informed decision as to the significance of this story and the readily-verifiable documentation which substantiates it. We have no doubt but that if Salon takes the lead with this story, it will AGAIN set off a chain reaction by other media trying to "catch up" – this time with a story whose legitimacy and relevancy cannot be gainsayed.

Indeed, the story lends more than a damning perspective on Chairman Hyde and the House Judiciary Committee's current inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Clinton, it presents a scandal in its own right.

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