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TO: Chief Judge Ralph Winter and Judges of the Second Circuit

FROM: Doris L. Sassower

RE: 28 U.S.C. §372(c) misconduct complaints:
#97-8535 (District Judge John E. Sprizzo)
#97-8539 (Circuit Judge Thomas J. Meskill)
#97-8540 (Circuit Judge Dennis Jacobs)
#97-8541 (District Judge Edward R. Korman)

DATE: February 13, 1998

Nearly three months have passed since the Clerk's office acknowledged the filing of my §372(c) complaint against Judge Sprizzo and more than two and a half months since it acknowledged the filing of my §372(c) complaints against Judges Meskill, Jacobs, and Korman, comprising the three-judge appellate panel in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.*, #96-7805. Copies of the acknowledgments are annexed. However, there has been no disposition of these complaints -- a fact confirmed by Administrative Attorney Beth Meador this morning.

The purpose of this letter is to point out that under §372(c)(3), initial review of a misconduct complaint is to be undertaken "expeditiously". Unless the complaint is dismissed or concluded by a written order stating reasons, §372(c)(4) requires that a special committee be "promptly" appointed to investigate the complaint, with "written notice to the complainant". Indeed, the statute's emphasis on the swift resolution of complaints is carried through to §372(c)(5), requiring that following the committee's investigation, its report to the Judicial Council of the Circuit be filed "expeditiously". This is, of course, consistent with the purpose of §372(c), which is to ensure the "the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts".

I recognize that the Circuit's handling of my complaints may be complicated by the fact that they set forth facts showing that Chief Judge Winter, who would otherwise undertake the initial review, is disqualified and that the complaints should be transferred to another Circuit because of the disqualification of the Circuit's other judges. However, sufficient time has now elapsed for such recusal determinations to have been made and for advisory opinions to have been obtained from the Judicial Conference's Committee on Codes of Conduct and Committee to Review Circuit Council Conduct and Disability Orders, as the Prefatory Notice to my complaints against the three-judge panel suggested.

I do not know if the Circuit's delay has been intended to prejudice my preparation of my petition for a writ of certiorari in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* However, it has had that effect. My §372(c) complaints are an integral part of the record in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.*, incorporated by reference in my Petition for Rehearing with Suggestion for Rehearing *In Banc* (at p. 15). As such, they will be included in the appendix of my cert petition. Likewise integral is the as-yet not rendered Circuit disposition thereon. As my complaints against the three-judge panel point out, should the Circuit improperly dismiss them as "directly related to the merits of a decision or procedural ruling", this will only reinforce the necessity that the Supreme Court exercise its power of supervision to take jurisdiction of my appeal -- the focal issue of which will be the corruption and dysfunction of mechanisms within the federal judiciary to restrain misconduct by federal judges.

I await your, hopefully prompt, response.

Very truly yours,



DORIS L. SASSOWER
Plaintiff-Appellant *Pro Se*

Enclosures

cc: Assistant Attorney General Jay Weinstein

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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GEORGE LANGE III
CLERK

DATE: November 14, 1997

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Re: Judicial Conduct Complaint
Docket No. 97-8535

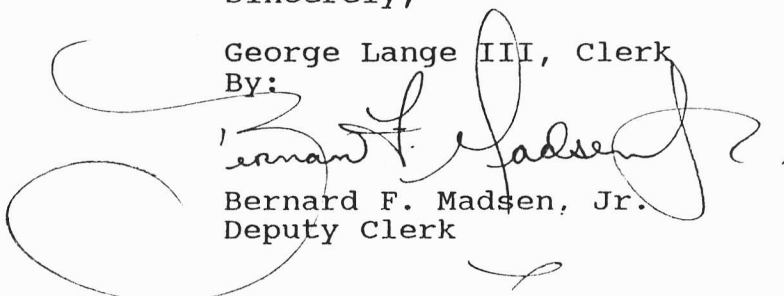
Dear Ms. Sassower:

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your complaint, dated October 28, 1997, received in this office on October 29, 1997.

The complaint has been filed under the above-captioned number and will be processed pursuant to the Rules of the Judicial Council of the Second Circuit Governing Complaints Against Judicial Officers Under 28 U.S.C. Section 372(c).

Sincerely,

George Lange III, Clerk
By:



Bernard F. Madsen, Jr.
Deputy Clerk

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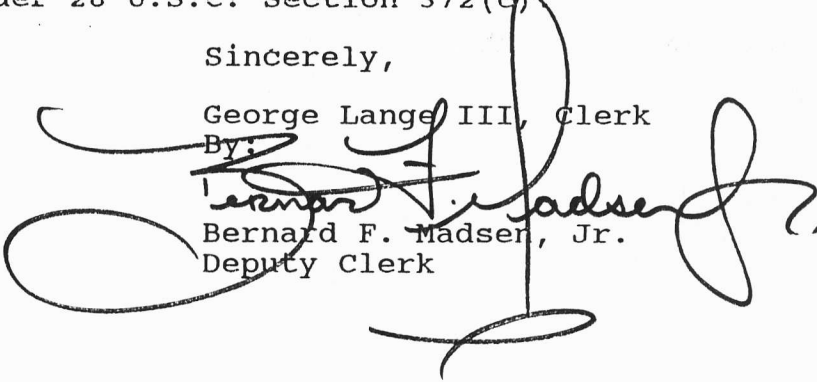
We hereby acknowledge receipt of your three complaints, dated November 6, 1997, received in this office on November 20, 1997.

The complaints have been filed under the above-captioned numbers and will be processed pursuant to the Rules of the Judicial Council of the Second Circuit Governing Complaints Against Judicial Officers Under 28 U.S.C. Section 372(c)

Sincerely,

George Lange III, Clerk

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