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George Lange, III, Clerk
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

RE: §372(c) Judicial Misconduct Complaints:
#97-8535 (District Judge Sprizzo)
#97-8539 (Circuit Judge Jacobs)
#97-8540 (Circuit Judge Meskill)
#97-8541 (District Judge Korman)

Dear Mr. Lange:

Pursuant to Rules 5 and 6 of the Judicial Council of the Second Circuit Governing Complaints Against Judicial Officers under 28 U.S.C. §372(c), I hereby petition the Judicial Council for review of the Order of Chief Judge Ralph Winter, dismissing my above-numbered four judicial misconduct complaints. This petition is timely inasmuch as Chief Judge Winter's Order was not transmitted to me until two weeks after the February 9, 1998 date on which it was purportedly issued and filed, to wit, on February 23, 1998. This is reflected by the annexed copy of the February 23, 1998 coverletter of Deputy Clerk Bernard Madsen, which identified March 25, 1998 as the last date for petitioning for rehearing.

Under Rule 6(e), I am required to provide "a brief statement of the reasons why the petitioner believes that the chief judge should not have dismissed the complaint[s]...". Because of time constraints and the press of other commitments, I have been unable to finalize the "brief statement", although already drafted.

Rule 7(c) provides that where a timely petition is not in proper form, the Clerk will acknowledge receipt and an additional 15 days will be afforded. Since the absence of such "brief statement" makes my timely petition for review not in proper form, I hereby seek the additional time available to me under Rule 7(c). Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Assistant Attorney General Jay Weinstein
Enclosure