## THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY

229 WEST 43 STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036

SOLOMON B. WATSON IV
VICE PRESIDENT
AND
GENERAL COUNSEL

(212) 556-7531 FAX NUMBER: (212) 556-4634

July 14, 1992

## BY HAND

Commissioner Mark Green City of New York Department of Consumer Affairs 80 Lafayette Street New York, NY 10013

RE: Complaint of Elena Ruth Sassower Coodinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

Dear Commissioner Green:

Arthur O. Sulzberger, Jr., Publisher of The New York Times, has been provided by Ms. Sassower with a copy of her June 30, 1992, letter to you. I write to state the position of The Times on the complaint of Ms. Sassower.

It is apparent from the face of the material that Ms. Sassower's concern is not one of consumer protection, but is one of editorial control of a newspaper and a matter that, for constitutional reasons, is without the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Consequently, we expect that the complaint will be dismissed.

Please direct any notices or inquiries on this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Solomon B. Watson IV

SI\_BM

/rc

cc: Elena Ruth Sassower