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RE: Story Proposal:
The Truth Behind Eliot Spitzer's "Public Integrity Unit":
An Investigation on the Occasion of its First Anniversary

DATE: January 11, 2000

In less than 3 weeks, Attorney General Spitzer's "public integrity unit", whose formation he publicly announced on January 27, 1999 at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, will celebrate its first anniversary.

That unit – as well as Attorney General Spitzer's commitment to rooting out systemic governmental corruption – is a *readily verifiable* hoax. This is summarized by my proposed Letter to the Editor of the Post – responding to the Post's December 30, 1999 editorial, "*Eliot Spitzer's Rocky Start*". Copies of both the proposed Letter and editorial are enclosed.

Also enclosed, for your convenience, is my prior Letter to the Editor, "*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the Court of Appeals*", published by the Post on December 28, 1998, as well as the two prior Post editorials, "*Who Judges the Judges?*" (3/7/95) and "*The Duckman Travesty*" (4/24/96) – all referred to in the postscript note of my proposed Letter.

As part of this story, check out the Attorney General's website. Out of over 1560 entries, the otherwise media-conscious Mr. Spitzer provides NO information about the staffing, activities, and accomplishments of his "public integrity unit" – aside from conclusory PR claims in his June 11, 1999 press release, "*Spitzer Marks First 100 Days in Office*" and his January 6, 2000 press release, "*Legal Experts Praise Spitzer's First Year*".

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