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June 16, 1997

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Dear Mr. Shechtman:

I trust that the "hard copies" of the materials I faxed you last week have arrived in today's mail. You will note that our June 2, 1997 letter to Governor Pataki has been revised -- and now includes, among its indicated recipients, the members of the Governor's Temporary Judicial Screening Committee.

We do not know the names of the members of that Committee -- other than its Chairman, Lawrence Cooke, Mr. Finnegan, and yourself -- because the Governor's office has consistently refused to provide that information to us. Nor do we have their mailing addresses.

Consequently, we ask you, a member of the Temporary Judicial Screening Committee, to provide that information to us -- so that we can mail copies of our June 2, 1997 letter to the other Temporary Committee members. Alternatively, should you deem such information "top secret", we ask that you be good enough to act as a conduit to those members. We will provide you with the requisite number of copies of our letter, as well as the cost of postage, so that you can mail them to the members from your office.

Based on our direct, first-hand experience with the Governor's office, we have *no* faith that the Governor's office would transmit such copies to the Temporary Committee members -- anymore than we have faith that it would not backdate and alter documents.

Your prompt response would be most appreciated.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

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June 20, 1997

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Dear Mr. Shechtman:

We have received no response to our June 16, 1997 fax, seeking either the names and addresses of the members of the Governor's Temporary Judicial Screening Committee or asking you to be a conduit to them. A copy of that fax is enclosed, for your convenience. Once again, we would appreciate a prompt response so that, if necessary, we can turn to others for the information and assistance that you are unwilling to provide.

Indeed, yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Citizens' Union, at which Chief Judge Judith Kaye spoke -- and took questions -- I publicly described Governor Pataki's continued use of the Temporary Committee and called upon her to take steps to ensure the Governor's compliance with Executive Orders #10 and #11. As you know, under those Executive Orders, Chief Judge Kaye designates members of the Temporary and Permanent Committees. Chief Judge Kaye publicly accepted, and I publicly handed to her, copies of our June 2, 1997 letter to the Governor and June 12, 1997 coverletter, both of which she promised to read.

I believe the Chief Judge would provide us with the names and addresses of the Temporary Committee's membership -- should you fail to do so. Of course, we would prefer not to burden her with such a trivial request.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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