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August 26, 1996

Clerk, Superior Court  
500 Indiana Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Case No. 529600574

Dear Clerk:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation last week with Ronald Harris, Assistant General Counsel of the Metropolitan Police, please consider this letter as my "motion to set aside collateral" in the above-numbered case. Mr. Harris indicated that such motion is routine and that the Court has forms available for that purpose. This was also confirmed to me today by Fritz Mulhauser, Coordinator of litigation screening for the Washington, D.C. office of the ACLU.

At no time did I ever consent to forfeit the \$25 I posted to secure my release from police custody on June 25, 1996. To the contrary, on that date, I vociferously protested to the police their repeated and false claims to me that there was no way for me to contest the disorderly conduct charge once I posted the \$25.

My protests were described by me in a July 17, 1996 letter to the Finance Office of the U.S. Capitol Police--with a request for a court date.

The letter came back to me undelivered--as may be seen from the enclosed unopened Priority-Mail envelope. It appears that was because the U.S. Capitol Police--from whom I ultimately disgorged the information that I could request a court date from the "Finance Office" at 500 Indiana Avenue--is not itself at 500 Indiana Avenue.

According to John T. Caulfield, General Counsel of the U.S. Capitol Police, with whom I spoke on August 14th, my letter--properly addressed to 500 Indiana Avenue--should have indicated the Superior Court as its recipient, rather than, as it did, the U.S. Capitol Police, which had arrested me. Mr. Harris confirmed that fact.

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Because I teach in a religious school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, I would appreciate a Friday court date. If that is not possible, I would appreciate a Thursday date.

Thank you very much.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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

Enclosure: unopened Priority Mail envelope with 7/17/96 ltr

cc: John T. Caulfield, General Counsel, U.S. Capitol Police  
Ronald Harris, Assistant General Counsel, Metropolitan Police  
Fritz Mulhauser, Coordinator, ACLU-DC Office