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**From:** Dahlia Lithwick [Dahlia.Lithwick@slate.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2007 10:48 AM  
**To:** Elena Ruth Sassower  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE: Laying Bare the "Internal Operations and Culture" of the Supreme Court & Its Clerk's Office -- & Its Legal Office

apologies I am on planes today.  
 Will read this tonight from my hotel and get back to you. If you cannot wait til then I will understand.  
 Dahlia

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Dear Dahlia & Tony,

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. There have been IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS STORY. On Tuesday, a couple of hours after sending you my below e-mail, I received a letter from Counsel Scott S. Harris of the Supreme Court's Legal Office. This has now generated a further complaint to the Chief Justice, express-mailed to him yesterday.

Attached is a draft of the press release I will begin circulating tomorrow. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO YOUR INTEREST – and, if you are not interested, the reasons.

As you know, I have patiently tried to give you the lead on this important story. However, if you will not investigate and report on it yourselves, I would appreciate your advice as to which Supreme Court beat reporters would. I obtained from the Supreme Court's Public Information Office a list of 26 reporters with "Permanent press passes for the October 2007 term" – but it contains no e-mail addresses and/or phone numbers for them. The Public Information Office would not supply that to me. I would, therefore, appreciate the benefit of the e-mail addresses and phone numbers for your colleagues that you assuredly have.

It is my hope to reach as many of your colleagues as possible on the Supreme Court beat so that we can empirically test David Margolick's assertions about Supreme Court reporters – about which Dahlia and Emily Bazelon wrote in their "*Nine Ways to Read the Nine*", posted on Slate's website on September 21st. But, will you then report it?

Awaiting your response,

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