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This follows up the e-mail I sent to you on November 19th, with its enclosed press release, to which I have received no response.

As I do not wish to make allegations with confirming the facts, please confirm that someone at SCOTUSBLOG removed two comments that I posted on SCOTUSBLOG on November 19th pertaining to "*Petitions to Watch/Conference of 11.20.07*" and "*The State of the Term*" and then removed them a second time, after I had reposted them on November 20th, with further comment, upon discovering that they were missing. Attached are my two sets of submitted comments which would appear to reflect that they had been initially posted on SCOTUSBLOG.

Assuming that my two sets of comments were removed, I would appreciate knowing who made the decision to remove them, the basis therefore, and whether each of you were informed of such decision, let alone whether you agreed then and now to their removal. What is the criteria you employ and where, if at all, does SCOTUSBLOG post it?

Please be advised that my November 20th posted comments explicitly requested your answers to the following:

(1) "Has there been any commentary on Chief Justice Roberts' remarkable decision, as Circuit Justice for the District of Columbia, in the *Boumediene* case, 127 S.Ct. 1725 (April 26, 2007)?...and [will] you...be writing about it, as it deserves the expert commentary and analysis that SCOTUSBLOG is equipped to provide." -- Comment to "*The State of the Term*"

(2) "HAS SCOTUSBLOG EVER EXAMINED THE QUESTION POSED BY THE PRESS RELEASE – 'HOW DOES THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HANDLE MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS AGAINST ITS STAFF?' If not, shouldn't SCOTUSBLOG do so now? Indeed, do the experts who operate this important blog disagree that the Chief Justice's misfeasance/malfeasance with respect to the aforesaid two misconduct complaints would rightfully warrant not only congressional inquiry and legislation, but impeachment proceedings against him and the complicit Associate Justices?" -- Comment to "*Petitions to Watch/Conference 11.20.07*"

As I received no response to these important questions from SCOTUSBLOG, I would appreciate, and request, your answers now.

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Thank you.

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How does the U.S. Supreme Court handle misconduct complaints against its staff? Attached is a press release summarizing two such misconduct complaints presently before Chief Justice Roberts – and also encompassed by a petition for rehearing in case #07-228, calendared for tomorrow's Court conference.

The press release, misconduct complaints, and rehearing petition are all posted on the website of the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., www.judgewatch.org, most conveniently accessible *via* the top panel "Latest News".

Please feel free to contact me about this readily-verifiable and explosive story about the Supreme Court's internal operations.

Thank you.

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