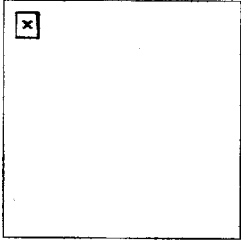


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"The elementary proposition to be championed in the case...is that a citizen's respectful request to testify at a congressional committee's public hearing is not -- and must never be deemed to be -- 'disruption of Congress'. Yet the potential of the case goes beyond this important proposition. The evidence which, as part of my defense, I will be entitled to present...is so scandalous as to be a powerful catalyst to advance the salutary, non-partisan recommendations of Ralph Nader's Congress Project and Common Cause, long ago made, but unimplemented. These include recommendations for facilitating citizen participation in the process of selection of the lower federal judiciary and for substantiated bar ratings."

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