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Robert Laird
New York Daily News
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Laird:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to meet with me on Friday. Enclosed are the following materials:

(a) 6/2/89 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "The ABA Role in the Judicial Nomination Process"

Opening statement by Chairman Joseph Biden, pp. 1-3

(b) ABA correspondence:

- (1) 5/19/92 ltr to D'Alemberte
- (2) 6/18/92 response of Olson
- (3) 6/26/92 ltr to Olson
- (4) 9/11/92 ltr to Willis
- (5) 9/11/92 ltr to McWilliams
- (6) 9/18/92 response of Willis
- (7) 10/6/92 ltr to McWilliams

The telephone number of the ABA headquarters in Chicago, Illinois is: 312-988-5105. The telephone number of Mr. Willis is 212-558-3600.

(c) City Bar correspondence:

- (1) 6/2/92 coverletter to Senate Majority Leader Mitchell:
6/26/92 ltr to Feerick
- (2) 9/9/92 ltr to Rothstein
- (3) 9/15/92 ltr to Feerick

The number for City Bar President Feerick is 212-382-6700.

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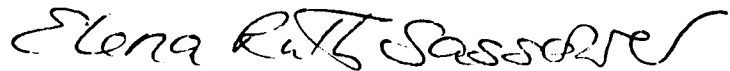
I will not inundate you all at once with our correspondence directed to other parties--except to say that it further demonstrates and expands upon the "dereliction of all involved", which was the second finding of our critique (at p. 2).

In that connection, may I point out the result of a U.S. News and World Report poll (10/12/92 issue, p. 36 enclosed) in answer to the question: "Which Is the Single Most Important Lesson Learned from the Hill/Thomas Controversy?" Twenty percent (20%) of the survey responded: "The Way the Senate Confirmation Process Should Be Reformed".

There is an important "untold story" as to the failure of the Senate to actually follow-up with meaningful reform--a story highlighted by its response (or lack thereof) to the documented showing presented by our critique, summarized in our May 19th letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitchell.

Looking forward to working with you on this major news story affecting the public interest.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee