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FROM: _____

Dear Mr. Laird:

We were disappointed not to have heard from you. Since the Daily News' new owner, Mort Zuckerman, also owns US News & World Report, perhaps the News can pick up where the October 12th US News coverstory fell short. In that connection, we enclose our Letter to the Editor of US News, as well as our story proposal to them--as to which we have gotten no response.

We believe that had the press given any coverage to Senator D'Amato's scandalous recommendation for federal judgeships of the 1986 gubernatorial ticket of O'Rourke and Kavanaugh--or D'Amato's documented refusal to respond to our queries concerning Mr. O'Rourke's judicial qualifications--he might not have "squeaked through" and been re-elected.

Indeed, a front-page Gannett story speculated that D'Amato picked up votes precisely because of O'Rourke's nomination. We don't know why the press didn't jump at the chance to expose that nomination for the crass political deal which we showed it to be. As you can see from today's Law Journal, D'Amato will continue to have the opportunity to recommend for federal judgeships.

Please let us know if you are not interested in following up this story in any way. We would most appreciate the return of our critique.

Elena Ruth Sassower

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