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Mr. Juan Gonzalez  
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RE: STORY PROPOSALS: (1) Political manipulation of appointive Court of Claims and other judgeships; (2) Manipulation of judicial assignments in the politically-explosive case against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct by *Would-Be* Appellate Division Judge – now NY Supreme Court Administrative Judge -- Stephen Crane

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Enclosed is the continuation of the materials promised in my earlier fax:

- (1) My December 2, 1999 letter to Judge Wetzel, seeking his recusal from my Article 78 proceeding against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct in which Governor Pataki – on whom Judge Wetzel is DAILY dependent for his continuation of the bench -- is criminally implicated, *inter alia*, in the fraudulent nomination and confirmation of Albert Rosenblatt to the NYS Court of Appeals (*see*, in particular, pp. 5-6)<sup>1</sup> [12 pages];
- (2) Clay Tiffany's May 21, 1999 judicial misconduct complaint against Judge Wetzel – which is discussed at page 7 of my December 2, 1999 letter to Judge Wetzel and annexed thereto as an exhibit [2 pages].

Additionally, I am enclosing my published Letter to the Editor about Justice Rosenblatt's fraudulent nomination and confirmation, published by the New York Post on December 28, 1998 under the title, "*An Appeal to Fairness: Revisit the*

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(1) *See also* p. 10 relating to my request for pertinent information from Administrative Judge Crane and pp. 11-12 relating to my request for pertinent information from Governor Pataki).

*Court of Appeals*" – which is part of the Article 78 proceeding against the Commission.

Finally, I enclose a copy of my Letter to the Editor which the Daily News published on September 12, 1999, in sharply expurgated form, under the title, "*Who Judges the Judges?*". From the unexpurgated original – enclosed with the Daily News editorial "*Mirror, Mirror*" (8/29/99) to which it was responding -- you can see that Governor Pataki is not the only state-wide public officer, whose official misconduct is exposed by the current Article 78 proceeding against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct. Indeed, as the current Article 78 proceeding demonstrates by the copies of CJA's ethics and criminal complaints against Governor Pataki which it annexes, Attorney General Spitzer is complicitous in the Governor's corruption of the judicial appointments process not only to the Court of Appeals, but to the lower state courts.

Please let me know when we may meet so that I may provide you with copies of CJA's ethics and criminal complaints – the breathtaking "paper trail" of evidentiary proof that supports them – as well as any other portions of the explosive current Article 78 proceeding against the Commission on Judicial Conduct in which you are interested.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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Enclosures