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April 5, 1994

Mr. Warren St. John
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Brooklyn, New York 11201

RE: Sassower v. Mangano, et al.

Dear Mr. St. John:

As discussed by phone today, I am transmitting herewith our court submissions, filed with the Court of Appeals, in support of its jurisdiction, as of right, of the above-entitled Article 78 proceeding. May I suggest that to get a broader sweep of the issues involved in the case, you begin with the March 14th letter of my mother's attorney, Evan Schwartz, Esq., which also attaches our extensive correspondence with Attorney General Koppell's office.

I am further enclosing the title page and contents of the collected reports of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity, the first few pages of its report "Becoming A Judge: Report on the Failings of Judicial Elections in New York State", as well as my mother's October 24, 1991 letter to Governor Cuomo. That letter provides a good overview of the Election Law case I described to you by phone, in which my mother was pro bono counsel. It also describes (at p. 113) and appends (at p. 115) her "Letter to the Editor", published in the June 9, 1991 issue of The New York Times--about which we spoke.

Finally, I enclose a December 10, 1993 New York Times' article, which, in garbled fashion, refers to the October 24, 1991 letter, as well as two others written by my mother, in which she called for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the politicization and corruption of the judiciary, represented its use of judicial power to advance ulterior and self-interested goals.

Upon your review, I believe you will agree that the enclosed material represents a major story, which, true as it is, and exposed as it must be, will necessarily impact upon the gubernatorial and Attorney General races and cause a dramatic upheaval and reform in this State's government. As such, it is a story that is not only worthy of your journalistic talents, but will reward them.

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Since I would like to give you the exclusive on this story, I will defer contacting other journalists until we speak. However, because time is of the essence, I would ask that you let me know by Friday morning whether and how you wish to proceed.

I thank you for your time--and hope that you will permit us to share with you our wealth of documentary materials establishing what becomes of "judicial whistleblowers" in the State of New York.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability

Enclosures:

- (a) DLS' 1/24/94 Jurisdictional Statement
- (b) 3/14/94 ltr of Evan Schwartz, Esq. in support of jurisdiction
- (c) pages from Government Ethics Reform for the 1990's
- (d) DLS' 10/24/91 ltr to Governor Cuomo
- (e) A Meeting With Cuomo Brings Out the Critics,
NYT, 12/11/93

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