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Seth Lipsky, President & Editor  
The New York Sun  
105 Chambers Street  
New York, New York 10007

RE: CJA's July 8, 2002 story proposal:  
"Scooping" the Competition: Exposing the *Real*  
Attorney General Spitzer – not the P.R. version

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

I have been awaiting the results of your supervisory review ever since our very brief phone conversation on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

If The Sun is not planning to pursue CJA's politically-explosive July 8<sup>th</sup> story proposal, please advise when you will be returning to me the substantiating documentation I had provided to Bill Hammond on August 1st – and which I had requested that you *personally* review. Obviously, I want to be able to make such documentation available to other journalists.

Finally, today's press coverage of the gubernatorial campaign identifies that Governor Pataki's campaign manager is Adam Stoll. Is he related to The Sun's Managing Editor, Ira Stoll? Such relationship, constituting a rather shocking undisclosed conflict of interest, would help explain The Sun's otherwise incomprehensible response to CJA's story proposal centering around a public interest lawsuit, "generated and perpetuated by Attorney General Spitzer's official misconduct", the file of which

"documents that Mr. Spitzer has used his public office to cover-up systemic governmental corruption involving, *inter alia*, Governor Pataki, high-ranking judges, and the New York State

Commission on Judicial Conduct.” (emphasis added)

As expressly stated in the story proposal, which, like my August 26<sup>th</sup> letter, was addressed to Mr. Stoll,

“I do not exaggerate in saying that an expose by The Sun of this one lawsuit will not only rightfully end Mr. Spitzer’s re-election prospects and political career, but his legal career as well. Indeed, it may prove equally devastating for Governor Pataki.” (emphasis added).

Please advise without delay.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary  
And electorally-meaningful reporting.



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