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Mr. Neil Lewis  
The New York Times  
1627 "I" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thanks for your return call--you definitely made my day.

Enclosed is our critique of the public portion of Mr. O'Rourke's Senate Judiciary questionnaire. We hope you'll agree it's dynamite--and fully justifies us in urging an immediate halt to Senate confirmation of judicial nominees.

We believe that the blatant politicization of the federal judiciary, represented by Mr. O'Rourke's nomination, is an important news story.

However, the story of transcending significance--and one documented by our submission--is the failure of the Justice Department, the ABA, and other organizations to protect the public by conducting the screening they are supposed to.

That story is waiting to be written!

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER

Enclosures:

- (a) critique and compendium of exhibits
- (b) 5/18/92 ltr to Senator Mitchell
- (c) 5/19/92 ltr to ABA
- (d) 5/7/92 NYT editorial "Now Its the Bush Court"