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Officer Raymond Skeeter
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RE: "Officer and a Judge Trade Charges After a Fender Bender"
New York Times, 3/19/99

Dear Officer Skeeter:

This follows up our phone conversation several weeks ago about the New York Times article, "Officer and a Judge Trade Charges After a Fender Bender" (3/19/99).

For years, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization has fruitlessly sought Times coverage for stories about judicial corruption. This includes stories about the unlawful dismissal of fully-documented complaints of judicial misconduct by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. That is why I was interested in how the Times happened to report on your traffic incident, where you had not yet filed a judicial misconduct complaint against the judge involved.

According to what you told me, you did NOT contact the Times for coverage. Rather, the Times has a reporter who sits at One Police Plaza and sifts through incident reports for stories. In such fashion, the Times reporter contacted you.

A copy of the Times article is enclosed. Although it states that you were intending to file complaints of both judicial and police misconduct, you told me, in response to my question, that you did not file those complaints. As discussed, in the event you do so in the future, we would appreciate if you would send us copies.

Thank you again. Meantime, enclosed is CJA's informational brochure, along with a copy of our public interest ad, "Where Do You Go When Judges Break the Law?", which was printed on the Op-Ed page of the October 26, 1994 New York Times – at a cost to us of \$16,770. This, after innumerable efforts to obtain free coverage failed. Also enclosed are various published pieces about the corruption of the New

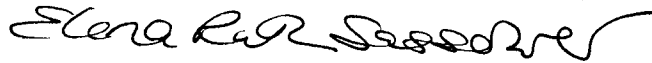
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York State Commission on Judicial Conduct – all of whose critical information The Times has wholly suppressed.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures