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RE: MANDATE OF IMPARTIALITY: Impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Rehnquist and the media-unreported story of the House Judiciary Committee

Dear Mr. Broder:

Enclosed is CJA's press release about stories that will blow apart the Senate impeachment trial -- or, at least, expose the hypocrisy and *official* misconduct of the House Judiciary prosecution team and of the justice presiding.

Since you say you are covering the impeachment proceedings daily, you know that Chief Justice Rehnquist's *first* act when he came into the Senate chamber yesterday was to swear to an oath of impartiality, which he then administered to the 100 Senators.

Let me point out that CJA's impeachment complaint against Justice Rehnquist revolves around his violation of the impartiality, mandated by his oath of office, ethical rules, and federal law; his outright subversion of that law, 28 U.S.C. §455, by his wilful failure to adjudicate a disqualification/disclosure application made thereunder; and his wilful failure, as head of the Judicial Conference, to take corrective steps in the face of *direct* notice that the Judicial Conference had made knowingly false and deceitful representations to the House Judiciary Committee as to the adequacy of §455, shown to have been subverted by the lower federal judiciary. Indeed, of the two issues presented to the Supreme Court in the *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* cert petition (#98-106), the second issue was the lower federal judiciary's subversion of §455, with the first issue being the Court's mandatory duty of supervision and its ethical duty to refer the subject federal judges for criminal and impeachment referral.

Finally, and so that you have proof of the House Judiciary Committee's receipt of CJA's November 6, 1998 impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice, enclosed are the certified mail/return receipts. Both the Republican and Democratic sides of the Committee received the complaint in the day(s) following Professor Lawrence Tribe's November 9th testimony that "letting partisan considerations affect one's decision ... is *always* an impeachable abuse of power in a judge."

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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