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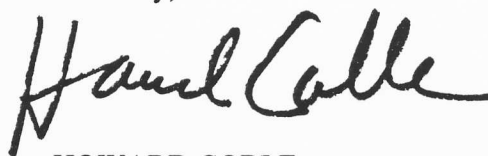
Dear Mr. Jaffer:

Thank you for your letter of February 10, 1997. Per your request, enclosed is a copy of the Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives During the 104th Congress, which includes activities of the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property.

As stated in Chairman Hyde's letter to you dated January 2, 1997, regarding your inquiry for filing a complaint against a Justice of the United States Supreme Court:

no formal complaint mechanism or procedure exists under a statute. A Member of the House, however, may bring a complaint to the attention of the Committee on the Judiciary. A Member may also introduce a resolution of impeachment, which is usually referred to the Committee. The impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice, or any Federal judge, is a serious proposition, and it was made intentionally difficult by the Founding Fathers in order to maintain and protect the independence of our federal judiciary. The fact that an impeachment resolution has been introduced and referred to the Committee, or that a formal complaint has been brought by a Member, does not mean that an investigation will take place automatically; but absent an impeachment resolution or a complaint by a Member, it is less likely that the Committee will undertake such a major investigation. This letter is not meant to suggest that you contact your representative requesting that an impeachment resolution be introduced or that a complaint be filed, but to assist in informing you as to the process followed in the Congress and by the Committee.

Sincerely,



HOWARD COBLE
Chairman
Subcommittee on Courts and
Intellectual Property

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