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Trishka Knowles, Office Manager
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RE: STORY PROPOSAL:
Henry Hyde & the House Judiciary Committee's *Other* Impeachment Duties

Dear Ms. Knowles:

Enclosed are our two e-mail messages to Salon Magazine, sent September 29th and October 1st -- offering it a "scoop" on a story and requesting a return phone call, preferably from David Talbot. Mr. Talbot made the decision to pursue the original story about Henry Hyde's adulterous relationship from 30 years ago and he should be the one to decide on this "follow-up" story: how Mr. Hyde, as House Judiciary Committee Chairman, has allowed the Committee to jettison its constitutional duties with respect to *other* impeachments, to wit, its duty to investigate impeachment complaints against federal judges, filed with it by citizens or referred to it by members of Congress.

Since the House Judiciary Committee will NOT disgorge information about such complaints, including the complaints themselves, our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization can fill the breach. We can provide Salon with copies of impeachment complaints which have "lain fallow" at the House Judiciary Committee. These complaints -- and our extensive correspondence based thereon with the House Judiciary Committee -- will reveal the utter hypocrisy of Chairman Hyde and his Republican colleagues in their single-minded pursuit of impeachment proceedings against President Clinton for misconduct which is less serious BY FAR than the misconduct of the federal judges against whom complaints have been lodged and whose tenure, absent impeachment, is "for life". Truth to say, the Democratic side -- Ranking Member Conyers, Barney Frank, et al. -- do not fare better: their hypocrisy is no less brazen.

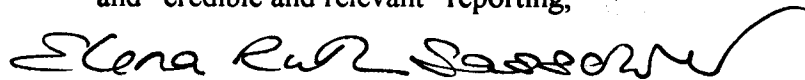
Were Salon to "scoop" this story, all other media would necessarily race onto the "bandwagon" after it. Indeed, unlike Salon's original Henry Hyde story, this is not one which the other media could dismiss and "look down their noses at". Indeed, we believe that Jonathan Broder, whose

departure from Salon was occasioned by his differences with Mr. Talbot on the original Henry Hyde story, should be extremely interested in this story, which meets the two-fold criteria he set forth during his appearance last Sunday on FOX Television, that stories be "credible and relevant". It was precisely because of Mr. Broder's anticipated great interest that I telephoned you today -- to get from you Mr. Broder's address or phone number so as to provide him the story.

We trust that Mr. Talbot will recognize that making an informed decision about the story requires that someone at Salon speak with us directly. However, should Mr. Talbot not even want to know any of the "juicy" particulars about Chairman Hyde's "on-the-job performance" vis-a-vis impeachment complaints against federal judges, "lying fallow" at the House Judiciary Committee, we ask that he supply us with Mr. Broder's address and phone number.

We thank you for your professionalism in offering to transmit this to Mr. Talbot, who you stated was in New York this week.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and "credible and relevant" reporting,



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