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RE: Systemic Public Corruption in New York State,  
Unredressed by the State

Dear Ms. Hirshman:

We have had no response from the U.S. Attorney's office as to the outcome of its review -- if any -- of the documentary materials transmitted under our August 1, 1995 coverletter (Exhibit "A").

These materials, including a copy of the file of our Article 78 proceeding against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, were supposed to be directed for your review.

Thereafter, a copy of our Letter to the Editor, "Commission Abandons Investigative Mandate", published in the August 14, 1995 New York Law Journal, was hand-delivered to the U.S. Attorney's offices, together with a hand-written note emphasizing the need for action.

Enclosed is our May 5, 1997 letter to a long list of recipients-- including the U.S. Attorney's office -- about the City Bar's May 14, 1997 public hearing on the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Our letter highlights the evidentiary significance of the file of our Article 78 proceeding against the Commission in establishing that the Commission is corrupt, that it corrupted the judicial process, and that it is the beneficiary of a fraudulent state court decision, without which it could not have survived our Article 78 challenge.

Since you, as head of the Public Corruption Unit of the U.S. Attorney's office, have had that file for 21 months, we believe that the City Bar should have the benefit of your comment on the subject. Such comment would be additionally appropriate since, at the outset of that litigation, the U.S. Attorney was served with Notice of Right to Seek Intervention, to which it failed to respond.

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Finally, in organizing our correspondence file for presentment at the hearing, we note that our March 5, 1996 letter to Deputy Bureau Chief Thomas Wornom of the Manhattan D.A.'s Special Prosecutions Bureau indicates that a copy was sent to the U.S. Attorney. We would appreciate your confirmation that you have same. That letter particularized the inaction and deliberate cover-up of our fully-documented criminal complaint against the Commission by the Manhattan District Attorney's office. We never received any response to it from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office -- much as we never received any response from Brooklyn District Attorney Hynes to our March 14, 1995 letter to him particularizing the cover-up by his office of our criminal complaint against the judges of the Appellate Division, Second Department<sup>1</sup>.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. We have a tremendous amount of additional documentary materials to provide you -- all reinforcing our August 1, 1995 letter.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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cc: Special Agent Tim Lauzon, FBI  
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<sup>1</sup> A copy of our March 14, 1995 letter to Brooklyn District Attorney Hynes was enclosed with our August 1, 1995 letter "to give you a sense of what is happening on the state level".