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ATT: Fritz Mulhauser, Staff Attorney

RE: <u>Vindicating Fundamental Citizen Rights</u>

United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower,

Superior Court of the District of Columbia, M4113-03

Dear Mr. Mulhauser:

This follows up my telephone message for you, left with Jillian, *immediately* upon receipt of the fax of your July 15th letter.

I greatly appreciate your letter, reflecting -- as it does -- review of my July 7th memo. To recapt what I told Jillian in answer to the question at the outset of your letter, the August 20th court date is a status conference, most particularly on the issue of counsel, which I do not yet have.

As you requested, I have made a copy of the videotape of the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22nd "hearing"¹. I am greatly heartened that the ACLU will be reviewing it "with interest" -- as such will confirm the analysis which my July 7th memo presents.

The videotape from which the copy has been made was furnished to me on June 20th by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Mendelsohn. It does not include the beginning of the May 22nd "hearing", reflected in the first 16 pages of the "Min-U-Script" transcript that Assistant U.S. Attorney Mendelsohn also furnished me on June 20th. A copy of that "Min-U-Script" transcript is enclosed.

Should the ACLU wish to interview me as to any aspect of this important case in defense of fundamental citizen rights, I am available by phone -- and willing to make a special trip to Washington for a personal meeting.

Again, thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary and fundamental citizen rights,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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