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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am responding to your letter, dated August 22, 1996, requesting information on the Twentieth Century Fund's 1988 Task Force Report on Judicial Selection. I have enclosed for your interest some newspaper articles that deal with this Report. You will find that some of the articles contain reactions from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, as well as how the Report was received by the Committee, as a whole.

We do not have any records of letters written by Fund staff or Task Torce members to Senators that were on or off the Committee, regarding the Report's conclusions or recommendations. Therefore, we are unable to provide you with this sort of information.

I have also enclosed copies of letters that were sent to Mark Arkin, Michael Connolly, Frances Zemans, and Lincoln Caplan, indicating they were sent copies of the Report. If you are interested in their thoughts on the Report, you may want to try contacting them at the addresses provided in the letters (keep in mind that the letters were sent more than eight years ago).

And finally, I have enclosed a letter written by the Fund's former Assistant Director, Marcia Bystryn, to Judge Avern Cohn, thanking him for his piece on **Judicial Roulette**. While we do not have any copies of this article in our records, again, you may want to try contacting Judge Cohn to see if he can give you more information regarding his article.

I hope you find, at least, some of this information useful. Thank you for your interest in the Twentieth Century Fund's work on judicial selection and we wish you luck in your pursuit. Sincerely,

Mark Youngman Program Assistant