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RE: Advancing Unimplemented Recommendations for Non-Partisan, Good-Government Reform of Federal Judicial Selection

Dear Mr. Mincberg,

"Thank you for taking the time to speak with me, at fairly great length...". This is the way I began my September 15, 1998 letter to you on issues relating to federal judicial discipline -- and these words are no less appropriate now in again thanking you.

Enclosed is my June 16th memo to Ralph Nader, Public Citizen, and Common Cause about the potential of the criminal case against me to advance the longago made, but unimplemented, non-partisan, good-government recommendations for the federal judicial confirmation process of The Ralph Nader Congress Project (1975), Common Cause (1986), and The Twentieth Century Fund (1988).

After you read it -- and review the "paper trail" of documents on the homepage of our website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u> -- I trust you will recognize that the case represents a powerful opportunity to expose the corruption of federal judicial selection/confirmation -- having nothing to do with "philosophy" or "ideology". If you would alert your press contacts to the case -- there will be coverage -and the resulting hue and cry will force essential reforms for the benefit of all Americans, liberals and conservatives alike. That People for the American Way has a collaborative association with The Century Foundation -- the successor of The Twentieth Century Fund -- with which it recently co-sponsored a program on "Conservatives and the Federal Courts" -- makes it all the more appropriate that it advance the non-partisan recommendations of the Fund's 1988 report, <u>Judicial Roulette</u>, for fostering citizen participation and meaningful confirmation hearings.

Please let me hear from you, following your review -- as I would greatly appreciate your suggestions, etc.

Again thanks.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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Enclosure