



Form 224-0000

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7218

February 18, 1997

Ms. Elena R. Sassower
16 Lake Street, Apt. 2C
White Plains, New York 10603

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am writing in response to your complaint that a member of this Department falsely arrested you for Disorderly Conduct, following your disruption of a Senate Hearing, and improperly denied you Citation Release on June 25, 1996. As a result of the complaint received on October 16, 1996, I directed that a prompt and thorough investigation of your allegations be conducted.

A review of the officer's actions regarding your arrest revealed that they were entirely consistent with established police procedures. Although as a New York resident (more than 100 miles away) you could not have been released on your own recognizance, regardless -- and in any event, only the Metropolitan Police would have the capacity to do so, we did find that the officer might have better explained the Citation Release procedures to you. Proper steps have been taken to insure no misunderstandings recur in the future.

I regret that you did not have a more positive experience with our Department last June, but trust that you will now have a greater appreciation of our efforts to maintain a secure and orderly environment for all visitors. We are proud of our record of integrity and respect and welcome your cooperation in furthering that image.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Abrecht
Chief of Police

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