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Judge Brian F. Holeman
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Criminal Division
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: POSTPONEMENT/CONTINUANCE OF MARCH 1, 2004 TRIAL DATE
United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower, M-4113-03
"Disruption of Congress"

Dear Judge Holeman:

This letter follows up my previous written advice to the Court, faxed at 1:05 p.m., that

"Assistant U.S. Attorney Mendelsohn has consented to postponement/continuance of the Monday, March 1, 2004 trial date, necessitated by the hospitalization of my father, George Sassower, since Wednesday evening and the angiogram/angioplasty and possibly other heart surgery being performed on him today.

I will write to the Court more fully later this afternoon on this subject."

The particulars are as follows:

At 7:23 p.m. on Wednesday evening – the very time that the Court was faxing me its five legally and factually baseless orders – including the three pertaining to my February 23, 2004 motion -- I was taking my father, George Sassower, to the emergency room of White Plains Hospital due to chest pains.

After tests were performed in the emergency room, my father was admitted to the hospital Wednesday night. Yesterday afternoon, the cardiologist attending him recommended that he undergo angiogram/angioplasty to better diagnose and hopefully resolve the heart problems

that have caused or contributed to the precipitous deterioration of his health over the past several months.

Angiogram/angioplasty are not performed at White Plains Hospital and so, at about noon today, he was transported by ambulance to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, which is in New York City (about a 45 minute trip). The procedures are scheduled for this afternoon.

Needless to say, as important as it is for me to defend myself in this case and vindicate the public interest, my first priority is to my beloved and rightfully-adored father, who, G-d willing, will turn 80 this April 3rd

I pray that my father's fragile health will not be endangered by the procedures to be performed today, and that they will be fully successful, with nothing more required for his recovery. If so, I am told that his hospital stay at Columbia Presbyterian will only be for a few days, but certainly through the weekend. Obviously, if there are complications – or if the results from today's procedures are that my father requires more extensive surgical intervention – he will be hospitalized there longer.

Under these circumstances, where, additionally, I have not the frame of mind to even focus on the extensive trial preparations necessary, I must regretfully inform the Court that I will not be making the 250 mile trip down to Washington on Sunday afternoon so as to in the courtroom at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning.

As Mr. Mendelsohn not only gave his consent to a postponement/continuance, but expressed his sensitive concern for my father's health, I would hope that the Court would readily postpone/continue the scheduled trial.

I do not proceed by motion because irrespective of whether such is granted by the Court, it is not my intention to leave the New York area while my father is in such critical condition as to require hospitalization. Besides, it is already quite apparent that the Court has NO RESPECT for such motions as I have painstakingly made.

Should the Court feel it appropriate to issue a warrant for my arrest based on my non-appearance caused by my father's hospitalization and potentially-risky invasive procedures, such will simply be further evidence of its actual bias, beyond what I have already demonstrated by my February 23, 2004 motion and my two memoranda for supervisory oversight.

Finally, I should state the obvious: The reason I did not inform the Court yesterday of my father's condition, with a request based thereon for postponement/continuance, was because I was waiting until it was apparent that such was truly warranted. I told this to Mr. Goldstone yesterday morning, to Mr. Cipullo yesterday afternoon, and to Mr. Mendelsohn this morning.

Should you wish to call Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to confirm that my father is a patient, the telephone number of the nursing station is 212-305-6705.

In the event you wish Mr. Goldstone to appear in court at 9:00 a.m. Monday - with myself available *via* telephone -- please advise.

Thank you.

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER
Defendant *Pro Se*

cc: Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Mendelsohn
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