

Cast the stones at home first

The bulk "Summer 1992" mailing by Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey reveals the manifest need for intellectual honesty and integrity if prime economic problems are to be remedied.

Congresswoman Lowey informs her constituents that she is a member of the Congressional Task Force on Government Waste, but all her published examples of waste in her mailing wherein a geographical location is indicated are far removed from New York.

Conspicuously ignoring all governmental fraud, waste or corruption in this district, Congresswoman Lowey cites the expenditures of "\$115,300 annually for a federal inspector of the Alaskan Natural Gas Pipeline, even though no such pipeline exists," "\$45,000 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in economic development funds to open a bar more than 50 miles away from the nearest Indian reservation" and an unspecified sum "approved for the economic development of an automobile dealership in Miami."

On the other hand, Congresswoman Lowey solicits approbation for supporting local federal expenditures for the "relocation of the Navy Motion Picture Service to New Rochelle" (which has no naval facilities nearby) and "construction of a new federal courthouse in White Plains," when the present one is quite adequate.

I strongly suggest that both the country and the community are both better served when congressional representatives expose fraud, waste and corruption in their own districts before they cast stones elsewhere.

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