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Shorenstein Fellow Charles Lewis
c/o The Fund for Independence in Journalism
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RE: The meaning of your non-response to CJA's February 28th letter with respect to your "scholarship" and academic instruction

Dear Mr. Lewis:

As you have not responded to my serious and substantial February 28th letter¹ – including by denying or disputing its accuracy -- it would appear that you do not intend your "scholarship" to reflect the primary source documents therein described as establishing:

"a modus operandi among 'investigative reporters' and top managerial and editorial levels of the news media to reject scrutinizing judges and the judiciary in any meaningful, systematic way, as, likewise, other public officials whose misconduct touches on the judiciary. As illustrative, New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, each actively complicitous in corrupting judicial selection and discipline and the judicial process itself." (at p. 2).

Is this the case? And is it also your intention to conceal this empirically-established, electorally-relevant reality from the students of Alex Jones' course on "Press, Politics, and Public Policy" at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, wherein – on April 17th – you will be the guest speaker for a class reverentially entitled "Investigative Reporting: The Real Thing"?

Please advise so that I might be guided accordingly – most immediately by my further contacts with Alex Jones and those committed to the integrity of scholarship and teaching at the Kennedy School of Government and its Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy.

¹ A week ago, on April 5th, I left a voice mail message for Julie Manes, your director of development and operations at The Fund for Independence in Journalism (202-466-0599), stating that I had received no response to my February 28th letter to you and requesting to speak with you directly about it. Approximately six hours later, having received no response from Ms. Manes, I included both you and she as recipients of my April 5th e-mail to Alex Jones. I have still received no response from Ms. Manes -- or from you.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,
responsible journalism, and academic integrity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elena Ruth Sassower". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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