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From: Charles Lewis <charles.lewis@tfij.org>

To: Elena Ruth Sassower <judgewatchers@aol.com>

cc: Julie Manes <Julie.Manes@tfij.org>

Dear Ms. Sassover:

I am genuinely sorry for not getting a chance to respond to your February 28th letter. I am just one person, with many far-flung responsibilities and activities, and my correspondence always suffers.

I wish you had not taken it personally. Few people respond well to threats or vituperation, and I am no different.

In my career, I (or those under my direction) have investigated judges and prosecutors, and judicial, as part of overall political accountability certainly is a crucial issue for any democratic society, and should certainly be in ours. But, to be clear, I no longer run an investigative reporting organization, and I merely conversed about the judiciary in response to a single question in an hour-long, public interview three months ago -- no more, no less. In addition, the Fund for Independence in Journalism's principal mission is as a legal defense and endowment support organization for the Center for Public Integrity and possibly other journalistic entities. There is nothing judicial about the Fund, nor likely to be. And the book I am writing is not about and will not be addressing judicial issues.

Thanks for your interest and apologies again for the tardy response.

Sincerely,

Charles Lewis

From: Elena Ruth Sassower [mailto:judgewatchers@aol.com]

Sent: Wed 4/12/2006 12:19 PM

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Attached is my already-faxed letter of today's date.

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