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**Dear Ms. Sassower:**

This is in response to your letter of April 15, 1996, to Lawrence S. Goldman, Esq. I delayed in responding because I had been waiting for your response to my letters of April 18, 1996 and January 17, 1996, so I could respond to everything at one time. I have also received from you copies of your letters to staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Ethics Commission. I will refrain from commenting on those letters.

As to your letter to Mr. Goldman, taking your numbered points in order, (1) I have responded to your letters and it would be inappropriate for the Commission members to do so. Your expectation that they should do so is unrealistic, to put it mildly; (2) you have not shown any indication -- not even a hint -- of my "misconduct," or the Commission Clerk's "misconduct," so it is not possible to respond to that novel charge; (3) the Commission did not "defend itself" in your Article 78 proceeding, so you are simply inaccurate again. The Commission was represented by the Attorney General's office.

Very truly yours,

**Gerald Stern**

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