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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I have reviewed with interest the materials you sent to Mr. Davies. However, our Commission has no jurisdiction to investigate matters relating to the judiciary. Those matters are handled either by the Commission on Judicial Conduct or the Judicial Ethics Conference.

We are likewise without jurisdiction to investigate matters relating to the State Board of Elections. Ethical matters relating to State employees are handled by the State Ethics Commission or, in some cases, by the State Inspector General.

The State Commission on Investigation also has jurisdiction to investigate improprieties by public officials, as do local district attorneys if a possible crime is involved and the FBI and United States Attorney's Office if a possible federal crime has occurred.

I would also point out that the Commission on Government Integrity, now defunct, issued a report which recommended reform of the election law to hold political party officials to the same standards as public officials. That report focused on abuses in Westchester County. I have included a copy of that report for your review.

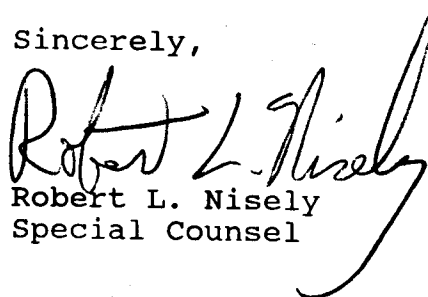
Good government groups, such as the Fund for Modern Courts,

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may also be able to assist you, although the materials you sent us suggest that you may have already contacted them.

Thank you for your interest in the Commission.

Sincerely,



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