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RE: Procedures

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Are we proscribed from providing copies of our complaint against The New York Times -- as embodied in our 10/15/96 Project Censored nomination and 12/3/96 supplement -- to individuals and organizations examining issues of media responsibility and misconduct? As illustrative, Alex Jones whose radio show "On the Media" is aired on National Public Radio and Mike Wallace of CBS' 60 Minutes.

Last Sunday, December 8th, Mr. Wallace was a guest on Alex Jones' radio show. Not only did he explicitly mention that there are few "news ombudsmen" but advocated creation of media councils. In that context, he stated that Abe Rosenthal of The New York Times opposes the use of media councils. That night, Mr. Wallace hosted a segment on 60 Minutes about the Minnesota News Council.

It would seem that Abe Rosenthal should be confronted with the documentation of Times censorship presented by our complaint, and the worthless nature of the "now you see it, now you don't" "news ombudsman" mechanism at The Times, as highlighted by our supplement. Based upon our experience with The Times, Mr. Rosenthal is more likely to respond to our documentary showing if individuals such as Alex Jones and Mike Wallace confront him, rather than if we do it ourselves.

Please advise whether Project Censored requires an "exclusive" on our complaint of Times censorship and black-balling or whether we are free to circulate it. Plainly, we do not want to jeopardize our nomination.

Happy Holidays.