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Mr. Knut Royce
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RE: Henry Hyde and the House Judiciary Committee's Other Impeachment Duties
Upcoming Impeachment Complaint against U.S. Supreme Court Justices IN
ADDITION TO Long-Pending Impeachment Complaints against judges of the
lower federal judiciary

Dear Knut:

As discussed, enclosed is our petition for rehearing to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.*, posted and postmarked on Friday, October 30th. The issue presented -- and so identified -- is *official* misconduct by the Supreme Court Justices, rising to a level warranting impeachment under the most stringent definition of impeachable offenses.

Later today, I will Fed-Ex to you a "hard copy" of the rehearing petition -- together with its 67-page appendix. Suffice to say, you already have the two key appendix documents: (1) petitioner's September 23rd letter-application to the Justices for disqualification and disclosure, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §455; and (2) petitioner's October 14th letter to the Clerk, for distribution to the Justices, as a judicial misconduct complaint against them. EACH of these documents are themselves newsworthy¹, quite apart from the fact that they will be included in our intended impeachment complaint to the House Judiciary Committee -- in the event the Justices do not grant the rehearing petition.

¹ As reflected by the appendix documents, Chief Deputy Clerk Francis Lorson informed us that EACH of these documents was distributed to the Justices -- a fact you may, additionally, personally verify with him (202-479-3024).

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For your convenience, I again enclose a copy of pages 121-123 of the 1993 Report of the National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal relating to the U.S. Supreme Court -- which was Exhibit "B" to petitioner's October 14th misconduct complaint against the Justices. Apart from its recommendation that the Supreme Court "consider the adoption of policies and procedures for the filing and disposition of complaints alleging misconduct against Justices of the Supreme Court", the National Commission's *expressed* belief was that:

"any publicly made (and non-frivolous) allegation of serious misconduct...against a Supreme Court Justice would receive intense scrutiny in the press and would come to the attention of the House Judiciary Committee". (at p. 122)

CJA's efforts will now be directed to establishing the truth of that *expressed* belief *vis-a-vis* both the press and House Judiciary Committee.

Yours for a quality judiciary AND dynamite reporting,



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Enclosures