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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your letter to me of July 20, 1998, concerning your petition for certiorari in Sassower v. Mangano, et al., S. Ct. No. 98-106.

Unless invited to do so by the Court, it is the general policy of this Office not to file amicus briefs addressing whether the Court should grant certiorari in cases in which the government is not a party. The Court understands this policy, and invites the Solicitor General to state the views of the United States when the Court believes that such a statement would be helpful to it.

Should the Court invite a statement of our views in this case prior to acting on your petition, we will carefully consider the material you have sent in formulating those views.

Sincerely,

FW SETH P. WAXMAN
Solicitor General

cc: F. Elliot Siemon