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Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 9:36 AM
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Subject: NYT story on selective & invidious investigation & prosecution of Black & Hispanic legislators?
Attachments: 5-22-13-ltr-to-senators-assembly-members.pdf; 5-13-13-ltr-to-lynch.pdf

Dear Mr. Barkan,

Apparently you are not in the e-mail group I sent last night. Apologies. I have since added you. See message below.

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To facilitate the accuracy of your story on selective and invidious prosecution of Black and Hispanic legislators, I am willing to furnish you with a hard copy of the posted documentary evidence. I am also available to be interviewed.

Thank you.

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