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Mr. Ed Tagliaferri
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Dear Mr. Tagliaferri:

This letter confirms the fact that we have heard nothing from you relative to the findings of our critique which documentarily contradict Gannett's September 6, 1992 two-part editorial: "O'Rourke Belongs on the Bench Now" and "...Don't Play Politics with Judges".

Indeed, although I left telephone messages for you on October 14th (with Ms. Sabato), 15th (with Genevive), and 19th (with Genevive), you have not returned my calls. This morning, I left a further message with Ms. Ellis.

I understand from Richard Barbuto that he called you on Monday, October 19th--after reading your piece "Most Voters Happy With Westchester Government and O'Rourke"--which appeared in the Friday, October 16th issue of Gannett. According to Mr. Barbuto, you told him you were busy with other stories.

We believe that the critique--which you have had in your possession for the past five months--warranted headline coverage when we first submitted it to the Senate Judiciary Committee back in May. Instead, you curtly told us over the summer that you didn't think it was a story and that you weren't going to do anything with it.

It would seem that notwithstanding my September 23rd meeting with Lawrence Beaupre and Milton Hoffman--and their assignment of the story to you--you have deliberately let weeks pass, giving priority to every and any other story.

It thus appears that you are intent on burying this story and that Gannett is perfectly willing to duck its obligation to retract its unfounded September 6th editorial. We, therefore, wish to know when--if ever--Gannett will present to the public the straight-forward evidentiary issues encompassed by our critique.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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