By Fax 694-5018

April 2, 1992

Dear Mr. McWhirter:

Following our telephone conversation, I am faxing this quick note to thank you for listening to my comments--and sounding genuinely sympathetic. I also appreciate your looking at the front-page Metro story and telling me candidly that it had been cut by your editors.

Please, please, find out what happened to the papers in the Article 78 proceeding, entitled <u>Sassower v. Colabella</u>, which were hand-delivered to the Gannett offices on Thursday, February 13th. I can't help but find it is appalling that your editors did not give them to you when they assigned you to write the story--and that you did not seek to get them after I discussed them with you last week in court. After all, although you stated that you were constrained by "time and space"--your story did <u>not</u> appear until a full week had gone by.

I would appreciate if you would ensure that the papers relative to the 78 proceeding are reviewed by whoever does any future story. Moreover, with all due respect, it would be nice if someone with <u>legal</u> training would look at those papers--and evaluate them--so that their significance might be made known to reporters. Giving Gannett the benefit of the doubt--which is undeserved--Gannett has <u>no</u> sensitivity, let alone understanding, of even basic legal principles that are supposed to guide judicial decision-making.

Thank you.

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