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New York Daily News
Michael Goodwin, Editorial Page Editor
450 West 33rd Street
New York, New York 10001

RE: Correcting "Mirror, Mirror" (Editorial, Sunday, Aug. 29th)

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

To my knowledge, the Daily News printed the above editorial *without* ANY news story about Attorney General Spitzer's "public integrity unit". Indeed, I believe the editorial writer who wrote "*Mirror, Mirror*" based it on the New York Times' front-page Metro article, "*Spitzer Sets Up Unit to Investigate Both State and Local Corruption*" – which appeared three days earlier. The Times' article gave the false impression that the "public integrity unit" was newly created, with the consequence that your editorial writer was misled and, as a result, affirmatively misled the public in his otherwise excellent editorial.

There's a BIG story here about Mr. Spitzer's sham "public integrity unit" – and it was my hope that the Daily News would be the first to break it by printing my proposed Letter to the Editor. A copy of that Letter, faxed and e-mailed on August 31st, is enclosed.

I do not believe my proposed Letter is substantially longer than the one I submitted a year and a half ago – and which the Daily News featured, albeit edited, in a "Voice of the People" box. I certainly consent to your abridging the Letter, if, in so doing, you can preserve the important information it contains.


IF the Letter is not printed, please immediately direct it to the proper news personnel so that they can request from me the substantiating documentation I offered you in my prefatory note to the Letter. That way, Daily News readers can have the benefit of learning the truth, *via* news reportage, about the *readily-verifiable* criminal, and not just hypocritical, conduct being committed by Mr. Spitzer as our state's highest law enforcement officer, who purports to want to restore confidence in government and to have a "public integrity unit".

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Meantime, because the editorial "*Mirror, Mirror*" is referenced in my September 7th letter to the U.S. Attorney/Eastern District of New York, you are an indicated recipient, as likewise the New York Times and (Middletown) Times Herald Record, whose articles about the "public integrity unit" are also mentioned in the letter. I have already spoken to the reporters of those articles about Mr. Spitzer's "public integrity unit" – and delivered to the Times a copy of the letter yesterday, along with the substantiating documents. My transmittal of the substantiating documents to the (Middletown) Times Herald Record is being mailed today.

Please advise to whom I should deliver your copy of my September 7th letter – together with the substantiating documents. For immediate purposes, enclosed is page 4 of the letter, whose most pertinent text is its footnote 6.

Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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P.S. Today's Journal News has a front-page Metro article "*Spitzer's Anti-Corruption Unit Gets Off to a Busy Start*", correctly identifying Mr. Spitzer's announced formation of the "public integrity unit" in January, but relying exclusively on Mr. Spitzer's self-serving claims about its operations.