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ATT: INELL WILLIS

RE: CASELOAD FORCING TWO-LEVEL SYSTEM FOR U.S. APPEALS

(Front-Page, March 14)

Dear Inell:

Good speaking to you again -- and thank you for remembering me.

Today's featured publication of letters under the provocative heading "Do Appeals Courts Flout Justice" -- where none of the letters challenge the legitimacy of the federal judiciary's statistics for appeals getting the "short-cut" treatment -- compelled me to look more closely at the fax receipt for my proposed letter to the editor, sent to you on Monday. To my shock, only one of the two pages is recorded as having been sent.

To make matters worse, it appears that I misdirected the e-mail transmission to you -- using a singular letter@, rather than letters.

In view of the far-reaching significance of Sunday's front-page story, subtitled, "More One-Word Rulings" and "Tens of Thousands of Cases Get Limited Review", perhaps you might yet consider publication of my proposed letter.

Thank you again.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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