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Dear Mr. Hodges:

Thank you for your kindness in speaking to me--and for your candor in informing me that the "Press Kit" never reached you. What a relief! I had begun to despair that, in a city such as ours, "coverage" was reserved for subway attacks, Central Park attacks, suicide attempts, violence, accidents, etc.--leaving little room for anything else.

As mentioned by phone--and as the enclosed materials make evident--The Village Voice article is the tip of an iceberg that will significantly impact upon the judicial and political structure of this state when exposed. That exposure was not achieved in the Voice article.

Mr. Hodges, this is a documented and documentable story of what goes on with trusts, estates, and involuntarily-dissolved corporations whose assets fall into the custody of the Court. It is a story about a system of corruption that goes beyond the courts--and is made possible by the direct criminal complicity of the office of the Attorney General--and a panoply of other governmental agencies. This story has not been told.

Mr. Hodges, I read in The Post of two weeks ago that your new editor, Mr. Jerry Nachman, set a goal for the Paper of "going after the Klingons"--by which he meant inter alia "the people in government who are not doing the job for the people of the City of New York". Please direct this story to Mr. Nachman's attention. It is one befitting the new New York Post.

This is a sensational story--and a significant one. I'm certain Mr. Nachman believes that the People of New York have a right to know what goes on within the judicial and political system--and that The Post has an obligation to report about a situation where regulations and statutes, whose very purpose is to prevent unlawful aggrandizement on the part of the Court and its appointees, are not given obedience by the Courts, nor by the appropriate government agencies.

Mr. Hodges, in an age of cynicism, when scandal and corruption seem "the way of the world", the People also deserve to know about courageous individuals, such as my father, who refuse to compromise their integrity and put life, livelihood, and reputation on the line to preserve the Constitution and the rule of law.

Admittedly, every daughter wants to see her father as hero, but I believe the facts of this story--when investigated--will speak eloquently on their own.

As you know, my father has been incarcerated for over a month now. At a time when we are constantly told of jail overcrowding and the release pending trial of would-be copkillers, George Sassower is denied bail for a misdemeanor, and notwithstanding recent surgery, is jailed--"a prisoner of the courts and the judges who rule them" (Village Voice). I believe the Press should be asking questions regarding this situation.

Inasmuch as I am enclosing my June 9th letter to G. Oliver Koppell, Chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, I will refrain from reiterating its contents. However, I think it worth emphasizing that beyond the issues elucidated above, Professor Alan Dershowitz has recognized that this story highlights important issues of constitutional dimension. Among them: (1) Can a court, in fact, enjoin the filing of legal papers--or is access to the courts a fundamental constitutional right (as is my father's position); and (2) Is a court, against which my father has made significant charges of corruption, an appropriate body to sit in judgment of him?

Mr. Hodges, by the aforementioned letter, I have made a formal request for a public hearing into the "irregularities" and illegalities in the Court's disposition of Puccini Clothes--and an investigation into the "reign of terror" that the Courts have unleashed upon my father in an effort to silence him and suppress evidence of judicial and official corruption.

Needless to say, the Press has an important role to play in securing the kind of full investigation that is warranted by the circumstances. A writer, such as yourself, can contribute mightily.

I am ready to supply you with additional information and documentation. My number is (914) 428-8598. To leave a message, dial (914) 997-7249.

Your assistance in bringing these important matters before the public is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER

Enclosures