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Re: Grievance File #88-43-82

DATE

4-17-89

Dear Mr. Howe:

In response to your letters of March 28 and April 21, 1988, first I want to advise you that I did respond on April 6, 1988, asking for additional time within which to obtain a copy of a video tape of the questioned press conference. Upon re-examining my file, I noticed that the letter was addressed to 550 South Third Street, Suite 2, and perhaps that is the reason that it did not reach you.

Turning to the substance of the grievance, as is often the case, the print media was selective in reporting what I said at the press conference. Additionally, at least one of the papers was less than wholly accurate as to what I said. I am having hand delivered to you concurrently with the delivery of this written response a video taped copy of the entire press conference. I have marked it as "Respondent Gentile's Exhibit 'A'". I ask that you view this tape and make it a part of the permanent record.

As you will see from the tape, not only did I not violate Supreme Court Rule 177, but, quite to the contrary, I was guided by it. On the evening before the arraignment, Wenlee Jensen and I both spent two hours in the library researching the law and ethical opinions relating to what can and cannot be said in a press conference. You will note from reviewing the tape that on a number of occasions I advised the reporters that I was not at liberty to respond to certain of their questions. You will also note that I advised the reporters that I had looked into the rules before the press conference.

I feel that this press conference was necessary, proper, and wholly within ethical standards and guidelines. To the extent that there may be a difference of opinion expressed by either

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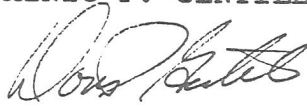
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yourself or members of the disciplinary committee, I can only say that while I respect that difference of opinion, all of my actions were in good faith.

Yours very truly,

DOMINIC P. GENTILE, LTD.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dominic P. Gentile".

DOMINIC P. GENTILE

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