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Dear Jim,

After reading Nichols' "Docketing Statement" (I have not seen his motion to reopen and shivver at the thought I should), I have decided I ought make a record, crack it and sent it to you to avoid the endless repetition of the potential hazard to all of us in the persistence of the eg-dominated, under-informed, misinformed and just plan zany is the suits they file.

I'm not going to take the time to do itm but this is so shot full of simple factual error I could trash it in five to 10 eloquent minites in ocurt to the point where his lawyers whuld hide their faces.

If I am not competent to pass on some of the legal argument and do not know what either the purposes or limitations upon a docketing statement may be, I think some of the legal arguments are meritorious (naturally, most of all those not originating with John or his lawyers), but where they are are incompletely or inadequately put and are not, on the face, lucid to even legal readers.

I could take this and John's orher papers and satisfy a reasonable impartial court that his purposes are not serious because he doesn't know enough and because he misstates such elemental facts. On some, here alone, contradicting himself.

I recall a single paragraph where there are, in 12 lines, at least half that many errors, and this with hasty, casual reading. Might find more. Looked. Did.

It is deficient, inadequate, needlessly a,biguous and, I think dangerous wrong in other areas, such s its accusation against Davi,s for I know of nothing but John's determination that can in any way warrant those accusations.

Poor John . After all of what he probably considers long and hard work, great effort, what might be considerable expenditure od money that could ne put to useful purposes, still lacks the most elemental understanding of what happened, even his thievery not increasing his understanding.

If he succeeds, it is because of serious error or a fluke, not because he presents a good case.

This is the kind of thing that sickens and ennervates me. All these geniuses who know so little and have such exalted concepts of themselves and their brilliance and knowledge.

Disgustedly,

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