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Executive Editor and Senior Vice President

April 28, 1999

Mr. Norman Kjono
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Dear Mr. Kjono,

Regarding your latest submissions under cover note of April 27, 1999, I will once again advise you that the news and editorial sections of The Seattle Times are managed separately. I do not have anything to do with the selection of letters to the editor, op-ed submissions, guest commentaries or editorials. Your materials would presumably fall into the first three categories.

The editorial page editor is Mindy Cameron. Jim Vesely is deputy editorial page editor as well as the op-ed page editor. Betty Anderson is the letters editor.

The Seattle Times receives hundreds of unsolicited freelance articles on the news side, as well as op-ed submissions and letters to the editor. My "comment" is that very few are selected for publication.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Fancher

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Norman E. Kjono

Transmittal Memorandum

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To: Michael A. Fancher, Editor
The Seattle Times

Subj: Anti-Tobacco and Tobacco Settlement Issues

Date: April 27, 1999

Please find enclosed one copy each of my recent commentaries:

1. "Staging A Train Wreck"
2. "That's One Crafty Camel"
3. "An Unabashed Seattle Times"

Please also find enclosed copies of my transmittal memorandums to Governor Locke, Attorney General Gregoire, and Mary C. Selecky, Secretary, Washington State Department of Health.

The commentaries are written for publication. The commentaries raise serious and well-documented issues regarding anti-tobacco activism in the State of Washington. The issues are extremely important to me as a father of a junior high school student in Washington, as a tobacco consumer, and as a taxpayer. The issues merit and require comment by you and your office.

I would like an explanation from you as to why *The Seattle Times* has chosen to ignore, in fact affirmatively suppresses, such well-documented and serious issues. I would also appreciate an explanation as to why the Letter to the Editor of *The Times* by Brenda Suiter of Washington DOC was published April 21, 1999 without any disclosure of her or Washington DOC's vested interests in the issues that she discussed.

Thank you,

Norman E. Kjono
Via U.S. Mail