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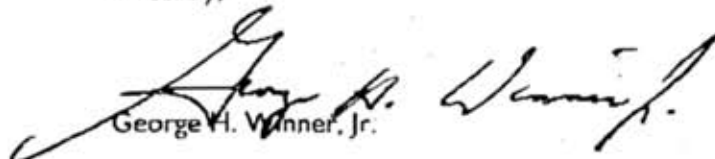
Dear Attorney General Cuomo:

I have read with great interest the well-written and thorough report of your investigation into the alleged misuse of New York State aircraft and the resources of the State Police. As the surrounding media attention has highlighted, the report has helped to clarify the impetus for and facts leading up to the allegations of Senator Bruno's misuse of state aircraft, but it has also raised additional, serious questions about the Governor's use of state resources for political purposes and the appropriate form and scope of information relayed pursuant to a proper FOIL request.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, I have been asked whether the Committee will undertake a further review of the potentially serious issues surrounding the unprecedented use of these executive branch resources. In formulating an opinion, I am requesting your assistance and am asking if you can provide information constituting the basis of your report. Specifically, I would appreciate your making available to the Committee copies of the statements and depositions you have taken as part of the investigation, as well as copies of any e-mail messages which were reviewed during the investigatory process. This additional information could prove highly relevant in determining whether the Committee should investigate the need for additional legislation to prevent further misuse of state taxpayer resources. It could also prove valuable in further refining the proper use of the state's freedom of information law.

I appreciate the valuable work your office has done to date, and look forward to your assistance in providing the additional information necessary for a full review.

Sincerely,


 George H. Winner, Jr.