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St. Paul
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Mr. John S. Pillsbury, Chairperson
Minnesota Advisory Commission
on Cameras in the Courtroom
Office of the Clerk
The Supreme Court
123 State Capitol Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Cameras in the Courtroom

Dear Commissioner Pillsbury:

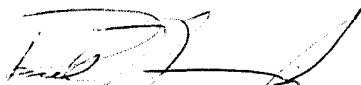
You have asked for Petitioners' suggestions regarding the preparation of a record of the proceedings of the Commission, all in accordance with its Rule 6.02.

In reviewing the technical requirements of videotaping the entire proceeding, it appears that a record comprised of videotape would be cumbersome and very expensive. In addition, the equipment necessary to gain access to such videotape is expensive.

Petitioners, therefore, would respectfully suggest that the audio portion of the proceedings be recorded on tape and used as a record. We understand that this is the method used to provide a record of Supreme Court arguments. Such a record would be available in cassette form, and could be accessed by a number of recording devices.

Please inform me if this suggestion meets with the Commission's approval.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Hannah

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CLERK

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September 25, 1981

The Honorable Robert J. Sheran
Chief Justice of the
Minnesota Supreme Court
State Capitol
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JOHN McCARTHY,
CLERK

Dear Chief Justice Sheran:

Pursuant to an informal agreement among members of the Commission and petitioners, the question of whether the Commission's hearings should be available for microphone and camera coverage is being brought to the Court. It was thought that inasmuch as the Commission is an arm of the Supreme Court, a formal request to the Court should be made pursuant to the January 27, 1978 Order of the Minnesota Supreme Court which allows coverage of its proceedings, subject to certain guidelines on an experimental basis.

As in previous coverage of the Court, I am presuming authority to make such a formal request for coverage of the Commission's activities on behalf of my fellow broadcasters. If permission is granted I shall develop pooling arrangements in accordance with the Order.

Sincerely


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cc: ✓ John Pillsbury, Commission Chairman
Paul Hannah