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Subject: I am being brought up on ~~false~~ charges by the Department of Education
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To: UFT President, Randi Weingarten

From: Mr. Ronald

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Two weeks ago, I got a certified letter from NYSUT attorney Neil Dudich who represented me in a previous case. He requested certification of courses I took to comply with a previous post-stipulation settlement in 2002. This request emanated from an inter-office-memo sent to him by a Department of Education attorney, Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir, Esq., at the Dept's Office of Legal Services, Administrative Trail Unit, and phone no. 212-374-6774. Last week unexpectedly, I received a call from a UFT representative, Richard Mandel. He exclaimed that he received an inter-office memo with my name regarding charges brought forth by the Department of Education. I told him I did not know about anything in connection with charges. Suddenly last Thursday I received a call from Claude I. Hersh, Associate General Counsel for NYSUT asking if I received charges for a 3020a from the Dept. . I told him I never received any documents about charges and did not know of such accusations. Then he asked me if I was in any assignment last year. I told him in February OSI assigned me to a rubber room pending an investigation into allegations of corporal punishment by investigator Robert Small of the Office of Special Investigations. I told him that the way the investigation preceded was out of compliance with chancellor's regulations A-420, because questioning by OSI never gave me my right to react to, or hear allegations brought forth against me by any parties involved, even at the school. The specifics regarding the whole removal process and investigation were bogus from the start. I furthermore told him that I sent a seven-page complaint with attachments to UFT President Randi Weingarten by email, and fax March 28, 2006, regarding the circumstances of my removal. He said he'd get back to me. How could I go from an investigation without any conclusion to their findings sent to me, to litigation without my knowledge or consideration? This whole thing is so puzzling! Today I received a call from NYSUT attorney Claude Hersh who explained that the above Dept. attorney misfiled a letter and mistakenly had me up for 3020a charges now, but that these charges are forth coming in the fall. Mr. Hersh told me the attorney exclaimed that when I get charges this fall the Dept. would only accept retirement or resignation. I am writing you as twenty-five year UFT member being led to

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a slaughter by faulty and shady reporting procedures by my schools administration and OSI, and would greatly appreciate your involvement in helping me to overcome this calamity. I would respectfully request an appointment with you to explain how these allegations unfolded. When you hear the whole story, you will be able to see everything more clearly. Since February, it has been over six months without charges, is this legal?

In Solidarity,

Ronald

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