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Dear Dr. Bernofsky:

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts has received your correspondence enclosing “a petition that requests an investigation into potentially impeachable offenses” allegedly committed by United States District Judge Helen G. Berrigan of the Eastern District of Louisiana “during her adjudication in a series of cases from 1995 to 2001” in which you were a litigant. Please be advised that the Administrative Office cannot provide the assistance you have requested.

The Administrative Office has centralized responsibility for supporting federal court operations. *See generally* 28 U.S.C. § 604. The Administrative Office has no judicial authority and cannot intervene in, or comment upon, a court’s disposition of any case. Likewise, the Administrative Office cannot address a court on behalf of a private litigant. *See id.* § 607. To the extent you are seeking a particular action by a court in an ongoing case in which you are a litigant, you must follow the appropriate court procedures to request such action before that court or on appeal.

To the extent you are alleging that a federal judge engaged in misconduct, you have the option of filing a complaint of judicial misconduct against the judge under the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351–64 and the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/judges-judgeships/judicial-conduct-disability>. The Act and the Rules explain how and where to file such a complaint. Notably, a misconduct complaint must relate to “conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts.” *Id.* § 351; R. 3(h)(1). An allegation directly related to the merits of a judicial decision is not a valid claim of misconduct. *Id.* § 352(b)(1)(A)(ii); R. 3(h)(3)(A). For further information on the misconduct complaint process, please visit the website of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit at

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<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/rules-procedures/rules/judicial-misconduct-and-disability-rules>.

The Administrative Office expresses no view on your allegations or on whether you should proceed with a misconduct complaint and cannot be of further assistance to you in this matter.

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