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Dear Mr. Lowell:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Eason Jordan, Chief News Executive for CNN, dated July 9, 2001, regarding CNN's coverage of the Chandra Levy missing person investigation and Congressman Gary Condit's role in such investigation.

Be assured that CNN will continue to conduct itself professionally, within its legal rights and with reasonable consideration of others' rights while covering this highly newsworthy story.

Sincerely,

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Dear Gentlemen and Ms. McGinnis:

As you know, I am counsel to Congressman Gary Condit and his family in connection with the missing person investigation being conducted by the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

I am writing to request that you reverse your networks' decisions to assign permanent "stake out" camera men and reporters at the homes not only of Congressman Condit and his wife, but also of their children. Although I realize that the story of Ms. Levy's disappearance has received heightened media attention, your networks' stakeouts have gotten out of hand. The crews are present at all hours of the day and night, impeding ingress and egress from the Condit homes, swarming over those who enter or leave, and presenting a serious safety hazard to neighbors and the surrounding neighborhoods. In fact, it has become virtually impossible for the Congressman, his wife, and even his children to spend time outside or to carry on the most routine and necessary parts of life. Things have gone so far that representatives of the media have been seen climbing over fences to get on to Condit family property.

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It is one thing for a host of news cameras to be in a public place like the Congress. It is also understandable that a constant presence might be needed at certain locations, such as a hospital when a President is admitted or in a war zone, both of which present the possibility of important newsworthy developments. It is not understandable, however, that camera men feel entitled to impose a safety threat to the Congressman, his wife, children, and neighbors by staking out their homes twenty-four hours a day. And clearly, these stake outs do little more than invade privacy because there is no news to be obtained at these locations.

Let me assure you that if Congressman Condit should decide to address the media regarding this matter, your networks will receive sufficient notice to allow for coverage of any such event. At this point, however, permanent camera crews do not increase, and are likely to decrease, the likelihood that he will make any such address.

For the sake of the family and neighbors, I am asking for relief from these ongoing stake outs because they serve no purpose and they threaten the safety, privacy and peace not just of the Condit family, but also of their neighbors and communities.

Sincerely,



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