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Honorable Alex Kozinski
Chief Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals
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Dear Chief Judge Kozinski:

I write pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules for Judicial Conduct and Judicial Disability Proceedings and request that you conduct an inquiry as to whether recent activity of mine constitutes misconduct. The conduct is described by the following set of facts:

On February 20, 2012, I received an email at my official government address that read as follows:

"Normally I don't send or forward a lot of these, but even by my standards, it was a bit touching. I want all of my friends to feel what I felt when I read this. Hope it touches your heart like it did mine.

A little boy said to his mother; 'Mommy, how come I'm black and you're white?'

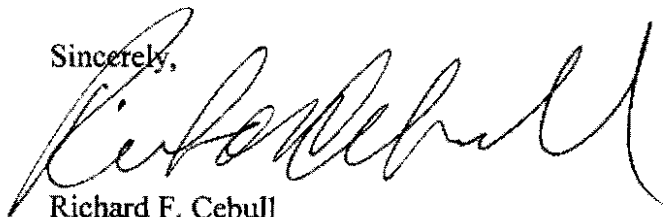
His mother replied, 'Don't even go there Barack! From what I can remember about that party, you're lucky you don't bark!'"

I forwarded that email on to six friends, who forwarded it still further. The communication reached John Adams, a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune, who interviewed me by phone and wrote an article that was published in that paper this morning. I was also contacted by another reporter, Claire Johnson, of the Billings Gazette, to whom I also spoke. Ms. Johnson also wrote an article on my conduct. Since then, the news has appeared in multiple national locations.

I have apologized publicly and profusely for my serious mistake and lack of judgment, and have today written a personal letter of apology to the President of the United States, a copy of which is attached.

I waive any confidentiality as to making this request or to the existence of any proceedings that may ensue from it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard F. Cebull". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Richard F. Cebull