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Sirs.

After reviewing the facts of this case, and from my own opinions as one who has observed the effects of Microsoft's monopoly on the development and use of personal computers, I believe that the ends of not only justice, but also simple human decency, would be best served by giving the plaintiff the largest penalty allowed by law.

I have many reasons for believing this, the chief one being that Microsoft's de facto monopoly on the IBM operating system has stifled development of competing systems and prevented higher quality systems from reaching the marketplace.

Yours,
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