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Dear Ms Sassower:

Thank you for your correspondence.

Since the article at the center of your concerns was published in November 2004, it does not fall in my purview because I didn't become public editor until June 2005. Under the policy established by the first public editor of The Times, the public editor doesn't re-visit issues that arose before their term started. Since your own correspondence shows that materials prepared by you went to my predecessor on the day that he took office, it is clear to me that he was in a position to make any decisions that he felt this office should take.

Sincerely,
Byron Calame
Public Editor
The New York Times

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