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Mr. Louis D. Boccardi  
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50 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10020

Dear Mr. Boccardi:

Reference is made to your startling December 18th letter--which I presume responds to my November 20th and December 9th letters to you.

I do not know what "strongly held view" you are referring to. Nor do I know what you mean when you say "the usefulness of these exchanges seems to be at an end". Indeed, your three-sentence letter is the only correspondence I have received from you to date.

I also do not understand your statement "Mr. Boyle has explained as clearly as he can how the story came to take the shape that it did"--since what we seek is a copy of the story. As documented in my November 20th letter, Mr. Boyle not only refused to provide us with a copy of Ms. Mills' story (Ex. "D" thereto), but also refused to answer our straight-forward inquiries as to its content (Ex. "F", "G", "H" thereto).

As set forth in my December 9th letter to Mr. Boyle--a copy of which I sent you under a coverletter of the same date:

"Since Ms. Mills' story is now five months old and, presumably, of no further commercial value to AP, there should be no legitimate objection to sending us a copy of the story so that we might confirm...that Ms. Mills 'did all of her own reporting'." (at para. 4)

In view of Mr. Boyle's admission in his November 30th letter to me that our materials "served as a tip" for Ms. Mills' story, we respectfully request that a copy of the story be made available to us. Indeed, to demonstrate our absolute good faith, we are even willing just to read the story at AP headquarters--if you do not feel we are entitled to possess a copy.

Anticipating an amicable conclusion to this matter, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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