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Dear Ms. Sassower,

I have reviewed all the materials you handed to me last month after my participation in the Middle East panel discussion.

I'll be direct. We are not interested in doing a story about *The New York Times'* lack of an ombudsman, because, in our view, that is not a story, but rather, it is a fact, and one that is widely known.

Moreover, it is my sense that what you are really interested in involves a deeply-felt personal dispute with the *Times*; I am making the judgment that this magazine should not use our limited resources to explore that dispute.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Eric Effron", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Effron