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Ms. Madeleine Edmundson
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Dear Ms. Edmondson:

My good friend, Peter Rosenblatt, has sent me a copy of your letter to him dated January 25 concerning your "profile" of me in your November 8 edition.

It seems extremely doubtful to me that any Honduran official I have worked with could have expressed the views contained in the sidebar story. Indeed, I question whether your correspondent spoke with any responsible Honduran official in preparation for the article. In any event, if Newsweek is really interested in what key government officials here think of my work, I suggest that they ask them, beginning with the President, the Foreign Minister, the Minister of the Presidency and the Commander of the Armed Forces. In fact, you might try asking other members of the Cabinet as well. I believe that my relationships with all of them have been excellent and mutually beneficial. It has been one of the many rewarding features of my work here in Honduras, a country I am determined to assist within the framework of U.S. policies and on a basis of mutual respect.

For your additional information and in the event you have not seen it, I enclose a copy of my letter to Mrs. Katharine Graham of November 12, 1982 which addresses some of the more egregious factual errors in the sidebar piece.

I regret that you feel the need to go to such lengths to defend such an unfortunate piece of journalism.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John D. Negroponte
Ambassador

bcc: Mr. Peter R. Rosenblatt

Enclosure:
As stated.

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