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Dear Sylvia,

Here is our letter to Bernstein, which we hope puts the lid on this problem, finally. We intend to reply to the enclosed letter from Jason (only) by pointing out that it does not accurately reflect our understanding of what was agreed in the phone call in question. In fact, it is a pretty outrageous letter, probably written for internal political purposes, but we plan to resist the temptation to argue with him - e.g., by pointing out ~~that he just might~~ that he just might have ~~also~~ had Random House's interests in mind as well as our own!

George O'Toole told me that he plans to respond to Belin's NR piece with an article of his own, so we have very discreetly and very confidentially brought him up to date on what Belin has been up to with us. I do trust him to handle this story well.

The enclosed cartoon has not (yet) been sent to our friends at RH.

Best regards,

*Paul*

for the editors