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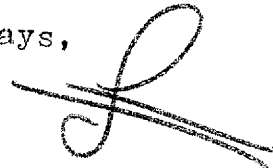
Dear Sylvia:

Thank you for the Village Voice excerpt of January 18th. Even from your oppositional point of view, it was must cast shadows of sadness. Needless to say, I am assuming, with full justification, I am certain, that I am no longer expected to defend his contentions, let alone his attitudes, by you--and 99% of the others don't matter. A repetition of my regard for your uniquely contributive work needs hardly be restated.

Of far greater consequence, how is your health and what are you doing--even after more than a decade I am always tilted slightly leeward by enclosures unaccompanied by notes.

Best to you, and believe me, we will make contact this year. Early, I hope.

As always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.