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Dear Sylvia,

I enclose a copy of the Belin letter for your information. We have not seen copies of any of the correspondence between him and Random House. Our understanding is that this crisis will be resolved by the time this note reaches you, but experience breeds skepticism toward such optimistic forecasts. To prevent any misrepresentation of our position, we sent the following telegram to Jason Epstein this evening: "THIS CONFIRMS WE DO NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- AGREE TO ANY CHANGES OR REWRITE TEXT. SIGNED SCOTT HOCH STETLER."

It is a tribute to your work that such a tiny piece as the Texas Observer article could be so unsettling to Mr. Belin. No matter what happens at Random House, the article is now assured of wide exposure.

Yours,

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