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Dear Mr. Policoff:

I'm sorry I was not more explicit in my letter of June 9.

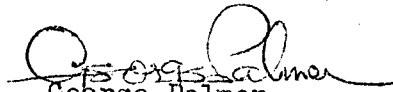
When I referred to "the book columns" I was referring to the daily book reviews, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Managing Editor's office. These reviews are, as you know, written by staff reviewers.

The Sunday Book Review is something else again. It assigns books to all sorts of non-staff reviewers and is totally outside the office of the Managing Editor.

It is under the jurisdiction of the Sunday Editor, and I should have included it in my last paragraph when I listed the editorial page, the op-ed page, the Sunday Magazine, etc.

To answer your question, the answer is, yes, routine editing extends to any changes our editors choose to make, whether in stories or headlines.

Very truly yours,

  
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