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Dear Harold:

I've read the copy of your speech. Please say whether you want it returned.

Allowing for my lack of expertise in the field you cover, I have two principal reactions.

1. There is no need to cut it for the type of audience it was designed for -- an audience already acquainted with the subject and with enough prior knowledge of its ins and outs to get the points you make. I wouldn't, myself, be so argumentative and would rely more on giving them the facts and letting them make up their own minds, but then I'm not you.

2. For any other audience -- any not so intimate with what you're talking about -- this of course would have to be entirely rewritten, not just cut. One general approach would be first to establish the fact of an outrage committed before going on to say what can and should be done about it. Don't work at it so hard. Let the story tell itself. It will.

Best,

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