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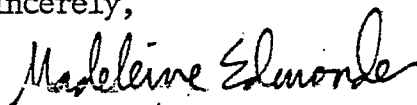
Peter R. Rosenblatt
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Dear Mr. Rosenblatt:

We're sorry you objected to our profile of Ambassador John Negroponte (International, Nov. 8). As you know, however, Honduras stands at the crossroads of Central America's continuing conflict. Under the circumstances, it seemed important to us to look at Washington's 'Man in Tegucigalpa' and to assess the perception -- widespread among Honduran legislators, army officers and civilians -- that the American ambassador has an unprecedented degree of influence on their country's affairs. We had hoped it was clear, of course, that the views expressed were those of Negroponte's fellow envoys or officials he's worked with in Honduras -- and represented no wish, on the part of Newsweek's editors, its writers or researchers, to cause Negroponte any harm or injury.

We appreciate the concern that prompted you to write and hope we have been able to reassure you as to our intentions in this matter.

Sincerely,



Madeleine Edmondson
For the Editors

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