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Mr. John D. Negroponte
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

UPI regrets any embarrassment caused by our erroneous report on December 28, 1982 quoting a newspaper to the effect that you were being relieved of your duties as ambassador.

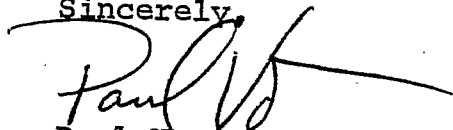
This was the result of hasty and careless reporting for which there is no excuse.

You should know that we killed the story six minutes after it moved. Nonetheless, it should never have appeared on our wires.

Our reporter did speak with your public affairs officer but he did not receive a categorical denial as you suggest. Once he discovered his mistake, he took steps to correct it immediately. I am sure he will not forget this for many years to come.

UPI prides itself on accuracy. We clearly did not live up to our standards in this case. Once again, our apologies.

Sincerely,


Paul Varian

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