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Why didn't he read the article?

William Rusher's Sept. 14 column, "How to watch the TV news," attacks NBC's Ken Bode for drawing attention to our October cover story, "Company Man," a feature story about Vice President George Bush's less-than-distinguished record as director of the CIA.

In his rush to criticize Mr. Bode and denounce Mother Jones as a "rag" which he "wouldn't blame you for not having heard of," the columnist neglects to mention the substance of the story: that high-ranking sources within the CIA told our reporters Mr. Bush had been "largely ineffective" as CIA chief and had "virtually turned the store over" to covert operators he was supposed to control.

Mr. Rusher neglected to mention the credentials of our reporter, Scott Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong is a former Washington Post reporter, former senior investigator for the Senate Watergate Committee and co-author, with Bob Woodward, of "The Brethren," a celebrated book about the Supreme Court.

Perhaps Mr. Rusher, who seems to think invective is a healthy substitute for analysis, should get around to *reading* the article before hurrying to denounce it.

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