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Dear Mr. Manning:

Nora Beloff in her article about me stated that Lawrence Eagleburger, my chief staff man, "suffered a nervous breakdown." This is gravely unfair to a dedicated man who served with great devotion and ability.

Just before Mr. Eagleburger joined my staff, he had a severe attack of influenza. He then worked himself to the point of physical exhaustion helping set up my organization. The doctors recommended a brief vacation. After two weeks of vacation, he returned but shortly thereafter had a sharp relapse. Because of his continuing physical problem, we both concluded that it would be better for him to have a prolonged rest. Larry and I also decided that after this rest, he should move to another assignment until we could be sure he was completely recovered.

Since then, he has served with distinction with our NATO Mission in Brussels. He knows that a job will be waiting for him here whenever he wishes.

Best regards,

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Henry A. Kissinger

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