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From: Michael Hayes

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Dear Greg:

Happy New Year.

I'm faxing you for a couple of reasons. First, I'm wondering if you ever got a chance to get the name, address, tel and fax numbers of the president of Apple Japan. I still have to make the case against the NGO status of Bernie Krisher's Daily and Apple is one of their key donors that I will need to contact. It would be a great help if you could get this info for me.

Second, I have received a very strong "letter of demand" from a law firm representing the Samling Corp. (the Malaysian loggers with an 800,000 hectare concession here). They are asking for a notice of apology in the middle of our front page, and an unspecified amount of "compensation".

Their letter says that articles we published in our Aug25 issue "in their literal meaning and further in their natural and ordinary inferential meaning were meant to convey and were understood to mean that our clients were involved in corrupt and or unethical practice and were consequently designed to seriously injure our clients reputation, bring them into public scandal, odium and contempt." They are primarily ticked off with a comment piece we ran by Julio Jeldres. -- Anyway, I understand that the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) is based in Tokyo and that they issued a report around '89 slamming Samling for its unstainable logging practices in Sarawak. I need to get a copy of the report. At the very least can you get the name of the head of ITTO and his/her fax number so I can contact them. If you can get the report yourself that would be of immense value.

Sorry to burden you with all this. From our side its just one more hassle among what we expect will be an on-going assault against the PPPost from many quarters. -- We have a new fax number: 855-23-28309. Our other fax line is dead for the time being. -- Also, I got a free trip to the U.S. and will transit Tokyo on Feb 2 on my way to Florida. I'll try and call you from the airport. --Give me a ring if you need to. Otherwise, hope all is well on your end.

Chris, Michael

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