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Dear Crocker,

This is just a brief note to let you know that I have not forgotten your offer of allowing the PPP to include the World Paper as a regular supplement.

It's just that with any number of mini-crises, including the new press law (which is like a gun to our head), a threatened lawsuit from a bank we exposed, the impending loss of our ad manager, a broken printer (which it seems we can only fix in Singapore), and the regular battle to keep the paper afloat economically in the face of on-going competition from scam-artist Bernie Krisher, we haven't had time to figure out how "to expand" and pay for it as well.

I can't make any promises on

when we will be able to make a final decision. It seems that even after 3 years we are still flying by the seat of our pants, living hand-to-mouth from one issue to the next. Amidst chronic fatigue, frustration, fear of retribution and money hassles, I try to remind myself that running this paper is what real adventure is all about.

I trust you won't go back to the Cambodia Daily without giving us a first refusal?

otherwise, all the best,

Michael Hayes

P.S. Any Penant fever yet in Boston?