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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2001 9:15 AM
To: Isabel Maxwell
Subject: Re: Polly Sprenger Guardian Article of March 6th.

Ms Maxwell

I'll be frank. We let our standards slip in the piece "Maxwell-led software firm accused of fraud." Aside from any factual inaccuracies, I personally do not like guilt-by-association pieces and I regret the fact that this slipped through the net. Polly has now left the Guardian and so I have been unable to discuss the article with her. But in anycase, alarm bells should have gone off amongst our desk editors here.

The Guardian does have a policy of putting its hand up when we get things wrong and, to this end, we do run a daily "Corrections and Clarifications" column, as a number of US papers do.

You are probably aware that we are running a correction relating to your brother Kevin in tomorrow's paper. I have discussed the matter with Ian Mayes, our Readers' Editor, who agrees that we should also offer you a correction and apology on this matter. Because of the complexity of the matter, it is going to take a little while to the wording right, and so I'd be grateful if you could bear with us until Monday,. By then I will be in a position to send you the proposed wording.

In the meantime, on a personal note, I apologise for the hurt caused.

Paul Murphy
Financial Editor