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Subject Correction requested

Dear Seth,

I would like to request a correction to the story you published in the New York Sun on Tuesday, February 27, regarding the settlement of the Hatfill lawsuit written by Josh Gerstein. What I told the reporter in our phone conversation is different from what ended up in print. Given the nature of this matter, every word is important.

This is a recount of our exchange based on notes that I took throughout our conversation:

My response regarding the settlement was: "The case was resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all parties." I said that there was an agreed upon statement and I asked Mr. Gerstein if he had received the statement. He said he had it and then proceeded to read the statement to me verbatim.

His follow up question to me was: "Did any money exchange hands?" To which I replied that "all I can say is that the case was resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all parties."

A similar statement is attributed to Dr. Hatfill's lawyer earlier in the article, and then it quotes me as saying "all I can tell you is we're very satisfied with the results." Those were not my words. Perhaps the reporter didn't hear me clearly. There was a child crying in the background during our conversation. I had a prepared statement in front of me when I spoke with Mr. Gerstein and I didn't veer from it.

Given the sensitivity in this matter, I request that you run a correction in an upcoming edition of the newspaper.

Sincerely,

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