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NOTE

The hope expressed in our editorial note in the last issue, that Mr. Avedon's article on Tibet would inspire you to react and reply, has been amply fulfilled. Responses ranged from graffiti on subscription renewal forms to the extended comment included in this issue. Our decision to publish Mr. Avedon's article was not based on its scholarly merit, but on its prominent role in the formation of public and governmental opinion. If scholars are to engage public attention and influence public policy, it is vital that they respond meaningfully to others who have succeeded in gaining the attention of the concerned lay-person and influential policy maker. We encourage you to use this forum as a means of thoughtful exchange and debate on issues which have prompted public concern as well as questions which are more likely to be raised exclusively by specialists.

The Editors

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