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STORY IS FINE, WITH THESE FIXES:

FIRST GRAPH: ASSUME THIS IS CHECKED WITH CHURNER.

SECOND GRAPH: ABOUT THE FLYING SQUAD -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT EX-BRITISHER BILL DICK WHO HEADED THE TEAM WAS ACTUALLY PULLED OFF ANOTHER STORY IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY, MAYBE AUSTRALIA, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT NOT THE ENTIRE SQUAD LEFT FROM LANTANA.

ASSUME REFERENCE TO OFFER TO THE RESEARCH TRUST ADMINISTRATOR COMES FROM DEPENDABLE SOURCE. WE DO NOT KNOW THIS DETAIL, AND OWEN WOULD NOT TALK TO US WHEN WE TRIED TO REACH HIM TODAY.

THIRD GRAPH: THE OLDHAM PAPER WAS IN PRINT WITH THE FULL STORY ON APRIL 20, AHEAD OF OTHER BRITISH PAPERS. PLEASE CORRECT TO READ "THE OLDHAM NEWS WAS OUT WITH A FULL STORY THE NEXT DAY." (EXANGELO: THE OLDHAM PAPER HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE WITH US ON THIS STORY, WOULD APPRECIATE GIVING THEM THIS BIT OF CREDIT.)

THE JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE NOT IN THE LOBBY, NO PRESS WAS ALLOWED IN, MAKE IT "...SET UP THEIR CAMERAS AT THE HOSPITAL AND BEGAN..." (THE ACTION WAS ALL OUTSIDE.)

FOURTH GRAPH: "DOZENS" IS MUCH TOO MANY, MAKE IT "MORE THAN A DOZEN." ASSUME YOU HAVE HARD CHECK WITH THE NYTIMES, AS

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WE DID NOT HAVE THAT FACT HERE.

ON THE POINT OF THE FINAL BID: UNLESS YOU HAVE A RED CHECK SOURCE FOR THAT FIGURE, IT SHOULD BE A HIGH BID OF "REPORTEDLY" 570,000 DLRS. THE DAILY MAIL FLATLY REFUSES TO GIVE THE FIGURE, AND FIGURES RANGING FROM POUNDS 300,000 TO 325,000 HAVE BEEN USED.

FIFTH GRAPH: THIS IS THE EXPRESS' STORY OF HOW IT GOT THE STORY, BUT IT IS VIEWED WITH SKEPTICISM BY OTHER REPORTERS WHO SUSPECT LESS ENTERPRISE THAN HARD CASH. THUS, THE EXPRESS CLAIM CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. BUT THEY KNOW A GOOD STORY WHEN THEY CAN SPIN ONE.

SIXTH GRAPH: LESLEY BROWN QUOTES WERE TWO PARAGRAPHS, WHICH MAY BE SOMETHING SHORT OF "EXTENSIVELY."

IN PART ABOUT THE ONE-UPPING WITH PHOTOS: "THE SUN AND THE EXPRESS BOTH PICTURED HER (NOT HIM) THAT DAY AS WELL." THE PRONOUNC WENT AVRY. INQUIRIES ABOUT THE BIRTH WAS SIMPLY TO THE MAIL, NOT TO ITS SYNDICATION DEPT.

SEVENTH GRAPH: SINCE THE HOSPITAL HAS NEVER GIVEN OUT ANYTHING THAT CAN QUALIFY AS "INFORMATION", THAT SENTENCE SHOULD BE CHANGED: "EMBARRASSED, REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ORDERED THE HOSPITAL TO GIVE THE FEW BITS OF INFORMATION IT HAD TO ALL COMERS." (THERE HAS BEEN LITERALLY NO INFORMATION.)

OTHERWISE, OKAY. TODAY'S FILES PROVIDE SOME FRESHER STUFF FROM THE SCENE.

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