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Mr. David Zinczenko  
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Dear Mr. Zinczenko:

Whatever might be said about the quality of satire expressed by Matt Taibbi in his article, *Waiting for Larry*, he and the editors certainly dropped the ball by allowing the use of a blatant racial slur in his expression, "nuking the Japs." Taibbi's careless use of the slur added nothing to the piece except to affirm its acceptability and offend readers.

As the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States, we are appalled whenever this epithet is used. Fortunately, Taibbi did not use the N-word, however, he should know that the J-word is tinged with the same demeaning attributes that have the power to marginalize and isolate all who may be defined by the term. Do not use this slur, as it is unacceptable and obscene.

Sincerely,

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