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Mr Richard Stengel
Managing Editor TIME
Time Magazine Letters
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center,
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Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of a book I had published fifteen years ago.

As you can see, the most recent issue of Time, featuring the Person of the Year cover, appears surprisingly close in concept and visuals to that of my book.

I have no doubt in the good faith of the people who came up with this cover, but it seems entirely reasonable to ask for at least a gentleman's recognition of the fact that this idea, presented worldwide as original and innovative was, undeniably, something I came up with first, fifteen years ago, at the publishing house Tomo Edizioni, Rome. As you can judge for yourself, even the technical aspects of printing the reflective cover were dealt with successfully well over 15 years ago.

As a video artist, thematically one of my fields of research stems from that concept of the monitor on the cover reflecting a face and, pursuing the idea, I've recently produced a world video installation, entitled "*Occhi di-visi Occhi di-versi*" (*Eyes and Faces of the World*).

I've included samples and accompanying notes about this project on the enclosed Dvd and I hope it might be interesting to you.

Video # 2 had its world premiere in NYC on November 16th, 2006, at the opening of Lux Bio Sciences, a biotechnology company specialized in the field of ophthalmic diseases, that also kindly helped sponsor the first phase of the project.

Again my compliments for the cover, and let me know your thoughts.

It would be a pleasure for me to meet up with you briefly, during my upcoming visit to NYC between the 12th and 24th of February.

Looking forward to hear your comments, and hopefully meet up next month.

Best regards,

Ermanno G.M. De Biagi