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The HCL treatment was later noted in The Reference Librarian, nos. 61/62 (1998), p. 223:

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681 LC form: ARMENIAN MASSACRES, 1915-1923.

In the meantime, as stated by Gary Bass in the attached 5-3-04 New Yorker, both the Boston Globe and New York Times adopted style guidelines preferring "Armenian Genocide" to "Armenian Massacres."

Please make the substitution as a matter of historical accuracy and fairness.

More than three months passed. No response. So on January 11, 2006, I directed this missive to James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, with copies to Minnesota's two Senators and my local Congressman:

Dear Colleague,

On September 26, 2005, I formally recommended to the Chief of the Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office that the LC subject heading, ARMENIAN MASSACRES, 1915-1923, be replaced with ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, 1915-1923. That communication, which cited relevant precedents and scholarly justification, produced no reply. Subsequently, on 10-18-2005, 10-22-05, 10-28-05, 11-~~7~~-05, and 11-10-05, I submitted further documentation, from such sources as the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and University of Minnesota Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. These, too, elicited no response.