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Via Email

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Re: Removal of New York Times Content

To whom it may concern:

We represent The New York Times Company (“The Times”) in connection with certain intellectual property (“IP”) related matters. Continuously for more than one hundred seventy years, The Times has published the newspaper *The New York Times*. The Times also owns and operates the websites nytimes.com and theathletic.com. The Times is the owner of copyrights in its content as well as a number of trademarks.

We write to advise you that some of the datasets hosted by Hugging Face have infringed and are infringing The Times’s IP rights, including The Times’s copyrights. We understand that Hugging Face provides access to datasets that have copies of The Times’s copyright-protected content. Hugging Face has not sought or obtained permission from The Times to make these datasets available. For example, to date, we have found five datasets on Hugging Face’s website, huggingface.com, containing either text or image content from The Times’s websites.¹ Such copying infringes, *inter alia*, The Times’s exclusive right to make copies of its copyrighted content.

As you can likely appreciate, The Times’s ability to continue serving as an essential source of journalism for readers around the world depends on its ability to receive fair compensation for content that it has developed at extraordinarily high costs over the past 170 years. The Times also operates a robust business licensing its intellectual property. By

¹ See https://huggingface.co/datasets/nailiamirzakhmedova/editorials_nyt;
<https://huggingface.co/datasets/Rosenberg/nyt>; https://huggingface.co/datasets/Matthewww/nyt_news;
<https://huggingface.co/datasets/yju/nyt-attprompt>; <https://huggingface.co/datasets/mikeee/en-zh-nyt31k>.

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distributing The Times's content without permission or payment, and permitting others to use it for commercial purposes, The Times has been deprived of the benefit of such a license. Even more importantly, its exclusive rights to exercise control over the use of its own intellectual property are being compromised.

For these reasons, The Times requests that Hugging Face immediately i) remove and permanently delete all records of The Times's content from the five datasets hosted on Hugging Face's website identified above no later than April 9, 2024; and ii) respond to this letter, in writing, setting forth your understanding of, and determination to comply with, the demands made herein. This letter does not constitute a full statement of relevant facts or a waiver of any of The Times's rights, remedies, and defenses, all of which are expressly reserved.

The undersigned has a good faith belief that the infringing material identified above is not authorized by The Times, its agent, or the law. I also state under penalty of perjury that the information provided here is accurate and that I am authorized to make this complaint on behalf of The Times.

We look forward to working with you to achieve a timely and amicable resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,



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