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Dear Sir: I have been an investor and follower of silver for over 50 years, and during that time I have seen aberration's in that market only twice. First in 1980 when the Hunt Brothers tried to corner that market on the long side, and the Comex put a stop to it. The second was in 2008 when J P Morgan took over Bear Stearns Silver short position. In 3 months the silver price went from \$18.50 to \$9.50. When you realize that all of the available silver in the world can be bought for about 18 billion dollars, you can see why any large entity can swing that market any way it wants. Thank you so much for trying to level the playing field. Don Martens