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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RON --

You will want to write thank-you and farewell letters to these members of your staff:

Press Office:

- ✓ John Carlson
- ✓ Larry Speakes
- ✓ Bill Roberts
- ✓ Margaret Earl
- ✓ Thym Smith
- ✓ Mary Bourke
- ✓ Jan Barbieri
- ✓ Connie Thumma
- ✓ Carol Montague
- ✓ Gay Pirozzi
- ✓ Gail Campbell
- ✓ Connie Gerrard

- ✓ Jim Shuman
- ✓ Kathy Tucker

- ✓ Pat Strunk
- ✓ Catherine Cammermeyer (Dear Kit)

Press Advance Office:

- ✓ Doug Blaser
- ✓ Joy Chiles
- ✓ Nancy Carlson
- ✓ Jim Hunter
- ✓ Jack LaCovey
- ✓ Dorrance Smith
- ✓ Hugh O'Neill
- ✓ Dave Frederickson
- ✓ Steve Studdert
- ✓ Dave Wendell
- ✓ Anne Grier

News Summary Office:

- ✓ Agnes Waldron
- ✓ Melanie Berney
- ✓ Rex Marshall

- ✓ Susan Mercandetti
- ✓ Ann Reilly
- ✓ Ann Simon
- ✓ Raymond Vaughn

- ✓ Wanda Phalan

*Mc Farlane
Chamish
Berger*

Television Office:

- ✓ Bill Carruthers
- ✓ Helen Collins
- ✓ Ann McGlenn
- ✓ *Mark Goode*

Press Release Office:

- ✓ Mary Hooper
- ✓ Marilyn Johnson
- ✓ Donna Simmons
- ✓ Bill Connors
- ✓ Edward Valentine
- ✓ Alphonzo Jackson

Transportation Office:

- ✓ Ray Zook
- ✓ Bob Manning
- ✓ Bill Dale
- ✓ Gary Wright (You wrote one to him for campaign efforts)
- ✓ John Drelinger (You wrote one to him for campaign efforts)
- ✓ Bobby Law (You wrote one to him for campaign efforts)
- ✓ *KEN Dodson*

I didn't know what you wanted to do about Gergen's office. You didn't really work too closely with anyone but:

- ✓ Dave Gergen
- ✓ Bill Rhatican
- ✓ Stef Halper

How many in President Ford Committee?

How about the President Ford Committee?

Bill Greener ✓
Pete Teeley ✓
Pat Coyle ✓
Ron Weber ✓

You might also want to write "it's been nice to work with you letters" to the senior staff people.....

connie

November 19, 1976

Dear Tom:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

You worked under the most exacting demands and pressures. Yet, you always performed your duties with dedication, skill and cheerfulness. The President asked me to convey to you his deep appreciation.

The President feels that your performance was, at least in part, responsible for his and Senator Dole's nearly victorious comeback campaign.

The President asked me to send you his very best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Thomas M. Andrews
436 Acorn Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45419

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Hugh:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Hugh Akin
11457 Dennis Road #1085
Dallas, Texas 75229

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Bill:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William H. Barrett
2012 Apple Avenue
Patterson, California 95363

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Terry:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Terry L. Baxter
12048 Cheviot Drive
Herndon, Virginia 22070

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Noreen:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nassen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Noreen M. Blum
11 Parkview Court
Walnut Creek, California 94596

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Jan:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Janice L. Burmeister
10345 Richview Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63127

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Happy:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Murray Cluff
3901 Cogswell Road
El Monte, California 91732

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Barry:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Don Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Barry Connelly
10907 Glenway Drive
Houston, Texas 77070

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Jerry:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Jerry D. Harvey
246 West 10th North
Bountiful, Utah 84010

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Knox:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Knox B. Hughes
4016 Villanova
Houston, Texas 77005

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Mac:

Well, it did not turn out as we had hoped. And the loss still causes considerable pain.

I want you to know how grateful I am for the service you performed in the White House Press Advance Office during the campaign. I know that you came aboard at considerable personal sacrifice. But your dedicated, skillful and always cheerful performance was certainly, in part, responsible for the success of the White House Press Advance operation.

Mac, I know there were special pressures on you because of the press interest in your previous White House service to President Kennedy. But you handled this pressure, together with the long hours and heavy demands with the skills of the true professional which you are.

It has been my privilege to work with you in this campaign. We go back quite far together, Mac, and I look forward to continuing our friendship in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Mac Kilduff
8600 16th Street
Silver Spring, Md. 20901**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Rocky:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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The President asked me to send you his very best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Rocky D. Kuonen
749 Harvard
Sunnyvale, California 94087

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear David:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David M. King
405 Deavey View Road
Asheville, North Carolina 28806

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Steve:

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The President asked me to send you his very best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Steven H. Mann
722 Winstead Terrace
Sunnyvale, California 94087

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Peggy:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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The President asked me to send you his very best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Peggy L. Meek
4500 Lake Shore Drive #5
Waco, Texas 76710

RN:kc



December 9, 1976

Dear Ms. Menard:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Livonia, Michigan on November 1 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Wendy Menard
1401 East Kalamazoo, #26
Lansing, Michigan 48912

November 19, 1976

Dear Barbaras

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Barbara McCaffery
4412 South 34th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22206

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Jim:

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However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. James L. Robinett
1902 East Cardinal
Springfield, Missouri 65804

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Linda:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Linda S. Schnabl
215 Marvin Road
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19117

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Gerry:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

However, I want you to know how grateful the President is for your volunteer service as a press advance person in the Ford-Dole campaign.

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Sincerely,

Ron Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Gerry Weaver
101 Crepe Myrtle
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Joe:

The campaign did not end as we hoped it would and I know that you share the disappointment of the President and the rest of us here at the White House.

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Sincerely,

Ron Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph B. Wilkinson
3700 Buford Highway #21
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Doug:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your very large contribution to the almost-victorious election effort of President Ford.

When you came to the White House the Press Advance Office was nearly in shambles. Through your own talent, dedication, loyalty, hard work and ability to attract and motivate a superb staff, you built the Press Advance Office into a smooth running operation truly worthy of the President.

I know that in the years ahead you will bring these same outstanding qualities to whatever endeavor you choose. It has been my privilege to serve here at the White House with you and I hope we will be able to maintain our friendship in the years ahead.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Douglas C. Blaser
12934 Asbury Drive
Oxon Hill, Md. 20022**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Joy:

You are a lady who truly lives up to her name: you are a joy.

You have always performed your duties here at the White House with dedication, skill and a cheerful outlook.

I know you will bring these same qualities to your continued service to President Ford in the years ahead.

It has been my privilege to serve with you at the White House and I look forward to continuing our friendship in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Joy Chiles
2130 Key Blvd., #904
Arlington, Va. 22201**

RN/mcb



November 18, 1976

Dear Nancy:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your very dedicated service in the White House Press Advance Office.

This is one of the hardest working most pressure ridden offices in the whole White House and you performed your duties throughout with dedication and skill.

It has been my privilege to work with you at the White House and I send you every best wish for success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Ms. Nancy P. Carlson
4436 MacArthur Blvd., NW, #3B
Washington, D.C. 20007**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Dave:

In my two and a half years at the White House, and in my previous time as a network correspondent covering three presidential campaigns, I never encountered a group which worked harder, most effectively, with greater dedication and with more cheerfulness than you and your colleagues in the White House Press Advance Office.

Even though the election did not turn out as we wanted it to, you should have enormous pride in the contribution you made to the nearly victorious campaign of President Ford. I realize that the demands of your job often imposed heavy penalties on your personal, professional and financial lives. But it was always clear that you made this sacrifice out of loyalty to President Ford and what he stood for.

The truly remarkable comeback of President Ford and Senator Dole can be accounted for, in part at least, because of your skillful service as a press advance man.

I know that in whatever endeavor you choose for the future you will have a large advantage because of your experience at the White House and because of the outstanding qualities you demonstrated here.

It has been my privilege to work with you and I certainly look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Hessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David W. Frederickson
2000 N Street, N.W. #813
Washington, D.C. 20036

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Jim:

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Hassen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. James F. Hunter
27 South Aberdeen Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Jack:

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. A. Joseph LaCovey
5911 North 4th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22203

RN:kc



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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Hugh L. O'Neill
324 Pitt Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Dorrance:

In my two and a half years at the White House, and in my previous time as a network correspondent covering three presidential campaigns, I never encountered a group which worked harder, most effectively, with greater dedication and with more cheerfulness than you and your colleagues in the White House Press Advance Office.

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. J. Dorrance Smith
2126 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. #21
Washington, D.C. 20008

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Steve:

In my two and a half years at the White House, and in my previous time as a network correspondent covering three presidential campaigns, I never encountered a group which worked harder, most effectively, with greater dedication and with more cheerfulness than you and your colleagues in the White House Press Advance Office.

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Stephen M. Studdert
13225 Park Lane
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20022

RN:kc



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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Hessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David R. Wendell
1345 29th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

RN:kc



November 19, 1976

Dear Mr. Seawell:

I want you to know how grateful we are for the outstanding performance of Pan American World Airways, from whom we chartered a jetliner for the large press corps covering President Ford during the recent election campaign.

Of course, this is only the latest example of a fine airplane and top-notch, experienced crew from Pan Am which has made our job much easier. The White House Press Corps and the members of the White House Staff who travel on the press charter invariably ask, when a trip is announced, "Are we going Pan Am?"

The two individuals who deserve the most credit for making our election campaign experience with Pan Am so outstanding are John McSweeney of your Washington Sales Office and Captain Bill Hurley. I also want to mention a special word of thanks to Bob Jones and the Charter Department.

Other members of the Pan Am charter crew who should receive special thanks and commendation are:

Gerald Fitzgerald	First Officer
Doug Crowl	Flight Engineer
Pete Kosloski	Maintenance
Claude Spence	Maintenance
Charles Mittler	Catering
Jim Leahy	Catering
Claire Conkling	Purser
Carol Fischer	Stewardess
April Lattimer	Stewardess
Jan Rodriguez	Stewardess
Maria Schneider	Stewardess
JoAnn DiRico	Stewardess
Vicki Shuls	Stewardess
Glenda Baker	Stewardess
Liv Cartwright	Stewardess

Pan American can be very proud of the dedicated employees who have served the White House so well during the election campaign and on previous occasions. They truly have brought extra luster to the image of Pan Am. And you have my personal appreciation, because they have made the job of Press Secretary easier.



I'm sure that the Administration which takes over the White House on January 20th will be equally partial to Pan Am. I will certainly pass on to them my recommendation along those lines.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William T. Sewell
Chairman of the Board
Pan American World Airways Inc.
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Don:

I don't want to let the election campaign get too far behind us before I have a chance to tell you about the extremely helpful service performed for the White House Press Office by a dedicated group of Air Force officers I have listed here.

These are the Air Force officers who were in charge of making sure that our chartered press plane, carrying reporters and White House staff members, was routed in such a way that it was able to land and unload before the President and Air Force One arrived. Their job was made more difficult in the final days of the campaign by the fact that we had two chartered press planes and the President was making many short flights each day.

Yet, these officers performed their duties with skill and dedication in the service of the President of the United States. I hope you will see to it that they are properly commended for their proficient service.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Hassen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Donald E. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure--list of officers

cc: Bill Galley
RN:ct



List of Air Force Officers

Major Melvin R. Barrett

Major Edward J. Bruetsch

Captain Robert W. Burke

Major Gary F. Crew

Captain Lawrence C. Harle

Major Andrew F. Fay

Captain Bruce A. Gerrity

Captain John D. Hall

Captain Veneble L. Hammonds

Major Billy R. Herrin

Lt. Colonel Thomas R. Johnson

Captain Robert N. Livermore

Major Thomas C. Meier

Captain Richard W. Midkiff

Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Murphy

Captain Robert J. O'Such

Colonel Andrew A. Radel

Major Kirk D. Ransom

Major Ronald K. Sable

Major James M. Sather

Major Charles Smith III



November 19, 1976

Dear John:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your very skillful and dedicated service during my time at the White House, and especially, during the election campaign.

I realize that you performed your duties at the great personal sacrifice--and with very little sleep--under the most intense pressure. Yet, there were simply no foul-ups or mistakes during the entire, hectic period of the campaign.

Both the press and the White House staff owe you a very large debt of gratitude.

It was been my privilege to serve with you at the White House. I have great admiration and appreciation for the tremendous job you have done.

Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. John P. Dreylinger
The White House
Transportation Office
Washington, D.C. 20500

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Ken:

I don't think anyone in the White House worked harder than you did during the recent election campaign. Working under unrelenting pressure and almost unending days, you always remained skillful, dedicated, and cheerful.

In fact, your good humor did a lot to help other staff members survive the very long days and nights.

It has been a real privilege for me to serve with you here at the White House. Your service has been a great help to me. I send you my very best wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Kenneth Dodson
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Boss:

I don't think anyone in the White House worked harder than you did during the recent election campaign. Working under unrelenting pressure and almost unending days, you always remained skillful, dedicated, and cheerful.

In fact, your good humor did a lot to help other staff members survive the very long days and nights.

It has been a real privilege for me to serve with you here at the White House. Your service has been a great help to me. I send you my very best wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bobby "Boss" Law
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Bob:

I want to tell you how grateful I am for your patience, advise, and help, during my time as White House Press Secretary.

During my first, confused days here your experience, skill, and friendship helped to keep the traveling White House press operation running smoothly. Even under the most severe pressure, you always performed your duties with relaxed, good humor.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert Manning
8700 Brae Brooke
Lanham, MD 20801

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Gary:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your very skillful and dedicated service during my time at the White House, and especially during the election campaign.

I realize that you performed your duties at the great personal sacrifice--and with very little sleep--under the most intense pressure. Yet, there were simply no foul-ups or mistakes during the entire, hectic period of the campaign.

Both the press and the White House staff owe you a very large debt of gratitude.

It has been my privilege to serve with you at the White House. I have great admiration and appreciation for the tremendous job you have done.

Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Gary D. Wright
The White House
Transportation Office
Washington, D.C. 20500

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Melanie:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your dedicated service in preparing the White House News Summary and related duties.

The News Summary has been an important document for President Ford and his senior staff in keeping in touch with public and press opinion during the turbulent course of this Administration.

You should feel a great pride in your contribution to the accomplishments of this White House. Under many difficulties and great pressures you have performed your duties with talent, energy and good humor.

I want to send to you my best personal wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Melanie Berney
8015 Millstone Court
Severna, Maryland 21144**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Rex:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your dedicated service in preparing the White House News Summary and related duties.

The News Summary has been an important document for President Ford and his senior staff in keeping in touch with public and press opinion during the turbulent course of this Administration.

You should feel a great pride in your contribution to the accomplishments of this White House. Under many difficulties and great pressures you have performed your duties with talent, energy and good humor.

I want to send to you my best personal wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Rex Marshall
2424 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Apt. 608
Washington, D.C. 20037**

RN mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Anne:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your dedicated service in preparing the White House News Summary and related duties.

The News Summary has been an important document for President Ford and his senior staff in keeping in touch with public and press opinion during the turbulent course of this Administration.

You should feel a great pride in your contribution to the accomplishments of this White House. Under many difficulties and great pressures you have performed your duties with talent, energy and good humor.

I want to send to you my best personal wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Anne Reilly
1679 31st Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Ann:

I want to let you know how much I appreciate your dedicated service in preparing the White House News Summary and related duties.

The News Summary has been an important document for President Ford and his senior staff in keeping in touch with public and press opinion during the turbulent course of this Administration.

You should feel a great pride in your contribution to the accomplishments of this White House. Under many difficulties and great pressures you have performed your duties with talent, energy and good humor.

I want to send to you my best personal wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Ann Simon
3907 Woodlawn Road
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Wanda:

I am sorry we didn't have a chance to talk before you left the White House in these heartbreaking days immediately after the election. I did want to take the opportunity to send you my deep appreciation for your superb services here at the White House.

In the letters you wrote in the President's behalf to his many supporters in the press and elsewhere across the country, you captured with great skill and accuracy the President's genuine feelings. I know that you carried a heavy work load under great pressure but you always served with dedication, skill and cheerfulness.

I want to wish you great personal success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Wanda Phelan
6300 Brookville Road
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Agnes:

I want you to know how grateful I am for the dedication, skill and experience which you applied to the daily news summary and the many other important tasks you performed at the White House.

You made my job much easier. But, beyond that, your good humor and friendship really brightened my time at the White House.

I want to wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Agnes Waldron
317 4th Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20016**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Anne:

I want you to know how much I have valued your service and friendship during my time as the White House Press Secretary. It is good news that you will continue to devote your talents to President Ford even after he leaves the White House.

You have always performed your duties with great dedication, energy and cheerfulness. I want to wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Anne Grier
2508 O Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007**

RN/mcb



November 19, 1976

Dear Ron:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your dedicated and tireless efforts during the Presidential campaign.

Of course, we are all disappointed at the outcome. But you should feel great pride at the important contribution you made to President Ford's election effort.

It was my privilege to have been able to work with you in that effort. I want to send you every best wish for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ronald E. Weber
7700 Tremayne Place, #203
McLean, Virginia 22101

RN:ct



November 19, 1976

Dear Pat:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your service during the recent Presidential campaign, and before that, when you were a valued member of my staff in the White House Press Office.

The disappointment continues, of course, at the outcome of the election, but you should feel nothing but pride at your contribution to President Ford's campaign effort.

I appreciate greatly the dedication, hard work, skill, and good humor, which you always brought to your work. I want to send you my personal best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Patricia Coyle
6702 Tahalla Drive
Alexandria, VA 22306

RN:ct



November 22, 1976

Dear Billy:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the help you have provided during my time as the White House Press Secretary.

I know that you often worked under heavy pressure and with almost no personal time for yourself. Yet, you always performed your duties with great skill and dedication. You made a very large contribution to the smooth operation of our traveling White House press office.

Best personal wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Don Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Billy R. Dale
6202 Parkview Lane
Clinton, MD 20735

RN:ct



November 22, 1976

Dear Pete:

I want you to know how grateful I am for your very dedicated efforts during the election campaign.

Of course, we continue to be disappointed by the outcome. But you should feel great pride at the important role you played and at the way you performed your duties under the most severe pressures.

I want to wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Pete Tealey
1900 So. Rads Street, #510
Arlington, VA 22202

RN:ct



November 26, 1976

Dear Bill:

Before too much time separates us from the campaign, I wanted to write you this personal letter to let you know how much I've thought of your service at the President Ford Committee, and before that, as my Deputy here in the White House Press Office.

These past two and a half years have been difficult times in the White House and perhaps especially for the Press Office. But your experience, dedicated work, and good humor have certainly made an important contribution.

I know that you can look forward to continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President

Mr. William I. Greener
6116 Bardu Avenue
Springfield, Virginia 22152

RN/cg



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Mel Anderson
7534 Fairway Drive, NE
Seattle, Washington 98115



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Brammer:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Phil Brammer
Sales and Catering
Bel Air Hilton Hotel
333 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63102



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Chase:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bob Chase
11959 Villa Dorado
St. Louis, Missouri 63141



November 29, 1976

Dear Mrs. Deleo:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to New York on October 13 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Kathleen Deleo
129-3 South Highland Avenue
Ossining, New York 10562



November 29, 1976

Dear Miss Dryden:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Joliet, Illinois on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Wilma Dryden
West High School
401 North Larkin Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Estes:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Patricia L. Estes
External Relations
McDonnell Douglas Corp.
P.O.Box 516
St. Louis, Missouri 63166



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Dallas, Texas on October 9 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Wayne H. Gallagher
6738 Lakewood
Dallas, Texas 75214



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Griffith:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Hal E. Griffith
Miner's Landing, Pier 57
1301 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington 98101



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Gungel:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to San Francisco, California October 4-7 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Marianne Gungel
11 Park View Court
Walnut Creek, California 94596



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Joyce Hawkins
23806 16th Lane South
Kent, Washington 98031



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. LaRobardier:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Charles LaRobardier
35 Highway Drive
Belleville, Illinois 62221



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Lucas:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to San Francisco, California October 4-7 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Randi Lucas
149 Oakview Drive
San Carlos, California 94070



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. McCollister:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to San Francisco, California October 4-7 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Carol McCollister
990 Broadway
San Francisco, California 94133



November 29, 1976

Dear Mrs. McCullough:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Joliet, Illinois on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Joanne McCullough
414 Old Hickory Road
New Lenox, Illinois 60451



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. McCullough:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Joliet, Illinois on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Al McCullough
414 Old Hickory Road
New Lenox, Illinois 60451



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Morris:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Williamsburg, Virginia on October 22 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert C. Morris, Jr.
Box 713
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, Virginia 24450



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Oettinger:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Los Angeles, California on October 7 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert Oettinger
26006 Crenshaw Boulevard, #115B
Torrance, California 90505



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Johnny O'Brien
King County Dome Stadium
Seattle, Washington 98104



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Peery:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Karen Peery
9215 View Avenue, NW
Seattle, Washington 98117



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Regan:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ed Regan
External Relations
McDonnell Douglas Corp.
P.O.Box 516
St. Louis, Missouri 63166



November 29, 1976

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Cincinnati, Ohio on October 28 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds
3015 Fairfield Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bob Sloan
Manager, Sales and Catering
Edgewater Inn, Pier 67
2411 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington 98121



November 29, 1976

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Joliet, Illinois on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Marty Smith
204 South Prairie Road #103
New Lenox, Illinois 60451



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Tomazin:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 29 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Edward A. Tomazin
MECCA
500 West Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Trebor-MacConnell:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Seattle, Washington on October 25 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Barry K. Trebor-MacConnell
5 137th Street, SW
Everett, Washington 98204



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Williams:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to St. Louis, Missouri on October 16 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. John Williams
29 Dartford Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105



November 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Wright:

I want you to know much I appreciate the help you provided to the White House to make President Ford's visit to Los Angeles, California on October 7 run smoothly.

Presidential visits, and the press arrangements for them, are enormously complex. Many people must contribute to make them successful. I want you to know that your contribution did not go unnoticed.

We look forward to calling on you at some future date to again contribute your knowledge and skills to the White House effort.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Dave Wright
Director of Public Relations
Rockwell International, B-1 Division
International Airport
Los Angeles, California 90009





William T. Seawell
Chairman of the Board

December 02, 1976

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

It was good of you to take the time to let me personally know that the Pan Am people who served in conjunction with the White House press charter during the recent campaign did so well.

Your letter makes me proud of them and pleased to be part of the Pan Am team. It will be a pleasure to let all know of your and my appreciation for a job obviously well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Seawell".

December 7, 1976

Dear Anne:

I want you to know how much I have valued your service and friendship during my time as the White House Press Secretary. It is good news that you will continue to devote your talents to President Ford even after he leaves the White House.

You have always performed your duties with great dedication, energy and cheerfulness. I want to wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Anne Grier
3508 O Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007**

RN/mcb



December 13, 1976

Dear Kit:

I wanted you to know how much I have valued your dedicated service to the Press Office.

The hours have been long and the pressures have been great. But you have always performed your duties in a most efficient and cheerful way.

I know that you will continue to find success in the years ahead. You have my deep appreciation and very best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Catherine Cammermeyer
7058 Leewood Forrest Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22151

RN/jb



December 13, 1976

Dear Pat:

Before our team breaks up, I want you to know how grateful I am for your dedicated service to the Press Office and to the President.

Yours has been an extremely demanding job. But you always performed it with skill, dedication and good humor.

I want to wish you continued success in the years ahead and to send you my best personal wishes and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Patricia Strunk
2828 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Apartment 909
Washington, D. C. 20008

RN/jb



December 13, 1976

Dear Kathy:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your dedication and hard work in the White House Press Office.

The demands and pressures of your job were great at times. But you always served with good cheer, loyalty and hard work.

I know you will have continued success in the future. I want to send you my deepest appreciation and personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Ms. Kathy Tucker
3726 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Apartment 208
Washington, D. C. 20008**

RN/jb



December 14, 1976

Dear Max:

I was so pleased to hear that you have accepted an offer to become Staff Director of the Senate Republican Policy Committee at the end of the Ford Administration. I know you will bring your many talents and your dedication to this new chore, just as you did to your duties at the White House. I wish you great success in your new endeavor. I know it will be good for the Republican party.

One of the pleasant memories about these White House years will be my relationship with you. It has been smooth, friendly and one of mutual respect. I know that this relationship and friendship will continue in the years ahead.

I want to send you best wishes for a happy holiday season and for continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

RN/mcb



December 14, 1976

Dear Bob:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in expressing such kind words about our relationship over the past several months.

The Ford-Dole ticket made a tremendous, almost unbelievable, comeback. We almost made it. We should have made it. And as the months and years go by I believe a majority of the American people will come to regret that we did not make it. Of course, there is always 1980!

Perhaps more than any member of the President's team, you have been the victim of a wrongful characterization by the press. It has been my privilege to get to know you on a personal basis and to realize what a different person you are than the one depicted on television and in the newspapers.

I look forward to the future, to a continued friendship with Bob Dole in the future, and to playing whatever part I can in the revival and future success of the Republican party.

Cindy asks that I express to you and Elizabeth her very best wishes for this holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

December 15, 1976

Dear Jan:

You have made the White House Press Office a cheerful place, in addition to bringing to your work a spirit of dedication and willingness to put in long hours under tension and pressures.

Even though the election did not turn out as we had wished, you should be proud of the contribution you made to President Ford's extremely good relations with the White House Press Corps and to the smooth running operation of the Press Office.

In whatever course you choose to follow in the future, Jan, I know that you will be successful. I want to send you my best wishes for a happy holiday season and for success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Janice A. Barbieri
3508 O Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Connie:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your outstanding performance as a member of the staff of the White House Press Office. The hours here are often quite long and the pressures never cease. Yet, you always brought to your work a spirit of dedication, loyalty and good cheer. You made an important contribution to the smooth running operation in the Press Office and to the entire team effort of President Ford's White House.

I'm sorry that our happy group will be breaking up now. But I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead. I want to wish you a happy holiday season and great success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Connie Thumma
825 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20037**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Stef:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your dedication and hard work at the White House.

Your efforts made an important contribution to President Ford's accomplishments. I know that the many talents you brought to your White House duties will lead you to even greater successes in the future.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Stefan Halper
202 High Street
Alexandria, Va. 22302**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Thym:

Before our team breaks up I want to send you this personal word of appreciation for the extremely hard work and dedication you have brought to your job in the White House Press Office.

Very often you were stuck with the longest hours and the most difficult tasks. But you always took them on in a spirit of loyalty and good humor. And you always performed your duties in a way which contributed to a smooth operation of the Press Office and to President Ford's good relationship with the White House Press Corps.

We are, of course, disappointed by the outcome of the election. But, Thym, you should carry with you always a great sense of pride in what you did here during the White House years.

In whatever course you choose to follow after January 20th, I know you will be successful. I want you to have my very best personal wishes for the holiday season and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Thym Smith
2167 Evans Court
Falls Church, Va. 22043
RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Mary:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the loyalty, dedication, and hard work which you brought to your duties in the White House Press Office. Yours was a very large contribution to our smooth running Press Office operation and to the good relations of President Ford with the White House Press Corps.

I know that more than most others at the White House you are a loyal and dedicated advocate and worker in the cause of the Republican Party. You should be proud of your efforts in the past, and you should continue those efforts with renewed enthusiasm in the future. The Republican Party appears to be down now, but with people like you working so hard for the cause of the Party, it is bound to come back strongly in the near future.

I know you will find success in whatever course you choose to follow after leaving the White House. I send to you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Mary Bourke
5021 Seminary Road, Apt. 803
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

RN:ct



December 15, 1976

Dear Margaret:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the hard work, dedication and intelligence which you have brought to your duties in the White House Press Office.

No matter what difficult task was assigned to you, you performed it in a manner which contributed to the smooth operation of the Press Office and to the good relationship between President Ford and the White House Press Corps.

You should take with you a great sense of pride in your accomplishments at the White House. Most of all, I treasure our friendship.

In whatever you choose to devote your talents to after leaving the White House, Margaret, I am confident you will find continued success. I want to extend to you my personal best wishes during this holiday season and wish you good luck in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Margaret Earl
4000 Tunlaw Road, N.W. #708
Washington, D.C. 20007

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Bill:

For me, one of the best things to come from the recent Presidential election campaign was the opportunity to meet and work with you. I had heard so much about you and your talents that I was delighted to have an opportunity to learn firsthand that all the praise is justified.

You and your colleagues who worked with such skill and dedication on the President's television appearances and the debates made a very large contribution to the near-victory of the Ford campaign. I know you share our disappointment at the outcome. But you should feel nothing but pride over your contribution.

Although the White House years are now coming to a close for me, I hope we will be able to continue our friendship in the future. I want to send you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William Carrubers
4000 Warner Blvd.
Durban, Calif. 91505
RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Helen:

Before we all separate at the end of the Administration, I wanted to let you know how deeply I appreciate your dedication and hard work in President Ford's television office.

The President and the rest of us were lucky to have you in that important office during the most crucial days of the Ford Administration. You should be very proud of the role you played in the near-victory of the campaign and the creative use of television made by the President.

I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead. I want to send you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Ms. Helen Collins
1220 Blair Mill Road, #503
Silver Spring, Md. 20910**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Anne

I want to express to you my personal appreciation for your dedication, hard work and cheerful disposition which you brought to you duties in the White House Press Office.

The hours were often long and the pressures were great. But you always served the Press Office and the President in a most outstanding manner. I am very grateful to you for that.

I want to extend to you my very best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Anne McGlinn
1503 30th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Mark:

The past Presidential election campaign gave me an opportunity to get to know you and to work with you. For that, I am grateful. I had heard a great deal about you from others and now that I've had the pleasure of getting to know you personally I understand why you are so highly praised.

Of course, we are all disappointed about the outcome of the election. But you should feel nothing but pride about the contribution you made to the President's television appearances and to the debates. You served the President with dedication, endless hard work and a cheerful disposition.

Even though President Ford and his staff will soon be leaving the White House, I look forward to many years of continued friendship and association with you in the future. Cindy and I want to send you and Sandy our best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Mark Goode
24935 John Fremont Road
Hidden Hills, California 91302
RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Gail:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your hard work, dedication and cheerful outlook during many difficult days and nights in the White House Press Office.

The pressures and demands are probably harder in the Press Office than in any other office in the White House. But you have performed your duties in an outstanding manner which made my job so much easier and which added to the good relations President Ford enjoyed with the press corps.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Gail Campbell
1600 S. Joyce Street, Apt. C-1705
Arlington, Va. 22202**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Jim:

I want you to know how grateful I am for your dedicated service in a number of positions in the White House Press Office.

Whatever job you took on -- and they were all difficult -- you performed your duties with dedication, hard work and cheerfulness.

I know that your service at the White House was done at a large personal expense and this merely adds to my admiration for you.

In whatever course you choose for your future, I know you will continue to achieve the success you deserve. You have my deepest appreciation and personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. James Shuman
4706 Hunt Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Gay:

Despite the very long hours and the endless pressures of the White House Press Office, you have performed your duties with dedication, hard work and a good humored outlook. I am grateful to you and I want you to know how much I appreciate it.

You have made my job much easier and you have made a contribution to President Ford's good relations with the press corps by your service.

I want to send you my personal best wishes for this holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Gay Pirozzi
5601 Seminary Road
Falls Church, Va. 22041

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Bill:

During the past, difficult two and a half years, my job has been made very much easier by your hard work, dedicated loyalty, wise advice and patient friendship.

I know that throughout the past several years you have devoted yourself with complete loyalty to the best interests of President Ford. Even though the election did not turn out as we had hoped, you should feel a tremendous sense of pride at the contribution you made personally to the smooth operation of the White House Press Office and to the good relationship between President Ford and the White House Press Corps.

I will be honored if we can continue our friendship in the years ahead, I know that whatever course you choose to follow in the future you will be successful. I want to send you my best personal wishes at this holiday season and wish you good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. J. W. Roberts
3316 Nevius Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22041**

RN/mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Stef:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your dedication and hard work at the White House.

Your efforts made an important contribution to President Ford's accomplishments. I know that the many talents you brought to your White House duties will lead you to even greater successes in the future.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Stefan Halper
202 High Street
Alexandria, Va. 22302

RN/mcb

December 15, 1976

Dear Bill:

One of the bright spots of my time at the White House was the opportunity to get to know you and to work with you.

I have great admiration for the dedicated manner in which you carried out your difficult duties under great pressures. You took on a difficult task at a difficult time and handled it in a way that contributed greatly to what President Ford accomplished in the White House.

I had heard from many others of your abilities. I was delighted to be able to see them at firsthand and to learn that the compliments were all justified. I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William Rhatigan
912 Danton Lane
Alexandria, Va. 22308

RN/mcb



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR:

FROM: RON NESSEN

*No answer
needed.*

RHN



Pan American World Airways, Inc.
1801 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

December 15, 1976

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Just a few lines to thank you sincerely for taking the time, from what I know is a busy schedule, to write.

Mr. Seawell has shared with us your most kind comments and I can assure you that they were most appreciated by all of us.

I know I speak for all of us at Pan Am when I say "Thank you" to all of you who allowed us to share so many pleasant miles with you. It was an experience we will not forget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. McSweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John P. McSweeney
Manager
Government Sales/Service

JPM:11m

December 15, 1976

Dear Dave:

Before we all go our separate ways I want to take the opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed our friendship and our working relationship at the White House. I believe you were one of the most talented and dedicated people on President Ford's staff. I wish there had been many more like you!

Regardless of how incorrectly our working relationship was perceived and portrayed by the press, I believe that we worked together smoothly and efficiently with the simple goal of helping the President. I have tremendous admiration for your abilities, your capacity for endless work and long hours and for your cheerful outlook. I look forward to continuing our friendship in the years ahead.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David Gergen
1105 Alford Court
McLean, Va. 22101

RN7 mcb



December 15, 1976

Dear Carol:

Before we go our separate ways I want you to know how much I appreciate all your hard work in the White House Press Office. Despite the long hours and great pressures, you performed your duties with dedication and with a cheerful outlook.

You have made my job as Press Secretary much easier and you have contributed to the President's good relations with the White House Press Corps.

I want to send you my personal best wishes for the holiday season and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Carol A. Montague
1016 Prince Street
Apartment 5
Alexandria, Va. 22314



RN/mcb

December 29, 1976

Dear Connie:

It is difficult to find the exact words to express the gratitude I feel toward you for the great help, common sense advice, loyalty, hard work and friendship you have offered me during this past two and a half years.

It is hard to imagine how I could have survived in these difficult circumstances without you close at hand.

I believe Jody Powell and President-elect Carter have shown extremely good judgment in deciding that you should stay at the White House. Nevertheless, if or when I take a job which allows me to hire the very best assistant I know of, I will be back trying to lure you away!

Connie, we were friends a long time before we were associates in the White House Press Office, and I certainly look forward to continuing this friendship after I leave the White House. You are one of the very special people in the world, and it is my honor and privilege to know you.

I want to send you my very best personal wishes for the success and happiness you deserve.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Constance Gerrard
417 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

RN/jb

December 30, 1976

Dear John:

One of the real accomplishments of President Ford during his two and a half years in the White House was the restoration of a healthy relationship of trust and friendship between the Presidency and the press.

I want you to know that I truly believe that you played a major role in the success of the Press Office and of President Ford's relations with the press during this past two and a half years. You brought to your difficult job an unflinching dedication, total loyalty, a keen intelligence and an instinct for doing the right thing and, of course, a capacity for hard work without complaint.

As you know, I have had my problems in dealing with the White House press corps. But your good advice and friendship have helped me to overcome some of these difficulties. In fact, I feel lucky that some of your good image with the press has rubbed off on me!

I'm sure that the same qualities which you brought to your service to President Ford will assure that you will enjoy the great success you deserve in the years ahead. I look forward to continuing our association and friendship in the future.

I want to send you my very best wishes and appreciation for all you have done for President Ford, for me and for the White House Press Office.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. John Carlson
4504 Maxfield Drive
Annandale, Virginia 22003

RN/jb

January 3, 1977

Dear Gwen:

Before we all go our separate ways I want you to know what a great pleasure it has been for me to get to know you and work with you during these years in the White House.

Of course, I first became acquainted with you when I was a reporter for NBC and you were on the staff of the Vice President. But it was not until I came to the White House that I realized what dedication, loyalty, hard work and cheerfulness you brought to the President's staff.

I trust that the end of the Ford Administration does not mean the end of friendships formed at the White House.

Best wishes and good luck in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Gwen A. Anderson
One Washington Circle, #316
Washington, D. C. 20037**

RN/mcb



January 3, 1977

Dear Bill:

Before we all go our separate ways, I want you to know what an honor and privilege it has been for me to work with you here at the White House.

Your endeavors on behalf of the President have been among the most successful White House operations, I believe.

On a more personal basis, Bill, I have always found you to be extremely helpful and friendly in our dealings. I trust that in the years ahead we will be able to maintain our association and friendship.

I want to wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Rea Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable William J. Baroody
7910 Bolling Drive
Alexandria, Va. 22308

RN/mcb



January 3, 1977

Dear Doug:

Before the Ford White House fades into history, I want to tell you how much I have come to admire you over the years.

I have found that you have been extremely helpful and friendly in our dealings at the White House. And, you have brought to President Ford's staff a high degree of dedication, loyalty and hard work.

I trust that in the years ahead we will continue our friendship. I want to wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Douglas F. Bennett
9107 N. Branch Drive
Bethesda, Md. 20034**

RN/mcb



January 3, 1977

Dear Phil:

I am so pleased to hear that you and Bunny will be settling down in Washington after President Ford leaves the White House. That means that Cindy and I will have an opportunity to continue our friendship with you in the years ahead.

Before the Ford White House fades into history, I want you to know how much I have appreciated your many kindnesses and courtesies. None of us have had an easy time during the past two and a half years. But you have certainly helped make my job easier.

I want to wish you continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Philip W. Buchen
The Jefferson Hotel
1200 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036**

RN/mcb



January 3, 1977

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Before these of us in the Ford team go our separate ways, I want you to know what a great honor and privilege it has been for me to be associated with you over these past two and a half years.

Until I came to the White House I knew you only from newspaper and television stories recounting your career of public service.

Now that I have had an opportunity to meet you and work with you in person, I realize even more the tremendous role you have played in the history of our times. Even more importantly, however, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the dedication, hard work and cheerfulness which you have brought to the White House.

I look forward to continuing our friendship and association in the years ahead.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

RN/mcb



January 6, 1977

Dear Bill:

Before leaving the White House, I want to take this opportunity to convey to you my appreciation for your many kindnesses and your help with press matters.

It's only been in the past few months that I realized what a dedicated, hard-working, loyal and intelligent supporter of President Ford you were. I believe you made a most important contribution to the President's amazing comeback.

Most of all, it has been my privilege to get to know you and to benefit from your wise advice and thoughtful assistance.

I'm sure that your many talents guarantee your continued success in the years ahead. I look forward to continuing our association in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William F. Gorog
702 Belgrove Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

RN:ct



January 6, 1977

Dear Hugh:

Before the Ford Administration passes into history, I want to express to you my appreciation for your wise advice and your assistance over the past two and a half years.

Your many years of experience in dealing with the difficult relationship between public figures and the press has been a source of intelligent guidance and calming influence at the White House. You have certainly made my job easier on many occasions.

I want to wish you good luck and continued success in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Hugh Morrow
9 Devon Road
Bronxville, New York 10708

RN/mcb



January 6, 1977

Dear David:

Before this wonderful team breaks up, and we all go our separate ways, I want to take a moment to tell you how much I have enjoyed our friendship during these White House years and how much I appreciate the help and courtesies you have extended me and the White House Press Office.

I can't imagine that there will ever be another experience in my life to duplicate the warmth and closeness of the relationship a few of us have been privileged to share with President Ford and his family.

The press now and then has tried to depict you and me as somehow being hostile toward each other. However, I have always considered myself to be one of your biggest supporters and fans. Your talent as a photographer is quite obvious to the world through your pictures.

But what I admire most about you is your boundless good humor, your irrepressible nature, the glow of your personality, and your total dedication to what is best for the President and the Ford family.

I know that your many talents will guarantee you continued success in the years ahead. I look forward to continuing our friendship in the future.

With personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David H. Kennerly
3332 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

RN:ct



January 6, 1977

Dear Frank:

As the time approaches for the Ford Administration to pass into history, I wanted to express to you my appreciation for your help and your many kindnesses during these past two and a half years.

As I have told you before, I believe that President Ford's energy program will more and more be recognized as a truly monumental achievement. You should be proud of your role in that.

Since so much of the news from the Ford White House did involve energy matters, I and the White House Press Office have called on you many times for your wise guidance and intelligent advice. You have made a very large contribution to a better understanding by the press and the public of the important energy issues and, therefore, have helped to achieve a better appreciation of President Ford's true accomplishments.

Most of all, I have fond memories of your sardonic humor and your friendship, even in those moments of maximum confusion and journalistic hostility.

I want to wish you the very best of luck on your future endeavors. I look forward to continuing our association in the years ahead.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Frank Zarb
7704 Falstaff Road
McLean, Va. 22101

RN/mcb



January 6, 1977

Dear Larry:

Before our White House team breaks up, I want to tell you how much I have valued your help, your advice and your friendship during the past two and a half years.

Your unfailing dedication, loyalty, hard work and cheerful outlook have made a very large contribution to the success of the White House Press Office, and, consequently, to the success of President Ford in restoring a healthy relationship between the White House and the press corps.

The fact that you were chosen to take on the very important job as Press Secretary to Senator Dole is clear demonstration of the very high opinion of you held by the President and all his senior advisors. You served with real distinction under sometimes difficult circumstances in Senator Dole's campaign.

Now, you have been paid another high compliment--well deserved--by being chosen as President Ford's transition press spokesman.

I want to wish you, Larry, the great success you deserve in whatever course you choose to follow in the future. I look forward to continuing our friendship.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Larry Speakes
7307 Mendota Avenue
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

RN:ct



January 11, 1977

Dear Edward:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the great assistance you have provided to me and the White House Press Office over the past two and a half years.

The Press Release Office has carried a heavy burden of handling the many queries about releases and statements by President Ford. Your skill, dedicated service and long hours have been a great help to me and have made my job much easier.

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my personal best wishes for good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Edward P. Valentine
3303 Dodge Park Road, #304
Landover, Maryland 20785**

RN/mcb



January 11, 1977

Dear Dave:

Before leaving the White House, I want to take this opportunity to convey to you my sincere appreciation for the assistance and many courtesies you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

Often under great pressures of time and confusion, you have always efficiently and cheerfully provided the material I have needed in order to present President Ford's accomplishments to the press and the public in the best possible light. For that, I am grateful.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve with you here at the White House.

I want to express to you my very best wishes for your continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Dr. David C. Hoopes
6407 Middleburg Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20034



RN:ct

January 11, 1977

Dear Kathy:

Before we all go our separate ways, I want to take this opportunity to let you know what a wonderful addition you have been to the Ford White House.

No matter how great the pressure or how confusing the situation, you have always responded with patience, dedication, and hard work, level-headedness and a cheerful outlook.

I am grateful to you for the assistance and the many kindnesses you have extended to me and the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose to follow in the future, I am confident that your many outstanding qualities will assure success. I want to send you my personal best wishes for good luck in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Kathleen S. Berger
Apartment 301
2637 Arlington Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

RN:ct



January 11, 1977

Dear Mildred:

Before the time arrives for me to leave the White House, I want to take this opportunity to express to you my deep gratitude for the assistance and many courtesies you extended to me and the White House Press Office.

Whenever I needed some factual information or some intelligent guidance concerning the most personal aspects of President Ford's life, I could always be sure of getting your help and understanding. For that, I am grateful.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve here at the White House with you.

I understand that you are retiring now after many, many years of devoted service to President Ford. He has been lucky to have someone such as you close at hand over the years. I want to send you my personal best wishes on a well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Mildred V. Leonard
Apartment 305
4545 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20008

RN:ct



January 11, 1977

Dear Bob:

Before I leave the White House, I want to take this opportunity to convey to you my gratitude for the help and the many kindnesses you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve here in the White House with you. You have always performed your duties with a very high level of professional skill and this has made my job much easier.

I want to send you my best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Robert D. Linder
800 N. Pryor Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22304**

RN:ct



January 11, 1977

Dear Rex:

Before leaving the White House, I want to take this opportunity to express to you my gratitude for the assistance and many kindnesses you have extended to me and the White House Press Office.

I know that the demands of the press and of the press office have often made life difficult for you. But you have always responded with a high degree of professional skill and a cheerful and patient outlook. I am grateful to you for that.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve here at the White House with you.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Rex W. Scouten
9904 Colony Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

RN:ct



January 11, 1977

Dear Maria:

Before the time arrives for President Ford to leave the White House and for all of us to go our separate ways, I want to take this opportunity to express to you my deep gratitude for all the assistance and the many kindnesses you have extended to me and the White House Press Office.

The President and Mrs. Ford have brought to the social life of the White House, a high degree of imagination and excellence in their choice of events and guests. I know that you played a very important part in this development.

From my own personal point of view, your understanding and cheerful attitude toward the demands of reporters and cameramen have helped the press convey to the country the outstanding quality of the social events during the Ford Administration.

You were even patient when the White House Press Christmas Party went on and on and on! It has been my honor and privilege to serve with you here at the White House, Maria.

I want to send you my best personal wishes for good luck and success in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President.

Mrs. Maria Downs
1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20005



RN:ct

January 11, 1977

Dear Nell:

Before we all go our separate ways, I want to take this opportunity to let you know how grateful I am for the help and many kindnesses you have extended to me and the White House Press Office.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you here at the White House.

I want to offer you my personal best wishes for good luck and success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Nell Yates
1003 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20003**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Bob:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Robert K. Wolhuis
3814 North Dickerson Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

RN/jb



January 12, 1977

Dear Steve:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Stephen G. McConahey
331 Lewis Street
Vienna, Virginia 22180**

RN/jb



January 12, 1977

Dear Ken:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Kenneth A. Lazarus
9815 Bridleridge Court
Vienna, Virginia 22180

RN/jb



January 12, 1977

Dear Bill:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House Staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. William T. Kendall
7606 Geranium Street
Bethesda, Maryland 20034**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Art:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Arthur Fletcher
516 G Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20024**

RN mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Charlie:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.
6904 Baylor Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22307**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Art:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Arthur F. Quern
2906 Cameron Mills Road
Alexandria, Va. 22302

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Tom:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Thomas Aranda
1817 Parkside Drive, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20012**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear John:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. John Calhoun
2816 Hewitt Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland 20906**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Jeanne:

Before the Ford Administration ends and we all go our separate ways I want to send you my deep appreciation for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

You have been a forceful and articulate spokesperson for women's rights. In that, you have helped women to achieve the positions they deserve in the government and you have made the press and the public aware of President Ford's truly outstanding accomplishments in this area.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve with you on the White House staff. I want to wish you good luck and continued success in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Jeanne Holm
807 S. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, Va. 22314

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Ms. Knauer:

Before the time comes to leave the White House, I want to convey to you my sincere appreciation for the help and the thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

You have been truly an outstanding advocate for the interests of the consumer within the White House. You have also made the press and the public aware of President Ford's accomplishments in this area.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to send you best wishes and good luck for the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

The Honorable Virginia Knauer
2400 Virginia Avenue, #C-813
Washington, D. C. 20037

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Myron:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Myron Kuropas
8210 Colston Place
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Dorothy:

Before the time arrives to leave the White House I want to take this opportunity to express to you my sincere gratitude for the help and the thoughtfulness which you extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve here in the White House with you.

I am delighted to hear that you will continue as President Ford's personal secretary after January 20th. I'm sure our paths will cross again.

Best wishes and good luck for the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Dorothy K. Downton
2030 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Roland:

Before leaving the White House I want to tell you how grateful I am for the help and many kindnesses you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

The occasions when I have turned to you for help have often been moments of great pressure and confusion. Yet, you have always responded in a most efficient and cheerful way. I am grateful for that.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve here at the White House with you.

I want to send you best wishes and good luck for the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Roland Elliott
168 S. Main Street
Florence, Mass. 01060

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Mike:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end and we all go our separate ways I want to take this opportunity to let you know how grateful I am for the help and for the many courtesies you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

The things we asked you to do and the short amount of time we usually had to do them would have been impossible obstacles for most people. But you always seemed to find a way to fulfill the most outlandish request, and you always did it with a calm attitude and a cheerful disposition. I am truly grateful.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve here at the White House with you.

I want to send you very best wishes for good luck and success in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Michael J. Farrell
3708 Woodbine Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Elicka:

I want to take the opportunity before leaving the White House to express to you my appreciation for the help and the many kindnesses you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

Your prompt and efficient response to my difficult, and sometimes nearly impossible requests, has added to President Ford's image with the press and the public.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve here at the White House with you.

I want to send you my very best wishes for success and good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Miss Elicka Hasek
2475 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Apt #324
Washington, D. C. 20037**

RN/mcb



January 12, 1977

Dear Pete:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. M. Peter McPherson
8610 Brandt Place
Bethesda, Maryland 20014**

RN/jb



January 12, 1978

Dear Pat:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Patrick Rowland
2315 Jackson Parkway
Vienna, Virginia 22180

RN/jb



January 12, 1977

Dear Tom:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Thomas G. Loeffler
4577 Airlie Way
Annandale, Virginia 22003



RN/jb

January 12, 1977

Dear Joe:

Before the Ford Administration comes to an end, I want to let you know what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with you on the White House staff.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the help and thoughtfulness you have extended to me and to the White House Press Office.

In whatever course you choose for the future, I know you will be successful. Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Joseph S. Jenckes
5829 Upton Street
McLean, Virginia**

RN/jb

