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November 4, 1974

Dear Merley:

Many thanks for your good wishes on my appointment. I must say life is different on this side of the podium, but at least I'm not having to dodge grenades.

It's good to hear from you and hope all is going well for you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Neenan
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Merley Safer
CBS News
51 West 52nd
New York, New York 10020**

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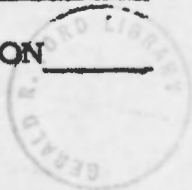
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The Voice Of the White House

By JOHN S. LANG

New York Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON.

LATE ONE JULY afternoon in 1966, NBC reporter Ron Nessen lay gasping for life on a field hospital cot in Vietnam.

A grenade fragment had missed his heart by an inch, puncturing and collapsing his left lung. He had stopped breathing once. To drain the blood that strangled him, a tool like those used to tap beer kegs had been hammered, without anesthetic, into his chest.

Nessen raised his head, squinted at the blur of faces watching him in fascination, and wheezed: "Let's see Morley Safer [of CBS] top this one."

That display of gutsy competitiveness is the taproot of an ambition that led to Ronald Harold Nessen's becoming President Ford's press secretary on Sept. 20.

Once a disc jockey who called himself "Old Hickory" and played country music for WARL Radio in Arlington, Va., Nessen is the first television newscaster selected as a White House spokesman.

He is the second press secretary to serve President Ford. The first, Jerald F. terHorst, resigned early last month in protest against Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon.

Some observers are already speculating that Nessen's role as press secretary will be a greatly diminished one, that he will not have automatic ready access to the President or function as more than a funnel of information to the media. But others point out that Nessen will be carrying out all the duties that White House press secretaries traditionally have had, and that it is wrong to measure his job for Gerald Ford with the authority Ron Ziegler acquired when, by default, he became the standard-bearer for

MAN IN THE NEWS: RON NESSEN

Up early for the morning news the day of his appointment with son, Edward.

bemused by the awful noise of their weapons. He remembers seeing leaves flipping back toward the Americans and thinking that someone was returning the fire.

There was something like a playful finger-thump on his chest. He reached into his fatigue jacket and withdrew a hand covered with blood. "I think I'm hit," he said to no one in particular. And the world went black.

His throat filled with blood and troopers were preparing to give him a tracheotomy with a pen knife when he had a convulsion that cleared the obstruction. The nearest aid

Ron: I've been out of the country - I only heard of your new incarnation on my TV. All good luck on the other side of the trench. I understand your new job but a factor of 10. Best,

MORLEY SAFER - CBS

and, of course, the strain of that did them any."

Another friend says, "one of the reasons his first wife left him was, I thought he couldn't accomplish anything."

Gold of this appraisal, Nessen said, "I wouldn't discourage you from using the quote."

Nessen met his second wife, Yoon, in Seoul, South Korea, while in Vietnam. She was a professional touring Asia and appearing in hoightyboity under the stage name Song.

"That was in 1965," says Nessen, "you remember at that time Saigon was pretty much an old French colonial still going. The city hadn't gotten to a real and bargirl scene."

Mrs. Nesson, who speaks English with a lilt, says she met her through a Korean cameraman who was when she starred in Korean television theater. "We married in 1971 in New York after it took so long to get into this that I almost had to give up."

The couple live in the Maryland suburbs with their 19-month-old son, Edward, who has a daughter by his first marriage, 18, who attends the University of Iowa.

Three years ago Nessen brought his wife's family to this country. "We came to visit them, and we came back with her mother, her three brothers, the wife of three children of one of the brothers, a lot of checked baggage, 12 carry-ons and a dog."

One of his wife's brothers is in public administration at the University of Iowa, another is getting a law degree at another University.

In his few spare hours, says Nessen, Ron's interests are photography, cycling and his motorcycle, on which he is muted to work until he became the White House limousine service. He has a heated backyard pool which he has to keep operating into the winter years, but had to shut down this fall of soaring costs.

"And books," she exclaimed. "I tell him to do anything because of his. When we first got married I got mad, finally I gave up. He reads every newspaper. I can't talk to a man who reads time, all you get is uh, hu" and

"All my reasons for coming here have

Oct 10, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.



MORLEY SAFER - 530/1

CBS NEWS

A Division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

524 West 57 Street

New York, New York 10019

October 23, 1974

Dear Alene:

Thanks for your recent letter. I am enjoying my new job and, as you guessed, working long, hard hours.

I am pleased that you thought of me, but regretfully, there isn't anything available in the Press Office at the present time. However, send your resume to me so I'll have it on file should a possibility occur. In the meantime, many thanks for your good wishes and the best of luck to you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ken Messer
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Alene Smith
1734 Ivy Oak Square
Reston, Virginia 22090

RN/CM/mw



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Carol =
it's an
acquaintance,
not a friend.

But have her
send a resume
to Lou Thompson.

R.H.U.

Carole -

Need guidance as to
how to answer this
job request - is A. Smith
on old friend or
what? Sorry to bug ya!



Carol



P.S. if not on old friend, I'll
do standard turn down -

1734 Ivy Oak Square
Reston, Virginia 22090
October 16, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I am sure you are enjoying your new position, and I am also sure that you are working long and hard hours - but, of course, you are accustomed to that.

As you may know, O.I.C. may no longer be in existence since the manpower programs will be absorbed by the new CETA bill. I am, therefore, making preliminary preparations for other employment. My interest in a White House position has led me to you, and I am hopeful that you will assist me in this endeavor. Ron, please hire me - smile.

Take care of yourself and I hope to hear from you soon regarding the above.

Sincerely,


Alene Smith

October 11, 1974

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your good wishes on my appointment. It's certainly good to have your confidence and support! Cindy and I both look forward to the challenges ahead, and it's nice to know that we have our friends behind us.

Cindy joins me in sending our best.

Sincerely,

**Ren Messer
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Joseph M. Strick
4948 Sentinel Drive
Summer, Maryland 20016**

RN/GM/mw



JOSEPH M. SITRICK
4948 Sentinel Drive
Sumner, Maryland 20016

October 7, 1974

Honorable Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Little did we know when we were visiting at Nick Kotz's dinner party some months ago about Spiro Agnew that you would one day be in your present position. Things were getting a little warmer when you called in from your travels with then Vice President Ford to talk to Cindy while she was having dinner at our house. Even though your appointment was, in my opinion, the smartest decision the President has made, it was nevertheless a very pleasant surprise.

I know you will do a great job in this vital position and I want to wish you every success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,


Joseph M. Sitrick

October 11, 1974

Dear Jerry:

Many thanks for your letter and the good wishes on my appointment as Press Secretary to President Ford.

It is good to hear from you, and I hope it won't be too long until we are able to get together again. It's been far too long since our last visit already!

All the best,

Sincerely,

**Ken Neesen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Jerome B. Shaffer
Shaffer/McNeill & Associates, Inc.
410 N. Michigan
Chicago, Illinois 60611**

RN/RH/mw



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October 3, 1974

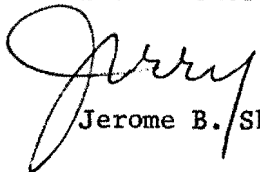
Mr. Ronald Nessen
White House Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

Because it has been quite some time since we've seen each other and may be quite some time until we do, I am sending you my congratulations on your appointment as White House Press Secretary.

You are in an exciting but sometimes difficult position, but I know you will continue to do an excellent job for President Ford.

Best wishes,


Jerome B. Shaffer

JBS:blm

October 9, 1974

Dear Ms. Steve:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and the good wishes on my new assignment.

I'm delighted to have a supporter from the Vietnam days. Your advice is appreciated. If you think that keeping my head down will stop my hairline from receding, I might just start doing my briefings upside down!

Many thanks, and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Phyllis Steve
Two Fredric Street
Manast, New York 10954

RN/RH/mw



October 2, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen:
Presidential News Secretary
White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

First of all.....congratulations.....I guess...!!! There is no possible way that you would recall; but several years ago...about a century I think, I wrote to congratulate you on the hairy news coverage that you were sending out of Viet Nam. I can still see you crawling in a ditch while your cameraman kept shooting. I wouldn't wonder that your hairline began receding after that...

That was hazardous duty and I thought you were safe after returning to New York and Washington, but I think you've stepped right back into the line of fire. Try to keep your head down, and don't volunteer for anything. You don't have THAT much hair left and too many people are going to be after your scalp...or hide as the case may be.

Quite seriously, Mr. Ford knew a good man when he saw one, and I certainly wish you the very best of luck. Somehow, I finally feel as if I have a friend in the White House.

Sincerely,

Marti

Ms. Marti Steve (Phyllis)



Ms. Phyllis Steve
Two Fredric Street
Nanuet, New York , 10954



Mr. Ron Nessen
Presidential News Secretary
White House,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 8, 1974

Dear Carl:

Many thanks for your telegram and the good wishes on my new appointment.

I'm delighted that President Ford has selected me for this responsibility, and I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead. After all, anything else after these days in Vietnam seems too tame!

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Carl Sorenson
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
Via Condotti 61/A
Rome, Italy

RN/RH/mw



The White House
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OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE CBS ROME BUREAU EYE

SINCERELY CONGRATULATE YOU

CARL SORENSEN

*CBS
Via Condotti 61/A
Rome, Italy*



*This is the address
per CBS here*

October 8, 1974

Dear Sherie:

Thanks so much for your telegram.

I'm delighted with this new assignment, and I have every reason to believe I can fulfill my duties and maintain my integrity too. If something should ever go awry, I know I can count on at least one member of the family to set me straight in a hurry!

All warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Sherie Swibel
300 N. State, Apt. 36-33
Chicago, Illinois 60610

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GOOD LUCK LOVE

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300 N. State

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Chicago - 60610



October 7, 1974

Dear Kay:

Many thanks for your letter. I greatly appreciate your congratulations!

I'm excited about my new assignment. No two days are ever alike -- which reminds me....After working for Corrigan, I bet you could give this "camper" some good advice. Is Maalox the best product to help one get through the day? Seriously though, it's fun and I'm happy.

It is good to hear from you, and I hope all is going well.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Kay Stewart
National Broadcasting
Company, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

RN:EMO:MLg



SEP 26 1974

NBC NEWS

A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020, CIRCLE 7-8300

WILLIAM T. CORRIGAN
General Manager
Operations

September 23, 1974

*Corrigan's see
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Malox
7-29-74*

Dear Ron,

Congratulations!

I'm happy for you and happy for us. You may not be able to ease up on the visa situation on any up-coming Presidential trips, but at least you'll know the script and will cry in the proper places.

It's nice to see my summer camp kids going on to the bigger and the better.

Best regards,

Kay Stewart

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D. C.

*Spell out
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.*

Mr. Kay Stewart Dear Kay



October 7, 1974

Dear Lynn:

Many thanks for your letter and the good words on my new assignment. It really is a new experience on this side of the rostrum, and I'm delighted with the challenges ahead.

The drink sounds great when you're in town, and I'm anxious to hear about your book! What will television do without us, Lynn?

All the best,

Sincerely,

Ron Hassen
Press Secretary
to the President

Lynn Sherr
140 West End Avenue
New York, New York 10023

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140 West End Ave.
New York, New York
October 1, 1974

Mr. Ronald Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

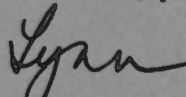
Dear Ron:

A belated but very delighted note to say congratulations and best of luck at your new job. It must be extraordinary to see the other side of things for a while--and I'm sure it beats surly technicians and worrying about ratings. On the other hand, I suppose you'll have plenty of that there, too.

I've also left televisionland for a while--under rather different circumstances, though. I'm currently trying to finish a book, and do some free-land writing, and then back to TV maybe after the first of the year.

Meanwhile, if I get any White House-type assignments, I'll be in touch. You still owe me a drink. Until then, best wishes.

Sincerely,



Lynn Sherr



October 7, 1974

Dear Ron:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter.

It is almost unbelievable to think of all the little quirks and turns of fate that place us at different points in life, and you couldn't be closer to expressing my feelings at the joys and mysteries of life these days. One thing the mysteries have taught me though is to always carry my trunk along with me.

The very best to Josephine and you.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ronald Steinman
General Manager - News Specials
NBC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

Nessen/RH/mlg



NBC NEWS

A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020, CIRCLE 7-8300

RONALD STEINMAN
General Manager
News Specials

October 1, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

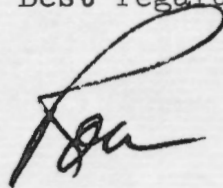
Some years ago, you sent a trunk filled with clothing and personal goods to London. The trunk arrived, but you did not. You went on, instead, to Vietnam and perhaps a touch of nefarious fame as well as an unneeded wound in your chest. After Vietnam, you did a lot of other things in and out of Washington with side trips elsewhere. Recently, you were preparing to send another trunk, this time to Hong Kong. Somewhere along the way you never got there, but at least this time your trunk didn't get there either, so you didn't have to worry about getting it back.

One of the beauties about life is its mystery and at the expense of waxing philosophical, it's also one of the joys. You had no idea you would end up where you are now. To me, that makes life eternally fascinating and it makes it worth living.

We, and by that I mean Josephine and our whole family, wish you all the very best in your new job. Just never forget the mystery.

Keep in touch and continued good luck.

Best regards,



kb

October 7, 1974

Dear Leonard:

Many thanks for your letter and the good wishes on my appointment.

Perhaps I should say I got this appointment despite those days at Kingsmen, Paul, and Coolidge!

It is good to hear from you, and I appreciate your writing!

The best to my old classmate.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Leonard M. Seigel
2009 Gatewood Place
Silver Spring, Maryland 20903

NESSEN/RH/mlg



1 October 1974

Dear Ron,

Just a few words of praise on your recent "White House" assignment. It's really great to know that an old classmate - Kingsman Elementary, Paul Jr. High, and Alvin Cookidge - is a national celebrity.

Knowing that you have a busy schedule, I won't ramble on. Again, best wishes and lots of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,
Leonard M. Seigel

October 3, 1974

Dear Andy:

It's a long way from Paul and Coolidge, isn't it! Many thanks for taking the time to share your good wishes with me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and the touch with the past.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Major Andrew M. Sherling
PSC 843
APO New York 09289

RN/CM/mw



MAJOR ANDREW M. SHERLING
PSC 843
APO New York 09289

Sept 24th, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ron,

After many years of following your distinguished and exciting career with NBC, I was very pleased to learn of your appointment as President Ford's press secretary.

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Right now, I'm stationed in Turkey with my wife and three children. My wife joins me in my warm congratulations to you. She has seen you so much on television that she feels she know you, too.

Best wishes,
Andy Sherling



SEP 30 1974

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Ron Nessen)

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By W. H. M. Date 9/14/84



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October 3, 1974

Dear Kent:

Thanks for the good luck wishes as I begin my new assignment. It's good to have your confidence and support. Thanks also for passing along Mrs. Brown's letter; I'll be sure to keep it in mind in case we consider possible format changes in the press conferences.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

**Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Kenneth Scheibel
President
National Press Club
Washington, D.C. 20004**

RN/CM/mrw



SEP 27 1974



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

September 27, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ron:

Good luck in your new post. I know you will do
a fine job.

I enclose a letter from Florida. You might want
to consider the proposal.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Scheibel".

Kenneth Scheibel
President

KS:es
Enc.



Clearwater, Fla.,
17 September '74

National Press Club
Washington, DC -

Sir: -

Somebody - who has some influence over the press people who attend the press conferences held by the President, should have the presence of mind to use a simple system of putting numbered pieces of paper in a hat bag or box, and let every member draw a number - And during the conference - let them rise by number to ask questions - The scene on TV, by the viewers at home, is a childish mob scene of dozens pumping up waving their arms in the air yelling "Mr President" -

Personally, I find this sort of action stupid and revolting! Not worthy of gentlemen - and ladies - of an exalted press corps - and certainly not the dignity worthy of a meeting with the President. I should think the press people attending would think of this themselves, and devise a means of regulating people to be called upon, and do away with that "bunch of children at a kindergarten" look.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Jas. L. Brown



October 3, 1974

Dear David:

Thanks for your note.

Your apology for belated congratulations is accepted only if you promise not to incur any interest on a belated drink!

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. David D. Smyth II
Staff Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

RN/RH/mw



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1974

Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

My sincere apologies for being so late in offering my congratulations. I think you owe me a drink!

Best regards.

Sincerely,



David D. Smyth II
Staff Assistant to the President

Dear David

October 3, 1974

Dear Fred:

Many thanks! I appreciate your kind words on my appointment. It's quite an experience to be on this side of the rostrum, and it's nice to have your confidence.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Captain Fred D. Snyder
Assistant to the Commandant
for Public Affairs
Department of the Navy
Eleventh Naval District
San Diego, California 92132

RN/CM/mw





COMMANDANT
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92132

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5060/1
Ser OD/705
23 September 1974

Dear Ron:

Congratulations! The White House is fortunate to have such a fine spokesman.

Sincerely,

FRED D. SNYDER

Captain, U. S. Navy
Assistant to the Commandant
for Public Affairs

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



SEP 30 1974



COMMANDANT
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92132

IN REPLY REFER TO:

2060/I
Ser OD/702
23 September 1974

Dear Ron:

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to have such a fine spokesman.

Sincerely,

Fred D. Snyder
Captain, U. S. Navy
Assistant to the Commandant
for Public Affairs

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



SEP 30 1974

October 3, 1974

Dear Mr. Skutt:

I was pleased to hear from you and have your good wishes as I begin my new assignment. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead, and it's nice to have your confidence and support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. V.J. Skutt
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Mutual of Omaha
Dodge at 33rd
Omaha, Nebraska 68131**

RN/CM/mw



**Mutual
of Omaha.**



V. J. SKUTT
*Chairman
and
Chief Executive Officer*

MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY • DODGE AT 33RD • OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68131

September 26, 1974

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Congratulations on your very well-deserved appointment as Press Secretary to the President.

Having had a pleasant, but brief, acquaintance with you at the time you interviewed me some four years ago -- and from my observations of your presentations -- I know that your appointment is a good thing for the President and our Country at this time.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

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V. J. SKUTT
Class
and
Secretary



Mutual
of Omaha

MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY - DOORS AT 2525 - PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85012

September 26, 1974

PERSONAL

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ronald H. Messer
Press Secretary to the President
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

SEP 30 1974

October 3, 1974

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your "timely" note. I appreciate having your congratulations as I take on my position.

Should I hear of anyone needing a fourth for a cabal I'll let you know. . . doubtful that I will be "playing" this season.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bob Shogan
Los Angeles Times
1700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

RN/RH/mw



SEP 28 1974

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON BUREAU

1700 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W. • TELEPHONE 202-296-1440

9/25/74

Dear Ron--

At first I thought I would wait to see you to congratulate you. But then, I remembered I had thought the same thing about terHorst, and then....

So I thought I had better not delay any longer.

I wish you a great deal of luck. And if you ever need a fourth for a cabal, let me know.

Best

Bob Shogan



October 3, 1974

Dear Dillon:

Many thanks for your kind letter and the good wishes on my new appointment.

I'm sure Jerry TerHorst was delighted to know you would be sending transcripts of WISN-TV editorials, and I look forward to receiving any copies you will send along. It's a fine service to provide for the White House, and you have my gratitude and that of the President as well.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Don Henson
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. R. Dillon Smith
Editorial Director
WISN-TV
Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois 60654

RN/RH/SP



SEP 28 1974

WMAQ-TV

NBC OWNED STATIONS, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
MERCHANDISE MART, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60654, 644-8300

R. DILLON SMITH
Editorial Director
WMAQ-TV

September 24, 1974

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

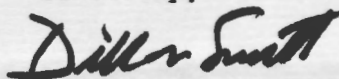
Dear Ron:

I want to congratulate you on your appointment as Press Secretary to the President. It's a pleasure to see a broadcast journalist in that position, particularly an NBC man.

As I indicated in a note to Jerry terHorst a number of weeks ago, WMAQ-TV editorializes on a wide variety of issues including some that are of importance to the White House. I will forward to you copies of editorials on subjects of that nature -- or to anyone else in the White House if you prefer. It is possible that occasionally a reply might be appropriate from an Administration spokesman and, in those cases, we will happily provide broadcast facilities for a response.

Again, best wishes on the new job.

Sincerely,



R. Dillon Smith
Editorial Director

RDS:dm



October 3, 1974

Dear Jeanne:

What a pleasant surprise hearing from you. My new job is hectic, but fascinating and one of the nicest aspects so far has been hearing from old friends like you.

The Woodlands tree is just great and will be a welcome addition to my bookcase. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Congratulations on your new job. It sounds like you are going to have your hands full too, but I know you can handle it. I think The Woodlands is very lucky to have you.

Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Ron Hessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Jeanne Shea
Manager
Public Relations
Mitchell Development Corp.
of the Southwest
2201 Timberloch Place
Conroe, Texas 77301

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September 30, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.



Dear Ron,

First of all, congratulations on your appointment as press secretary to the president of the United States. It sounds very impressive, carries with it a deep responsibility and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. I'm sure Cindy and Edward Song Nessen are very pleased.

Several times in the past few months, I have tried to call you and you were usually following the, then, vice president around. The last time was your day off and I didn't want to bother you at home. What I wanted to tell you was that I left Columbia last February and came to The Woodlands, Texas. It is another new city, considerably larger in area than Columbia, and is scheduled to open October 19th.

After seven years at Columbia, I said I would never tackle a project like that again, but somehow I got involved in this one.

One of these days, I will send you some information on this new city. In the meantime, however, enclosed is a souvenir for your new office. It is a tree symbolizing the 20,000 acre forest where The Woodlands is being built.

Give my regards to your wife and to you...all good wishes in your new venture.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shea
Manager - Public Relations
JS/bjs
Encl.



September 30, 1974

Mr. Ron Messer
Press Secretary
The White House
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

James S. Jones
Manager - Public Relations
15121
Encl.

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October 2, 1974

Dear George:

Many thanks for your work copy on my first cut. . .but come on, can't you ever stop giving advice? ! After 12 years of advice, I took this job just to get away from all the "no cutaways," "keep your inflection. . .!" In all seriousness, George, I do appreciate the note, the good wishes and knowing I'll still have a good cameraman to keep me in line when I appear from this side of the restroom.

Give my best to Bobby and my thanks for the film clip. Keep in touch and keep on sending the advice. After all these years, I'm almost getting used to it!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. George Sazio
National Broadcasting Company
4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016**

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Rest to you Row - Bobby Mole

SEP 23 1974

FORD: ~~In the many travels we made around the country, I was given the opportunity of getting to know Ron very well. I admired his skill and objectivity as a reporter. I enjoyed his company. I was greatly impressed with his ability and overall approach to the problems that I faced and others did. So when I asked Ron if he would take the job, I couldn't have been more pleased.~~ :35

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FORD: Thank you Ron. We're very proud to have him and we look forward to working together. I'll leave you to your friends. 2:25

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October 2, 1974

Dear Kay and Dick:

Many thanks for your letter and the good wishes on my appointment. Cindy and I are both excited with this new position and look forward to the challenges sure to come in the days ahead.

Your trip sounds interesting. . . to say the least! Hope your winter at Lake Amatitlan is enjoyable despite the geographic hazards. Please let us hear from you and keep us posted on Guatemala reaction!

All best wishes to you both from Cindy and me.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaw
Pena-Shaw Farms
Route 5
Washington Courthouse, Ohio 43160

RN/RH/mw



SEP 25 1974

PENN-SHAW FARMS
ROUTE 5
WASHINGTON C.H., OHIO 43160

Sept. 21, 1974

Dear Ron,

We don't know whether to congratulate you or feel sorry for you on the new job. And some job it will be as we are sure you know. However, we do wish you every success. We are also sure that you will be a much different Ron, as you so apply put it in your acceptance remarks. Being the wife of a White House assistant will be quite a challenge for Cindy but we are sure that she will carry out her part very well indeed.

we did enjoy having your letter bringing us up to date on your various chores since ~~we~~ you were with us in Guatemala. As Ray may have told you, we have hopes of driving ~~our~~ ^{our} camper down to Guatemala later this Fall. We have retained our little adobe house at Lake Amatitlan and expect to spend the winter there, revolutions, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions permitting. We shall be keeping in touch with you/activities via Armed Forces radio and their rebroadcast of the NBC Evening News. We know you will be telling it like it is.

*George & Kay
Shaw*

Give our best to Cindy and the "sprout".

Sincerely,
Dick & Kay
Dick and Kay Shaw



October 2, 1974

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind letter.

I'm delighted to have your support and good wishes as I take on my responsibilities here. I'm enthusiastic over the prospect of working with the many fine, professional persons in this Administration, with the U.S. Representative to the U.N. at the top of my list.

Your points to remember are good ones, and if for some reason I should ever fall short in practicing them, I hope you will call them to my attention.

Thanks for the offer to help me out. I need all the help I can get!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**The Honorable John Scall
Representative of the U.S.A. to the United Nations
The United Nations
New York, New York**

RN/RH/mw





SEP 26 1974

THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS

September 24, 1974

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to
the President
The White House

Dear Ron:

I send you my congratulations and best wishes. I look forward to working with you with full confidence that as a recognized professional you will (a) remember the needs of your newsroom friends, and (b) demonstrate to those around the President that you mean it when you say you must be kept informed of the state of play as well as the final decision.

If you can do this, you can be a memorable White House spokesman. If I can help in any way, at any time, just whistle.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Scali", written over a horizontal line.

John Scali



October 1, 1974

Dear Roberta:

Of course I remember you! It was good to hear from you after all these years.

I certainly will keep your request in mind should I ever get to Clemson.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Dr. Roberta Schwartz
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina 29631

RN:jg



CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29631

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

September 23, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen,
Presidential Press Secretary,
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

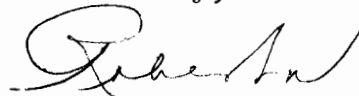
I am writing to say "hello" and to congratulate you on your appointment as President Ford's Press Secretary. I often saw your broadcasts for NBC, and I always enjoyed them.

I don't know whether you will remember me or not, but we worked for UPI at the same time (about 1962) just before you went over to NBC. At that time, you used to give me some good advice on the features I wrote while I had a moment off from dictation row. I visited Grant Dillman and a few other UPI folks a couple of years ago when I was in Washington to attend the Modern Language convention. They really are a good group!

Since I left UPI, I earned my Ph.D. and have taught in Durham, North Carolina, Tacoma, Washington, and most recently in New Orleans. My specialty is the Nineteenth Century novel, but I am teaching various advanced writing courses here.

Some time maybe you will consider visiting my class in journalism. Anyway, you are the example of what the kids can do with their degrees. If you are ever in our area, please keep Clemson in mind. We will be following your career.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roberta Schwartz

September 30, 1974

Dear Mrs. Selbin:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Joel Selbin
488 Maxine Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808**

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SEP 26 1974

23 Sept. 1974

Dear Ron,

Having sat in class with you at Wilson High School and having enjoyed your N.B.C. reporting these last years, I feel impelled to write.

My husband and I wish you well in your new job and in doing so, I suppose, we wish the country well, too. We wonder if the President can possibly be aware of the cynicism, the skepticism and lack of trust that exists out here in the real country. For a long time there has been no basis for trust and what was beginning to be established was destroyed by the incredible pardon of

now, we hope the
President plans to be
honest with you and
with us.

Good luck,

Sincerely,

Marion Kilsheimer Selbia

Dear Ms. Selbia

BAYON ROUGE, LA
PM
24 SEP
1976



Mr. Ron Nessen
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Selben
488 Magazine Avenue
Baton Rouge,
Louisiana
70808

September 30, 1974

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With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Alexander W. Sheftell
President
WLMD Radio
Interurban Broadcasting Corporation
Laurel, Maryland 20810**

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ALEXANDER W. SHEFTELL
PRESIDENT

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(301) 953-2332

September 20, 1974

Dear Ron:

I couldn't be more pleased to hear of your appointment. We in the Media are fortunate to have you represent us all at the White House.

Much luck and success.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex".

Alex Sheftell

AS/jk

Mr. Ron Nessen
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Alex:

September 30, 1974

Dear Julian:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Julian Scher
1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW.
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JULIAN SCHEER
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
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September 23, 1974

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Presidential Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ron:

I knew that somewhere, someday, somehow, someone
from the space beat would make good.*

Best of luck to you.

Sincerely,



Julian Scheer

JS:kms

* All of us taxpayers expect the same openness,
candid, honesty, integrity, forthrightness, sincerity,
kind, friendly reaction we got from our nation's space
effort!

Dear Julian

September 30, 1974

Dear Clint:

Many thanks for your congratulations and good wishes. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead, and it's nice to have your support and confidence.

I found your comments regarding the Washington press most interesting. Thanks for the clipping; I'll be sure to pass it along with your comments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Messer
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. J. Clinton Scott
600 First Bank Building
Deer Haven, Florida 33432**

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J. Clinton Scott
600 First Bank Building
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

September 23, 1974

Dear Mr. Nesson,

Let me extend to you heartiest congratulations on your appointment as the President's Press Secretary, and to thank you for what I know must be a considerable personal sacrifice on your part to move from the private arena to the public.

May your honeymoon last longer than the President's! I am referring to the Washington press corps, which seems as fickle as a high school girl.

The enclosed clipping says it all. I just cannot imagine that group of seemingly intelligent news people besieging the President with one question after another about the Nixon pardon, with no thought of the really great issues which face America: runaway inflation in the midst of a recession which could very well grow into a full-fledged depression. Are they completely blind?

Please also pass along my very best wishes to President Ford. If a poll were taken in Boca Raton, we would score at least 95% in favor of the way he conducts his office. According to Paul Harvey, the polls just are not accurate, and he has extremely good evidence to prove this point.

Best regards,



Mr. Ron Nesson
The White House
Washington, D.C. 200013

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Enclosure noted

Jim Fiebig

Lousy Press Perspective

The most important revelation to emerge from President Ford's second news conference was that the Washington press corps has a lousy sense of perspective.

Unless I'm hopelessly screwed up, the biggest worries gnawing at America's grass roots are those concerning the economy. Yet of the more than 20 questions asked at the session, only one touched on the issue. And that was stupidly stated.

The reporter came flat out and asked Ford if we are going to have a depression.

Surprise, surprise. The President said, "The United States is not going to have a depression."



Big daddy had spoken. No depression. That was the end of that. The news corps, probably upset because such an unsensational subject was even brought up, immediately returned to badgering Ford with questions on the Nixon pardon, the Nixon tapes, the future of Alexander Haig and

whether the United States was involved in the Chilean overthrow of Salvador Allende.

You know, the real life-and-death issues that keep us all awake at night.

The problem, I think, is that Washington news hounds actually enjoyed engaging in mortal combat with Nixon. They tasted blood — and they liked it.

Now, faced with the unexciting prospect of a president who wants to calmly pursue the vital but more mundane affairs of government, they find it impossible to sheathe their bayonets.

We may be stuck with that attitude for quite some time.

September 30, 1974

Dear Alene:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Alene Smith
1734 Ivy Oak Square
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Dear Alene:



September 30, 1974

Dear Gerry:

Cindy and I wish to thank you for your thoughtful note and good wishes.

I'm excited about my new assignment, and hope that you can tell your grandchildren I did a good job.

With warm regards,



Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Gerry Segler
3503 Leland Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815**

RN/EMO/mw





Dear Cindy + Ron -

Just a line to tell you how absolutely thrilled I was with your news. I can't think of a better choice on Mr. Ford's part and just think I'll be

able to tell my ^{great} children "I
knew Ron Nease when"-

Seriously, the best of
luck - We're so happy for
you all — and impressed ~~with~~ with
M. Ford's regained acuity!!!
Fondly.

Gony —
Sunday, September the twenty first



Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nessen

5112 Baltimore Avenue

Bethesda,

Maryland 20016

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September 30, 1974

Dear Charles:

Many thanks for your kind letter.

Your letter and those from other friends has added to my confidence that I made the right decision in accepting this position with President Ford. Your encouragement and good wishes will be helpful to me in the work ahead.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Hossen
Press Secretary
to the President

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September 23, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen:
5112 Baltimore Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your appointment as press secretary to the president.

Having been friends of yours and your family for many years, needless to say, we are very proud of your attainment.

With all good wishes in your new appointment, we are

Sincerely yours

Charles and Ernest
Sherman

September 27, 1974

Dear Mr. Seehafer:

I want to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

I greatly appreciate your good wishes. I'm enjoying my new assignment and trying to do the best possible job.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Gene Seehafer
Assistant Professor
Marketing & Management
Siena College
Loudenville, New York 12211

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BUSINESS DIVISION

September 19, 1974

Mr. Ron. Nesson
HOLD FOR ARRIVAL
The White House
Washington, D C

SEP 23 1974

Dear Mr. Nesson:

I trust the rumors are true and you open this letter as White House Press Secretary. It's about time a broadcast journalist took over!

As a former network radio sales manager for NBC, and more recently an ex-radio station owner and now college professor, I'm delighted to hear the news and wish you well in your responsibilities.

It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy!

Very truly yours,

Gene Seehafer
Ass't. Professor
Marketing & Management

September 27, 1974

Dear Mike:

Yes I do remember you and am glad to hear from you. I'm sure you are enjoying your new assignment and living on the West Coast.

Thank you for your good wishes. I also appreciate your invitation to call when I'm out that way.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Mike Smith
59 Panoramic Way
Berkeley, California

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Mike Smith
59 Panoramic Way
Berkeley, Calif.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

SEP 24 1974

Ron-

I imagine that you are in the process of receiving a flood of congratulations from acquaintances you have a hard time remembering. In my case you may remember that I lived with Steve Cohen a couple of years ago and served as legal counsel to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

About a year ago I took a position as legal counsel to the Chancellor at U.C. Berkeley and moved to the West coast.

The heartiest of best wishes and good luck; please give a call if you find a spare moment when you're in the Bay area/ home phone 548 3027.

Good luck, Mike

September 25, 1974

Dear Ray:

Many thanks for your kind note of congratulations. As I take on my new duties here, I'm really beginning to find out what "life is like on the inside"! Right now it is pretty hectic, but I hope to find the time for that walk.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ray Scherer
House Radio-Television Gallery
Room H-320, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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House of Representatives
RADIO-TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS' GALLERIES
Washington, D.C. 20515

*Address Reply Care of
House Radio-Television Gallery
Room H-580
U.S. Capitol*

September 20, 1974

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Dear Ron

If was only yesterday, as the clishe goes, that I remember badgering Elmer Lower to let you off the film desk to do some reporting. And look at you now.

I had a bid to be the first broadcaster to become White House news secretary some nine years ago and I often ponder what might have happened to my life if I had taken it.

~~Now~~
you will find out. What life is like on the inside.

Remember that gallop we took with LBJ when you got back from the wars. I hope you will always have time for a walk with your old friends.

Congratulations,


Ray Scherer

September 26, 1974

Dear Jill:

Many thanks for your note and the congratulations!

Life will be **different** on the staff side, but I'm enthusiastic about the challenges in **this new position.**

Many thanks for taking the time to send your good **wishes** to Cindy and me. Hope it **won't be too long** before **we all** get together.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Jill Schuker
2500 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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Ron —

Sept. 21

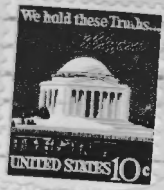
Congratulations on your new
job. I'm glad someone from
the '72 campaign made it
to the White House! Now
you'll be seeing things from
the staff side of life... Best
luck and keep the press
(or is it the Pres.?) happy —

Jill Schuster

Best to Cindy.



J. Schuler
2500 Wisconsin Avenue
Wash DC 20007



Mr. Ron Nesen
5112 Baltimore Avenue
Washington, D.C.

September 26, 1974

Dear Dorothy:

Many thanks for your thoughtful note.

I must say, these past two weeks have been a bit heady for this local boy, but I'm confident and enthusiastic about the work ahead. I appreciate your good wishes and reminiscences.

My best to Beverly, Edward and you.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Philip Stearns
4701 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

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Friday, Sept. 20

Dorothy Dear Row,

I just had to write
and tell you how very excited I
was to hear the news about
your new appointment.

It's been a real joy to hear

you report these many years,
when I remember, as a youngster
you left town to go on radio in
a small remote town, & come up
to where you are now.

I'm sure Beverly & Edward join
me in these good wishes, & your
continued success.

Sandy,
(Mrs) Dorothy Kluft Stearns





Mr Ronald Tessen
5112 - Balto. ave
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Mrs. Philip Stearns

4701 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

September 25, 1974

Dear Tony:

Many thanks for your thoughtful note. I deeply appreciate your kind words and good wishes.

I am pleased to have been selected for this assignment, and look forward to my new responsibilities.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Tony Sylvester
RCA
1800 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006**

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Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Anthony I Sylvester
Director
News and Information

Dear Ron:

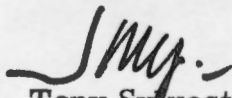
September 20, 1974

Congratulations and commiserations on your appointment!

The President could not have made a better selection.

With personal regards and very best wishes for a successful tenure.

Sincerely,


Tony Sylvester

