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AP ANNUAL MEETING, WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL,
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974, 2:00 P.M.

THANK YOU, Paul Miller
Wes Hallington, FOR YOUR
GENEROUS INTRODUCTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SAID THAT IF FORCED
TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT NEWS-
PAPERS / OR NEWSPAPERS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT, HE
WOULD UNHESITATINGLY CHOOSE THE LATTER.



Miss Vice
Mr. Ambassador

It's an invitation to address A P Annual Meeting
In the past we have had
some outstanding speakers - Vice Pres
top-military, etc. & other distinguished
I hope you will accept.
Until now we've had
outstanding & exceptional
speakers.

FORTUNATELY / THE CHOICE WAS NEVER GIVEN
TO HIM OR ANY OF HIS SUCCESSORS. I HASTEN
TO ADD: HIS SUCCESSORS AS VICE PRESIDENT.

I HOPE THE CHOICE IS NEVER PUT TO ME,
ALTHOUGH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, / I WONDER
SOMETIMES IF BOTH NEWSPAPERS AND GOVERNMENT
AREN'T BEING RUN OUT OF BUSINESS.

*I say this despite your report which
shows growth in the number of daily newspapers
& your criticism of the growing encroachment
of Government.*



MY OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESS IS
FIRST OF ALL THAT OF A CONSTANT READER. I
READ ABOUT EIGHT DAILY NEWSPAPERS REGULARLY
AT HOME AND ON MY WAY TO AND FROM THE OFFICE---
YES, / INCLUDING THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE
WASHINGTON POST. WHEN I TRAVEL, I READ ALL
THE PAPERS I CAN SCOOP UP.



DURING THE PAST WEEK, WHEN I COMBINED
A LITTLE POLITICKING WITH PLAYING GOLF IN
CALIFORNIA, I HAVE BEEN GETTING MY NEWS FROM
THE PALM SPRINGS DESERT SUN, THE RIVERSIDE
PRESS ENTERPRISE, THE LOS ANGELES HERALD-
EXAMINER, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE MONTEREY
PENINSULA HERALD, THE SAN JOSE MERCURY, THE
KANSAS CITY STAR AND THE GREAT BEND (KANSAS)
TRIBUNE.



LATELY I HAVE BEEN READING A LOT MORE ABOUT MYSELF. I WON'T SAY, AS PRESIDENT KENNEDY DID AFTER CRITICAL REPORTERS WERE ROUSTED FROM THEIR BEDS BY ORDER OF HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, THAT HE WAS READING MORE AND ENJOYING IT LESS. I LIKE SOME OF WHAT I READ AND SOME I DON'T. BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT OBJECTIVELY, WHAT I DON'T LIKE IS USUALLY AT LEAST AS MUCH MY FAULT AS THE REPORTER'S.



IF I HAVE ANY COMPLAINT ABOUT REPORTING---
AT LEAST THE REPORTING OF MY OWN SAYINGS AND
DOINGS --- IT WOULD BE A TENDENCY TO READ
BETWEEN THE LINES OF MY MORE OR LESS ROUTINE
UTTERANCES TO MAKE ME SAY SOMETHING BY NOT
SAYING IT.



I CAN GIVE THE SAME REPUBLICAN RALLY SPEECH
FOR TWO DAYS RUNNING -- OFF THE CUFF FOR THE
MOST PART -- ^①BUT ONE DAY I AM STOUTLY DEFENDING
PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE ^②NEXT DAY -- WITH A
a different audience
DIFFERENT CROWD OR A DIFFERENT CREW OF
REPORTERS -- I AM TRYING TO PUT SOME DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND ME.



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AND ON THE THIRD DAY SOME KINDLY COLUMNIST
OR EDITORIAL WRITER -- SOME OF MY BEST
FRIENDS ARE PUNDITS -- WILL SAY THAT I AM AN
UNCOMPLICATED SORT OF GUY WHO IS NEITHER SLY
NOR SUBTLE AND SAYS WHAT HE REALLY THINKS.



Naturally

It can be interpreted

WELL, I WONDER HOW YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL
THREE WAYS. BUT NEVER MIND, LIKE MY FRIENDS
OF THE PRESS, I AM TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OUT
OF SOME VERY FAST-BREAKING AND COMPLEX
DEVELOPMENTS AND TO COMMUNICATE CANDIDLY HOW
I FEEL ABOUT THEM. WHEN THIS TRYING CHAPTER
OF OUR HISTORY IS CLOSED, I TRUST THAT BOTH
FREE GOVERNMENT AND A FREE PRESS WILL REMAIN
AS BULWARKS OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC.

NOW, (LADIES AND) GENTLEMEN, I AM
READY FOR YOUR QUESTIONS.



FORD TO ADDRESS JOURNALISTS HERE

Will Speak at A.P. Parley—
Publishers to Hear Simon

By PETER KIHSS

Vice President Ford and the newly named Secretary of the Treasury, William E. Simon, are to address the nation's newspaper editors and publishers here this week.

More than 1,500 journalism leaders are to attend gatherings at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that start tomorrow and that include the 88th annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, now up to a record of 1,100 daily-newspaper members in the United

Tax Trends a Topic

The annual labor conference starts at 10:30 A.M. with addresses by W. J. Usery Jr., director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and James F. Van Namee, Commissioner of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

On Tuesday, Donald C. Alexander, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is to speak at 9:30 A.M. on "Current Trends in Tax Administration." The Newspaper Advertising Bureau is to present its annual program at 10 A.M.



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Re: April 22
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PERSONAL

Mr. Paul Miltich

Press Secretary to the Vice President

Room 281

Executive Office Building

Pennsylvania at 17th Street N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Paul:

Enclosed, for you and the others who will be accompanying the Vice President, are tickets for The Associated Press annual reception and luncheon in New York April 22.

If the military aide making the trip turns out to be someone other than Col. Sardo, the tickets in his name can be used by another aide, or we can issue new ones in the name of another if you are able to let me know a bit ahead.

On another aspect, I am asked by our New York people how many, if any, Washington newsmen will be accompanying the Vice President to New York for his speech at our luncheon. The question is prompted by the need to plan for press facilities.

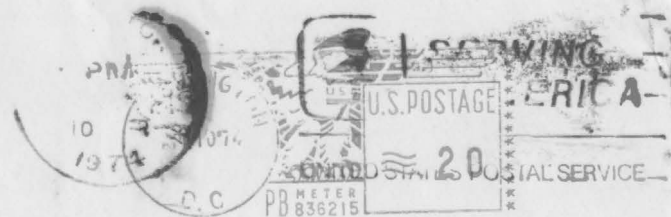
I think the question may be unanswerable from your standpoint unless you expect to have some newsmen travel aboard the Vice President's plane. Otherwise you obviously would have no idea how many Washington newsmen might make the trip on their own.

In any case, I would much appreciate your phoning me at your convenience on whatever the situation may be.

Sincerely,



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