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Dear Mr. President:

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This is just a note to express, on behalf of the Radio Television News Directors Association, my deep appreciation to you for the hospitality you extended to us at the White House January 30th. *filed same*

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I was delighted when you offered to submit to questions from the group and even more so when you spent 45 minutes with us informally at the Reception.

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So many of our members, who have never before had the opportunity to visit the White House nor to meet a President in residence, told me how much it meant to them, and I suspect even among newsmen, supposedly non-partisan, that you won some converts.

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I believe that it is extremely important for the Administration to open its doors to the grass roots broadcast newsmen who are so much closer to their community interests than network newsmen could ever be, and I applaud the efforts of you and your fine staff in making this event possible. I hope it may become an annual tradition at the White House.

PAST PRESIDENT

Tom Frawley, Cox Brdcstg.
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Thank you again, Mr. President--and when next I see Edith Green, I shall pass on your good wishes to her. Maybe she'll vote for you even if Ted Kennedy doesn't run!

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

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Jim Connor

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