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June 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOB BLAKE
FROM: RON NESSEN

Attached find a letter I received from an Air Force photographer named Herman Kokojan, who I have known vaguely over the years; his brother is an NBC cameraman.

As you see, Kokojan wants permission to fly on Air Force One to take photographs for Airman Magazine. I can vouch for his abilities as a cameraman and his general character. However I have no idea what the policy is on this. I would recommend that we allow him to do it if the policy permits.

Will you suggest an answer I can give or else handle the matter yourself?

RN/cg



David S
May 28, 1975

Dear Ron:

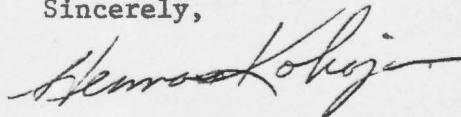
Welcome back from Europe. Ken Hackman, AAVS Chief Photojournalist who has a long term association with the 89th and has done all the aerial photos of Air Force One, called the Information Officer at the 89th in reference to my going on the next Air Force One trip. ~~Their recommendation is that you inform Navy Captain Cole Morgan (Military Aide to the President) of this request and have him advise the 89th that the project has White House approval. I can then work out details with the 89th personnel.~~

I have talked with Henry several times since his attack, and he is doing well and in good spirits. He sure appreciated your call, Ron. Surprisingly, he has learned to slow down (and enjoying it, too) at least for the present.

Again Ron, ~~I would sure appreciate it if you would contact Captain Morgan. I would be very discreet in photographing the Air Force One crew. I would need only a few photographs of the crew with White House personnel to show the importance of the Air Force One passengers. Airman Magazine would use the story, and we would also go "public" with it if it is alright with you.~~ Enclosed is a copy of Airman with my Antarctic story (pg 42). In July they will run my YF-16 and coverage I did in Saigon, Clark and Guam on the refugees.

If at all possible, I'd like very much to go along when you make your trip to Peking. Thank you very much for your time, Ron.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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



June 9, 1975

Dear Herman:

I am processing your request for permission to photograph on an Air Force One flight through normal channels. I hope to have an answer for you soon.

Please give my best to Henry. Tell him I hope he is better and will have a chance to write.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

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