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July 10, 1975

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Miss Sarah J. Connolly 821 Eighth Street Zephyrhills, Florida 33599

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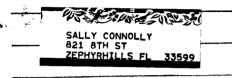
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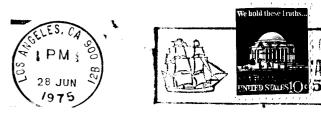
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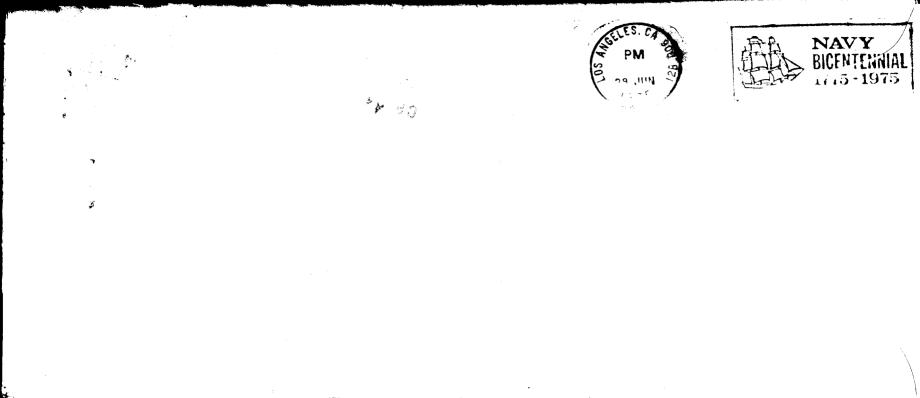
for Angelee, Ca. 90005 June 27th, 1975

Mr. Row neesen White House Press Sec, Washington, D.G. your statemente may be justified but from this distance, and with my timited fackground, and no "Staff" at all, I get the definite impression that Me, Ford - and his Staff - are no more honest and no more trustworthy than his prodecessor Ho selection and he confirmation were outrageous, and what wo hope, and pray, is porthe time will quickly able to get ind of him M. H. Coursel.





Mr. Ron Ressen White House Press Secretary Washington, D.G.



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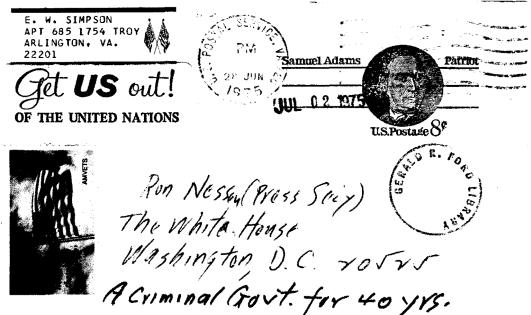
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Mr. E. W. Simpson Apartment 685 1754 Troy Arlington, Virginia 22201



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PHILIP HILSENRAD

Mr. Ron Nessen The White House Wakington, D.C. 20500

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Your intemperate outburst yesterday against members of the press recall most vividly:

L. The Shakesperean "Methinks thou protesteth too much."

2. The Trumanism, "If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen."

If there was any doubt that the Ford adminstration had been infected with the virus of decpetion, deceit and distruct which were the hallmarks of Nixon and his henchmen, the doubt has been removed.

Very sincerely yours, Philip Hilsenrad

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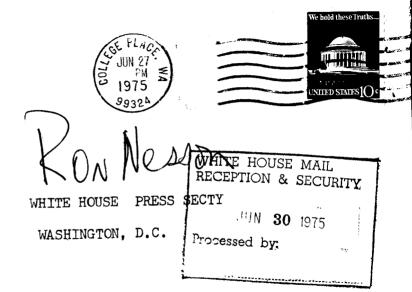
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June 26, '75

Press Dictator Ron Nessen The White House

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you stupid remarks to the press to day as a private (utire) citizen & a former news hen, I want the press to keep up the good work of fourting everything you announce. President Ford hasn't proved yet that hes anything but a Republican prohitican, as witness: The nifon pardon, the Cita mustigation coverup, the alert ear to Pentagon wishes, and all the vitres of everything which would help the common man (namely Democrate) Simenhy. Mary & Blood 3065 Caheshore Wayzata Mm. 55391

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Dr. John H. Tuttle Route 1, Box 450 Lakebay, Washington 98349



### WEEP, AMERICA

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Well ! Join the crowd !

There are a lot of us who have thought for a long time that "news" briefings from the White House do not serve the purpose of getting news to the public.

In fact, a lot of think that the White House is the LAST place to go for news.

After twenty-five years of deceit, why should anyone believe anything that comes from your office?



JOHN H. TUTTLE, Ph.D. Route 1, Box 450 Lakebay, Washington 98349





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the way World War 4 will be fought

Ron Nessen White House Wash D C

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Miss Beulah Tufton Box 375 Wolf Point, Montana 59201

JUL 02 1973 R. FORO Dear Sir: You have a difficult job. Public confidence in all forms of government is of a dismal low. Perhaps, as you say, President ford is a man of honesty and integrity. But please remember - he was chosen by Nixon - he pardoned Nixon - he continues to follow Nixon's programs. There is also the doubt in the minds of many as to whether he makes his own decisions or whether his advisors make up his mind. To date. he has repeatedly vetoed measures designed to help hard-pressed Americans. At the same time, he can't give away foreign and fast enough. He hangs on to Kissinger like he was a life-line. He ignores the members of Congress - and of his own party - because he (or is it his advisors?) thinks he knows best. He. has demonstrated over and over that big business comes first and middle and lower class America comes dead last. He is not a dictator - her is one third of our government, and he would do well to remember that. Not only that - but he was not the choice of the people - he was the choice of Nixon. Angry outbursts against the press and the public

such as yours of the other day, do the whole country a disservice. As Truman said - if you can't stand the heat (the distrust, suspicion, etc.) get out of the Kitchen. The Republican party has earned every bit of distrust it now enjoys and your threatening to discontinue briefings adds fuel to the fire of suspicion

To many of us, ford does not come across as very smart - and his polvisors and cohorts, especially Simon and Greenspan, come across as self-important, self-serving as well as big business serving, little fin gods. If he's going to run for election as president -I'd suggest he get off TV and on to a train and give us a chance to see (and hear) him as he is not as TV and his speechworders want him to be, And tell him to leave his demned advisors at home we want to hear what he has to say, not words they put in his mouth. It isn't going to be Wall Street or the Oil Companies who give him enough votes-, is going to be those very people he has consistently voted against who will go to the pulls in huge numbers to vote for him-or against him.

I've already made up my mind - I wouldn't vote for a Republican for any office for the rest of my life. But not everyone is as unforgiving as I am. Those peopledeserve better than what they've been getting.

To me - the word Republicon is the third divisional word in the dictionary - the first two being Lowyer and Politician. And we can thank the Republicans for that, two.

Decilah Lifton Box 375 Nacf Roint, Mont. 59201



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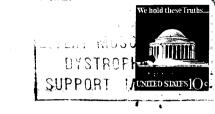
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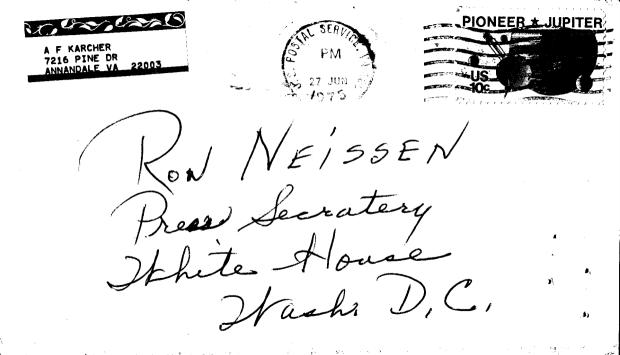
Mr. A. F. Karcher 7216 Pine Drive Annandale, Virginia 22003

MIL 0 2 1975 Quere 27-75 Siri vi-Ater hearing you lament the so called harsh and unfair treat ment of you by the press corp, Cam reminded of a recent incident that might explain to you why they mistrust you and those you represent. Recently Tres. Ford had a slight accident while alighting from a plane in Europe, at the time it happened I said to my wife, you can expect some nind

explaining the event. Sure enough the story comes out about an ancient football injury. In fact other news followed in several days dealing with it. You comes the clincher. after returning from Europe after being asked about his "slip" Ford denied that he slipped. He related the when his wife reached for the rembrella he was careging, he was shoved. "Shade of ninon and "Begen Boy to you still wonder about the credibility gap, your in a system that Juill never be able to change, Berkap your predecessor that re-signed shew that C > Nanho. GI Marchen

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Mr. Nessen,

The man you work for loudly supported the mass murder in Vietnam, pardoned the lowest life to reside in the White House in history, voted against virtually ever decent piece of social legislation in modern history when in Congress, contrived an incident (Mayaguez) to boost his popularity in the polls, sold out to the land rapers of America, and just suggested that he might use nuclear weapons in Korea if ....

Is it any wonder that reporters and the rest of us are cynical?

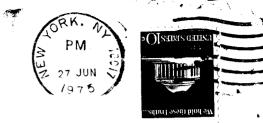
Grow up, Nessen, your boss is, like all the rest of them, a liar and worse. And, yes, this is a reflection on your honesty.

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