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July 7, 1975

Dear Mr. Ernst:

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Morris L. Ernst 437 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

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June 30th, 1975

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

My dear Ron:

I was intrigued by the reports in the papers about your so-called attacks on reporters.

As a lifetime Democrat, let me know if I can be of help. I am mindful of the fact that the First Resolution at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 reads - all meetings shall be secret so the delegates more readily can change their minds - and for four months there was not a leak at the Convention.

If you are interested in more information along these lines, do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours Morris L . Ernst 104

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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022



Mr. Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President The White House Washington, D.C. July 7, 1975

Dear Mr. Bishop:

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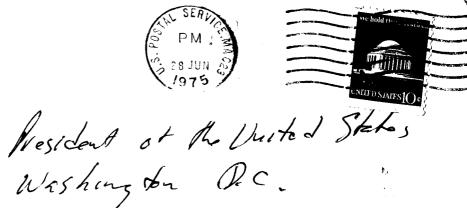
Mr. Firmin J. Bishop Abrams Hill Duxbury, Massachusetts 02332

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Pr RN 500 JUL 0 3 1975 JUN 27 1975 RN Dear Mu Kless Jout -I heard a news report today concerning Ron Klosson's chastismout at the puess & I want to say - it's about time, I have felt ever since water gate & Prosident Aixon's Vesignation from office that the pross & the news moder in general and funanily vesponsille for the devisivouss in the counting a to is about the news moder at this counting think that They von the government or control tot it shouldn't be so + 2 happy to beau from some one in authority speakup. I tooly think that in your news conferences that you Should take complete charge - que theme He news you think important for the county to know & them " Thank you my prosident " Leave. This method at news conferences used you is to much in their direction. The Prosident of the United States it stands up before 150 news people thashed all souts at loade I guostaris, en barrassing questions - unimportant questions. Id like to see it stopped. I do not think Mr Nesson should appelique & I don't thank to should quit - He should be given a valse + a "word down" from the prosident Sincourt For Barro

FIRMIN J. BISHOP ABRAMS HILL DUXBURY, MASS. 02332



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Dear Mrs. Adelsberg:

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Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mrs. T. P. Adelsberg 173-21 Croydon Road Jamaica, New York 11432

RN:ki RN-14

JUL 03 1975 June 29, 1975 Dear Mr. Pan Hessen Frees Secretary to the President. you are a fine young man, and from my previous letters you you In fact, Quarte ma John Olharne of the Aui Bepublic an excariating letter, for his uncalled for creticism of you. He tis a rude and regly personice & any an elderly granny, listen mell-meaning advice from me, inthe Plant of tono is your feud with the press, that precipitated

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The A hite House Mr. Ron Heren Press Secretary Washington, N.C.

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Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Patrick T. O'Brien 658 McCutchen Street Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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658 McCutchen Street Charleston, S. C. 29412 June 26, 1975

JUL 03 1975

NBC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York. New York

Dear Sir:

I have just listened to David Brinkley & rema concerning Ron Nessin's outburst of anger at questioning by the media.

Mr. Brinkley defended the media's incessant questioning by alluding to ten years of evasive news releases by White House press secretaries. He suggested that Mr. Nessin and future press secretaries, might do well to take swims in the White House pool until they are experienced enough to deal with the press.

If Mr. Brinkley is truly interested in assuring that the public has full access to the facts. he should review some of the opinionated reporting that he has presented over the years.

With reference to his suggestion to Mr. Nessin to take a swim in the pool, I believe that this paraphrasing of the childish remark, "go jump in the lake," can only compound the communication gap between the White House and the media. It reveals a lack of the muturity and responsibility demanded by the important role the press holds in this country.

It must be comforting for Mr. Brinkley to know that for the past ten years and unknown years to come. he has been right and the representatives of the White House have been wrong. I wonder if Mr. Brinkley would have that smug look on his face.if each day he had to face a group of antagonistic politicians and justify his reporting and commentary.

Sincerely.

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cc: Mr. Nessin

P. O'Brien 658 McCutchen Street Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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Mr. Ron Nessin White House Press Secretary 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. July 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Guenther:

Thank you for sending your views on my recent comments about a small group of reporters at my daily press briefing.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

The Reverend Thomas A. Guenther St. Thomas More 1439 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034

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July 1,1975

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

JUL 0 8 1975

Dear Mr. Nessen,

My compliments on your remarks to the press at the recent press conference. I believe that you are right and said what had to be

Best wishes and stay with it.

ncerely

(Rev.)Thomas A. Guenther





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Mr. Ronald Nessen Press Secretary White House Washington,D.C. 20001



#### July 10, 1975

Dear Miss Rawson:

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Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Miss Gretchen Rawson

Hartford, Iowa 50118

RN:frw RN-14

JUL 0 8 1975 Hartford, Lowa June 30, 1975 much the bufu dear Mr. Neven -Belatedly, Iwant to commend you for your vocal outeries against the reporter of the White House Press Corp. Heritig been on ball sides, you can now see how felt in the preceding year. It's buly fair to say you were never an CBS, The N. y. Simes and Washington Post. Believe it a not the average american exit too smart and when news comes out heard, he cant know that is an figure out what really happend. Moc my father was a new spagerman most of his life and I too have been in the Eusiness and I am sick with the whale Turefolis and ashamed of most reporting. What,

Schools the days? Such narrow: mosty, twested minds are being cultivated. Niegon din sure, did a few wrong things tent le was only following the rule torach put out by the democrate. and no great newshawk ener seemed to calch Jahnson or the Kinnedys! Good luck to your and keep your cost. Hogefully, the muck material and since which had all Hartford, lowa 81102 mil faither war a new forger un most of his hips and d, too here with with the whale Tungoritered achural of most reporting. Inter

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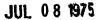
Sincerely,

Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mr. John Koster <u>The Record</u> 150 River Street Hackensack, New Jersey 07602



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(201) 646 - 4000

July 2, 1975

Dear Ron:

Friend of the People It Serves 150 River St., Hackensack, N.J. 07602

> I'm sorry to see that the Washington press corps is down on your right now. Quite frankly, I find it hard to understand because I've always found you to be very cordial, helpful, and sincere. I've certainly gotten better results writing to you than I did writing to the previous administration and their press reps.

I hope you'll hang in there and not quit ar anything like that. It's just my opinion -- and use of this stationary doesn't imply editorial endorsement, only that it came ready to hand -but I think you'd doing a good job, and that a lot of the attacks on you are unjustified.

Thanks again from a cynical journalist for your polite and prompt replies in the past, and I hope to be corresponding with you more in the future.

Your friend,

John Koster

PS -- I'm the one that writes you all the letters about current Indian problems and offers all the unsolicited advice.



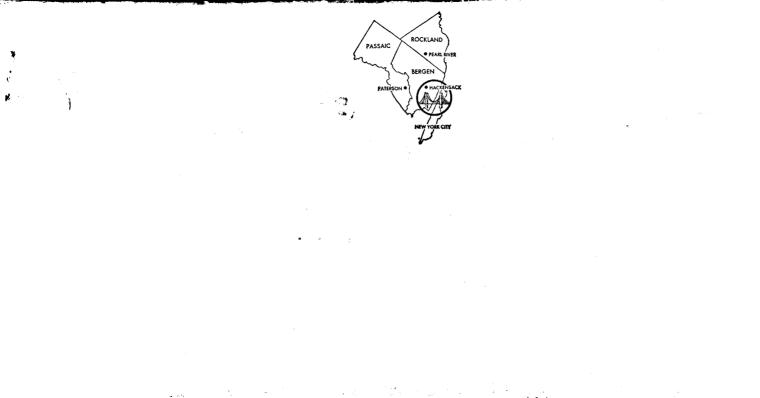


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Ron Nessen The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.



### July 10, 1975

Dear Miss Hester-Dougherty:

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Miss Jane Hester-Dougherty 1252 Woodfield Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39211

RN:frw RN-14

July 3, 1975

JUL 08 1975 Dear Mr. Nessen Having never written a letter to anyone in a governmental position & suppose I quality for a place in the "silent majority" I'm with you all the way, and lope you don't develop a "thick skin" because you are absolutely night about many of the reporters you have to deal with. It's about Time someone with oredibility pointed out The abuses of the press. Although I am living in Mississippi at the moment, I am hardly a conservative, A great many of my friends and aquaintances on both sides of the fince feel as sceptical as I do about journalistic authority. Hang in there; we need you!

Sincerely, Jane Hester-Dougherty



Jackson Miss 39211



Mr. Ron Messen c/o artite House 1600 Annsykania Are. Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mr. William L. Doerr 2530 Woodrow Wilson West Bloomfield, Michigan 48033

RN:ckb RN-14



Dear Ron,

I read in the Detroit Free Press this A.M. of your problem with some news reporters at the daily briefing sessions. Personally, I feel that this country could get along just fine if a relatively small percent of our news reporters would migrate to China, Russia, Cuba, etc. In addition, I think that a big majority of the American people would agree with me. I feel you are doing a good job and hope you stick to your convictions.

JUL 0 2 1975

I heard the President's News Conference this past week and was astonished when Helen (somebody or other) asked the President if the American people didn't have the right to know what our Nuclear Policys are and if we would use them first. The President's reply was great but questions like this point out the problems people like you have to face. The President needs your help so stick in there; we're with you.

Sincerely

2530 Woodrow Wilson West Bloomfield Michigan - 48033



W. L. Doerr 2530 Woodrow Wilson West Bloomfield Michigan 48033





Ron Nessen Press Secretary WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON D.C.

July 3, 1975

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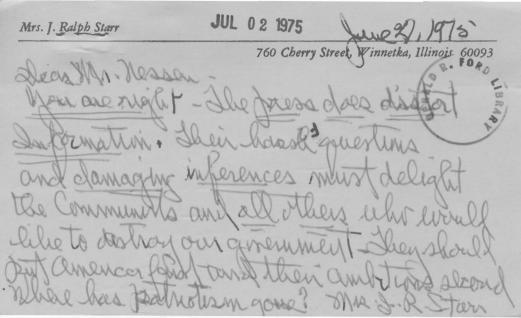
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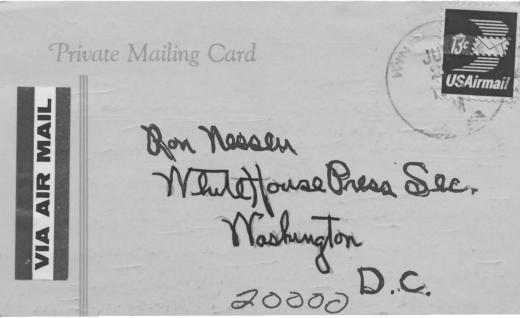
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Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mrs. J. Ralph Starr 760 Cherry Street Winnetka, Illinois 60093

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Dear Mr. Skiles:

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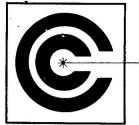
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June 27, 1975

Mr. Ron Nesson The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nesson:

Way to go! I'm with you.

Sincerely, Paul Skiles Paul Skiles

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Mr. Ron Nesson The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 . 10

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Ron Nessen Press Secretary to the President

Mr. B. M. Dahm Post Office Box 210 College Park, Maryland 20740

RN: ckb RN-14

JUNE 27, 1975

Dear Ron Nessen:

Regarding your slumping picture in the Washington Post. SNAP-OUT-OF-THAT-Slump! You are doubly OK. Enjoy your Youth and cherish you most wonderful situation and be confident.

In order to successfully snap-out-of-it, sit down with our two very able, wise superb Leaders of America; namely, President Ford and Vice President Rockefeller. I am sure they will gladly share their seasoned experience with you on how to be considerate yet firm and calm so as to gracefully rise above some of those uncouth members of the press. Remember, always, not all members of the press are alike- watch for them. Give of each one/them the Ford-Rockefeller "straight from the heart and." shoulder "treatment.

GO TO IT,

and DO IT.

Respectfully, an obscure Compatriot Dahm





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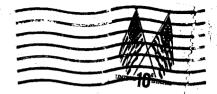
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Mr. M. C. Ford Apartment 405 1725 West Wilson Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60640

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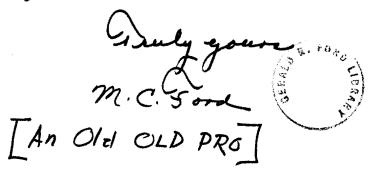
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Dear Mr. McClelland:

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Mr. Lefferts A. McClelland 109 Anona Place Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937

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June 28th 1975.

Mr. Ron Nesson, The White House, Washington DC.

Dear Ron:

Please accept my belated congratulations upon your appointment to the position of Presidential Press Secretary, one of the most important and trying of public assignments.

The prime purpose of this letter is to express my admiration upon the way you defended the President against those badgering newsmen who so severely and unfairly criticized the President. It is unfortunate that so many of the media are either unable or unwilling to take a middle of the road or objective view of the situations attendent to running the I must admit that in the first few highest position in the world. months of Mr. Ford's term I was luke warm, but that had changed. He is doing a great job in the face of almost insurmountable odds. With snipers such as that woman from the garment district in New York, Belzug or some such, Hubert Humphrey and others a man of lesser fortitude would be hard pressed to last out the full term. Adding to that the inaccurate reporting of the biased press must make your job one from which you are very happy to retire each evening and clutch a large glass of Martini...... I am now ending my fourth year of retirement and love every minute of it. Actually the term retirement is not a full retirement as I have been very busy with several consulting jobs in Mexico and South America in the design of televsion facilites for government agencies. That with representing a Washington firm as their Florida sales representative keeps me more than mildly occupied.



My best to you and your family and keep the good news coming from 1600.

Sincerely

erts A. McClelland

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LEFFERTS A. McCLELLAND 109 Anona Place
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Mr. Ron Nesson, Presidential Press Secretary, The White House, Washington, DC.

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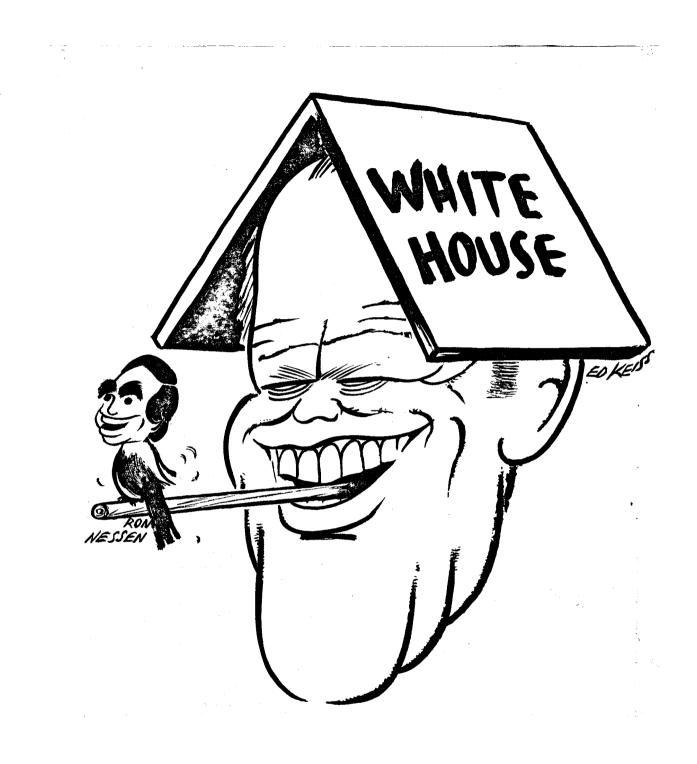
Dear Mr. Nessen:

Rolling into bicentennial by July the 4th may I congratulate you and your Cheef with enclosed funny ideas. I still believe the humor are the best remedy for self-defence and as Lincoln said, the humor / error ballot / is stronger than the bullet. Funny sayings also "beating down" even the smartest reporters. In recent year I have pick-up sveral hundrad funny sayings and has illustrated them with more funniest cartoons. If I will find one publisher, may be it all will be in the book, first of its kind.

I has read that you have consider to resign. Don not do this but keep your gunpowder dry and shout it out smokeless with witty bullets and you will win them all at Press Conference. As a cartoonist for over 40 years Imay I point out the oldest attitude for victory : It is the complete confidence first and than come "bullets". Good luck.

Sincerely.

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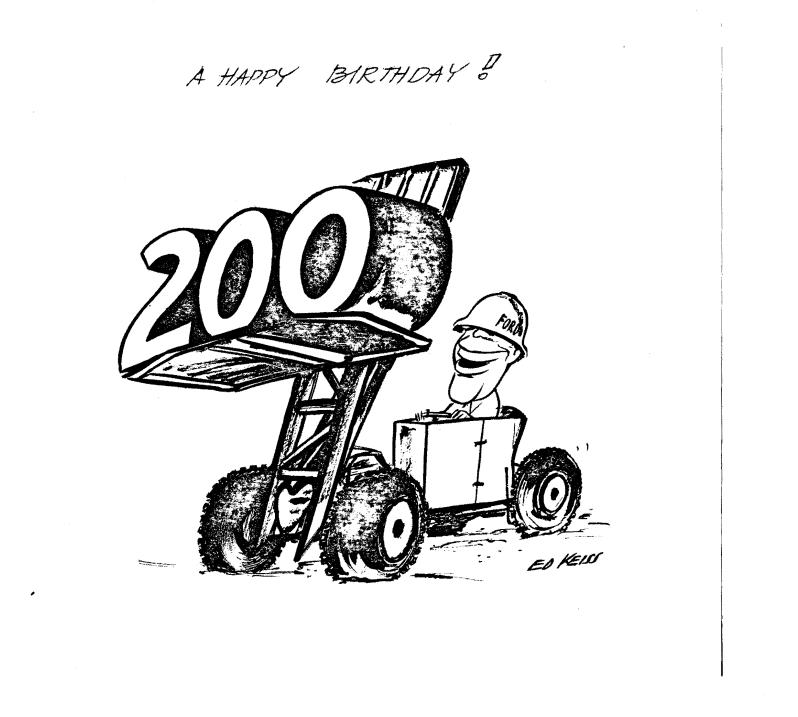
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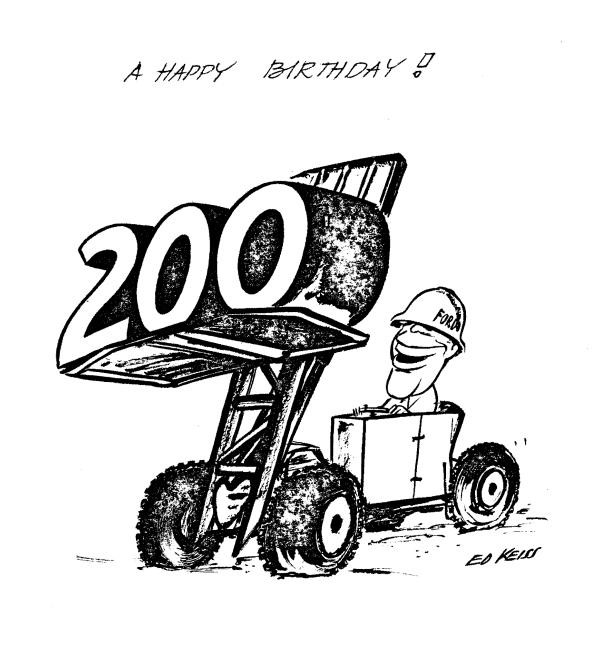


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