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October 23, 1974

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter regarding my appointment as Press Secretary.

I can certainly understand your "conflicting images" following my assignment here. I can't deny that it was a difficult decision for me to make. Certainly there will be some tough days ahead, but with good friends, good wishes and the help of a "renegade humanistic sociologist" I'm confident that I will remain content with my commitment.

Sorry that time did not allow a visit with you earlier in the week. Hope we have another opportunity to get together even though it probably won't be the Spring Symposium.

All best wishes,

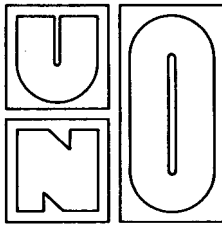
Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Dr. William Arkin
Director Program Development
Office of the Dean
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College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Office of the Dean

September 31, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
Presidential Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your new Appointment! When I first heard the news, I admit I had mixed emotions since my images of you have primarily been dependent on Lois' Sensitive Insights and your public presentation of self via NBC. My "wait and see" attitude with respect to the Ford Administration was fast plunging into futility because of the Nixon pardon and suddenly I was confronted with conflicting images--the one I had conjured up with respect to President Ford and the one I had accepted with respect to you.

As in all attitude conflicts, there is usually an easy solution or resolution which we are usually guilty of not taking but I refuse to suffer that guilt. Since government is ultimately not the person but the people who surround the person, I think the current administration has a real plus, Ron, if you are indicative of the caliber of individuals which will collectively represent the power of the nation. I guess that is laying a pretty heavy trip on you but I do want you to know for whatever value it may represent, that I am 102% behind your appointment and I hope the position allows you to realize your aspirations and desires.

Ron, now that you are meshed into the perpetual motion of the government machine, it will probably be some time before we can meet and have that long talk that I was looking forward to when we invited you to the ~~Spring Symposium~~ last year. The ~~invitation~~ is still open and if you are ever in this part of the country and if you want to disengage for a minute, hour, or day feel free to call, stop in, or whatever. Also, Ron, if at any time you need the support of a damn good but renegade humanistic sociologist during this reactionary period, which Pop Culture is calling nostalgic and in which the academic world is replanting its ivy and rebuilding its towers, call on me!

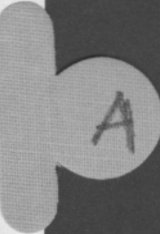
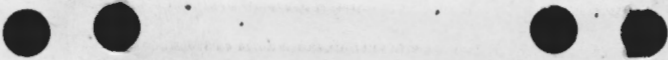
Peace,

William Arkin, Ph.D.
Director Program Development

RON I TALKED TO LOIS LAST NIGHT AND SHE SAID GEORGE IS IN D.C. IF YOU SEE HIM GIVE HIM MY BEST - I ALSO HEAR THE PRES WILL BE IN LINCOLN NEBR IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WILL YOU WA:mph BE WITH HIM??

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October 9, 1974

Dear Ev:

Many thanks for your note and the copy of your editorial.

It was great to hear from you again, and I'm delighted to know that you and Valerie have been keeping busy with WPBR. I appreciated reading your editorial and will be pleased to ~~pass~~ this one on to the President. I'll be interested in seeing any responses you receive.

Thank you for your good wishes!

Warm regards,

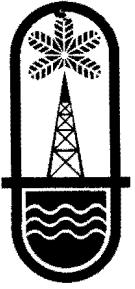
Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Everett H. Aspinwall, Jr.
WPBR - 1340 AM
Palm Beach Radio
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Palm Beach, Florida 33480

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October 1, 1974

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

Dear Ron,

Congratulations and good luck with your new job. It's a tough one and, as John Scali told me after serving as Mr. Nixon's foreign affairs adviser for a few months, you sure get a different perspective of former colleagues.

Valerie and I have been running WPBR in Palm Beach for almost two years now. In addition to a talk show that we do each morning I do an occasional editorial the most recent of which is enclosed for your information.

Should any response ensue I'll send same along.

Once again, good luck.

Best regards,

Everett H. Aspinwall, Jr.
General Manager

EHA/aeb

Enc.

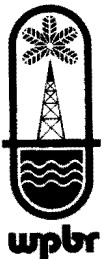


EDITORIAL, SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

President Ford has asked all Americans to come up with a list of ten ways to conserve energy and fight inflation. He has asked us all to share the list with our neighbors and to send him a copy. OK, Mr. President, here's mine:

1. I will postpone indefinitely the purchase and installation of a WPBR hot water heater. We don't really need one anyway.
2. I am asking all WPBR employees to renew their efforts to put out all unnecessary electric lights. Last time we did this we cut 100 bucks off the electric bill.
3. The company car. No more 22 round trips to town a day. A little more organization on the part of us all will mean that we make one trip and get all the errands done at the same time. Sound unamerican? Not these days.
4. Air conditioning. I love air conditioning. It means I can survive in the Florida climate. As of now, thermostats will be set a full five degrees higher than heretofore.
5. A particularly wasteful habit of mine at home is to use hot water for everything. I use hot water to brush my teeth. No more.
6. I like to soak in a nice big hot tub reading and if it cools off a bit then I give it another shot of hot water. Starting today... shallow baths. No soaks. Shorter showers. The whole number.
7. While shaving I've been letting the hot water run continuously to rinse the shaving cream off my razor. I recall that during the Depression my Dad used to run about one inch of lukewarm water into the bathroom basin and that only when the gas was turned on. From now on, an inch or so in the basin will do for me.
8. We'll be eating out a little less from now on. That will not only save gas but it'll save money too.
9. I recall an Old New England saying of my boyhood that I will try to remember more often. "Use it up, wear it out." Not bad advice these days.

And 10, We just got back from a vacation trip abroad where we noticed a foreign custom that if adopted here might serve two purposes. Automobile operators in European cities



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drive with only their dim lights on at night. It must save energy, and if we start to do it...by law...then it could serve as an added reminder to us all, that we are in an energy crunch and in a desperate fight against inflation. Sort of like the effect created by blacking out the top half of our headlights during World War Two.

Those are my recommendations. I'm sending them to the President as he requested. I hope you do too. And mail a copy to WPBR. We'll read the best ones on the air as part of our contribution in this terribly important struggle for our survival.



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September 30, 1974

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Hensen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert B. Andur
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Domestic and International Business
Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

SEP 25 1974

September 23, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your appointment as White House Press Secretary; and welcome to the Federal Bureaucracy.

Certainly, the President could not have made a better choice. The fact that he selected someone from the fifth estate is a tribute to your journalistic abilities and recognition of the fact that broadcast news is now an equal partner in the news gathering system of our country.

You, of course, can count on my support from my current position at the Department of Commerce.

Best of luck,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob".

Robert B. Amdur
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

A handwritten note in cursive script that reads "Dear Bob".

September 27, 1974

Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your note. I greatly appreciate your congratulations.

You were thoughtful to attach a copy of the story which appeared in The Martinsburg Journal.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Fred J. Archibald
Manager, Community Relations
General Motors Corporation
1660 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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1660 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

September 23, 1974

SEP 24 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your appointment. We know you will do an outstanding job.

Thought you might enjoy the attached Martinsburg Journal story which has a local flavor.

Kind regards,



Fred J. Archibald
Manager
Community Relations

Enclosure

September 26, 1974

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your note. It's good that you waited to tell me how wonderful I am. I am older now, more mature, and can handle it. Seriously, I am grateful and appreciate your good wishes.

If you think my hair is too long now, just wait. I hardly have time to smile at myself in the mirror.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph Angotti
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THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020, CIRCLE 7-8300

JOSEPH ANGOTTI

September 24, 1974

Dear Ron . . .

Now that you're leaving I can tell you some things I wouldn't have dared mention before.

I think you were one of the most complete correspondents this network ever had. We have a lot of people who excel at different parts of the reporting craft. Very few can put it together . . . from writing to broadcast . . . as well as you. I formed that opinion when we were on the road together and I kept it when I became a producer.

So there. I mention all this now because I don't care if you get a swollen ego in your new job. Good luck.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOE". The letter "J" is large and loops around the "O", which is also large. The "E" is smaller and positioned to the right of the "O".

p.s. You still need a haircut.

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October 25, 1974

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your good words and congratulations on my appointment. It's good to have the support and confidence of friends as I face the challenges ahead.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert P. Bynum
Bureau of District Office Operations
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21235

REFER TO:

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October 16, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

My belated congratulations and best wishes on the new assignment to what is easily the most important press job in the world. The President could not have made a better selection for this critical spot both from his point of view and from the perspective of the public and your professional colleagues. Your competence and integrity are without question.

Good luck as you go about the difficult business of participating in policy making on major issues and in translating major and minor decisions to all of us.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Bynum

Director

Bureau of District Office Operations

October 17, 1974

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your letter and catching me up on your recent activities - grim as you think they are.

I am so sorry that I didn't get your letter until this afternoon. With our recent travels and the hectic schedule these first weeks, I just didn't know you were going to be in town until you left.

If there's another opportunity for me to say hello, I hope you'll let me know. I'm pleased to know I can count on a "good point man" should the need arise.

I really enjoyed hearing from you. Take care and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Charlie Black
Associate Editor
The Ledger-Enquirer
Columbus, Georgia 31902

RN/RH/sp



Charlie Black
Columbus Enquirer
Columbus, Ga.
4 Oct. 74

Ron Nessen
White House
Washington

Dear Ron,

Jim McConaughy sent me a cryptic communication which indicated he had clipped out that column of mine about when we were both still honest and sent it along to you.

I was afraid somebody might do that.

You may note I spelled your name wrong from start to finish when I wrote that thing.

I know what you're doing. What I'm doing is just about to get fed up being an associate editor with one of the Knight-Ridder farm clubs, writing six of those columns a week about any bloody thing I can scrape up to do it over, and pondering a rather bland future. For crying out loud, I made it all over Africa, got to both the set-tos in the Middle East, wound up a total of six rounds of Nam (you know my method, if method can be found in such madness) and suddenly you people hit me with a bad spell of peace and domestic issues. Ruins my whole game. (You know I got up on the damned Zambesi River in Rhodesia and some fired up liberationist threw a spear at me? It gave me hope that there were exciting times ahead in spite of everything, finding that kind of motivation. Now the big excitement is listening to my wife reading the Thursday grocery ad's and mutter about "organizing" and "rebellion.")

I'm going to be up to that Association of U.S. Army Convention they are holding at the Sheraton-Park mausoleum Sunday through Wednesday. Be around the press room or the Fort Benning Chapter hospitality suite which has a free bar. Staying with a friend, Col. Arch Summers, who is with the Defense Department spook agency over at Pentagon, whose home phone is 521-1116 or office is OX5-2866.

The reason I put all of that in there is that I would sure as hell like to say a quiet, quick hello, get your autograph, *etc* but I will be damned if I will voluntarily add to what has to be an entirely filled up life. You squeeze out a second and can manage it, leave me word at the ~~press~~ AUSA press center at the Sheraton Park, which would impress this hostess type I've never had much luck with at previous conventions. ~~Just~~ Just let me know when you got 30 seconds loose on a phone. I'll call the hello in to you.

Ron, it's good to see a good chaverim in pursuit of something important. You do us a job in there, and by "us" I mean the profession, the White House, the people. We really need it out here in the sticks. Man, most of these people would have to look up to see down right now. They've really been shredded.

Shalom, and you ever need a pretty good point man.

Charlie Black

Charlie Black

October 16, 1974

Dear Bob:

After great consternation, I decided you did deserve a note from me. However, I do hope that rather than being placed in the tin box, it will be framed and hung over your bed! After all, how could you compare my personal note to Christmas cards and erector sets!

All kidding aside, Bob, many thanks for your note and the congratulations on my appointment, and all best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Bob Blatchley
The News American
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

RN/RH/mw





The News American

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Baltimore, Md. 21203

Dear Ron,

Let me add my belated but sincere congratulations on your appointment as Press Secretary for the White House.

Ellison Moss showed me the nice note that you sent him and I guarantee you that if I'm afforded the same treatment it will be placed in my little tin box next to the two Christmas cards I received from Spiro Agnew when he was both Baltimore County Executive and Governor.

Of course the little tin box is kept in my treasure chest right next to the hot Erector Set that I recently purchased on a street corner from Jerome Wolfe and Lester Matz.

Sincerely,

Bob Blatchley



October 9, 1974

Dear Malva:

Thank you for your thoughtful note and the kind words on my appointment as Press Secretary.

I'm delighted about my new assignment, and one of the nicest aspects so far has been hearing from so many old friends. I'll try to give you a call if we get to Des Moines. By the way, thanks for your offer to help!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Hessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Martin Bucksbaum
691 - 53rd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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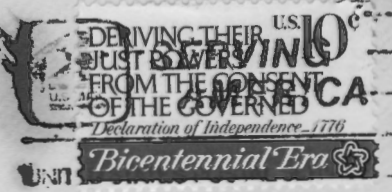
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Dear Ron,

Our heartiest congratulations. How wonderful for you to have received this well-deserved appointment.

I understand the President will be in Des Moines soon - if there is anything we can do for you please let me know. My phone is 515-279-3635.

M' Best,
Melon Buckbaum



The Press Secretary
 The White House
 Washington, D.C.
 20025

Mr. Martin

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Des Moines



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October 8, 1974

Dear Mr. Boelling:

Thank you for your thoughtful telegram.

I am grateful for your good wishes as I take on my assignment with President Ford.

I shall look forward to the opportunity to meet you and to convey my thanks to you in person.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Claus Boelling
Office of the Chancellor
Federal Republic of Germany
Bonn, West Germany

bcc : Andy Falkiewicz (FYI Foreign Correspondence)

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Washington

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16 CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE CHALLENGING AND

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18 ASSIGNMENT IN THE NATIONS CAPITOL HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON

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October 3, 1974

Dear Sid:

Many thanks for your letter and recalling the Calvin Coolidge High School days. Twenty years. . .don't remind me!

It's good to hear from so many old friends and have their good wishes as I take on my position here with President Ford. Despite the fact that my somewhat thinning (?) hair seems to distract some high school buddies, I'm glad to know you aren't denying we know each other! By the way. . .how's your hairline these days!

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Sidney Bretman
Alexander Grant & Company
Mercantile Bank & Trust Building
Two Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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September 23, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

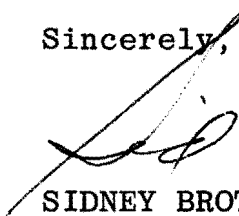
Here are congratulations from a name dating back
some twenty odd years into your past-----Sid
Brotman Calvin Coolidge High School!

I have watched your career blossom on National
television and each time I said to my kids, "I went to
high school with that guy (only he had more hair then)."

I must tell you, Ron, I feel rather proud to see
an old school buddy reach this pinnacle of success. I am
happy for you and wish you much luck. You know, it is some-
what interesting watching you grow bald.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



SIDNEY BROTMAN

SB/sac



October 3, 1974

Dear Bax:

Thanks for the tearsheet and for thinking of me. As for your article, I found it most interesting. As for the P.S. -- "they shoot horses, don't they?"

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Gordon Baxter
KLVI 56
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Beaumont, Texas 77702

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Beaumont, Texas 77702

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Mr. Ron Messer
The White House
Washington, D.C.

COMMUNITY IN MOTION • OPINION

PAGE 4, THE INDEPENDENT, Liberty, Texas September 19, 1974



Jack Lechinger

STATE OFFICIALS ARE IN NO HURRY TO MAKE NEEDED CHANGES IN PROTECTING RIGHTS OF THE YOUNG

THE GOAL AND THE ROUTE THERETO

Ain't no yankee judge gone tell us what to do...

Austin — Come to attention state's righters. Unfurl the stars and bars, face Austin and salute your champion, Attorney General John L. Hill.

Last week, in the wake of a federal court decision to close two juvenile detention homes, Hill filed an appeal disputing U.S. District Judge William Justice's ruling.

Not because the decision was fundamentally wrong — even Hill admits the state planned to phase out the homes at Gatesville and Mountain View — but because that Union judge had no right to tell us Texans what to do.

The chairman of the Texas Youth Council which controls the institutes, Forrest Smith, told newsmen, "TYC may be working toward the same goals the judge wants to attain, but more important is how we reach the goals, and whether it's our decision or his."

In addition to appealing the court decision Hill has also asked to stay the order which includes submitting a comprehensive plan for converting the juvenile system from its present "crime

Gil Martin The Sunday Morning Massacre

Washington — Sunday, September 8, 1974 — Little has been said since Ford's Sunday morning massacre in the halls

school" state to a rehabilitative set up.

Again, Hill, speaking on behalf of TYC officials, admits the system needs change and plans for change are forthcoming. But the gall of Judge Justice telling us what to do is revolting to Hill and his TYC confederates.

So, the appeal could be taken to, ironically, a federal appellate court in New Orleans. And the final decision could take a year or longer.

In the mean time those forgotten boys and girls committed to these human "warehouses" will stay there.

Dr. Jerome Miller, former director of the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (that state's TYC counterpart) and now advisor to the governor of Illinois, made a study of Texas' youth facilities.

According to Miller, the Texas institutes are a "terrible waste" economically as well as being conducive to creating more crime.

The children in such institutions become more animalistic and dangerous the longer they are detained there, Miller said.

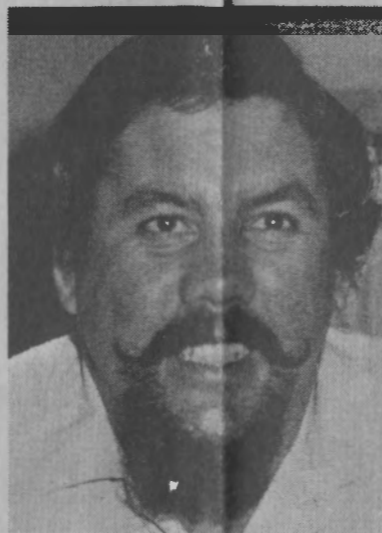
For those less concerned with changing juvenile offenders and more concerned with the change in their pocket, Miller has said the cost of rehabilitating kids in private and public centers for rehabilitation is substantially less than operating the large detention facilities.

He bases his statement on statistics gathered from the Massachusetts youth



So President Ford's Christlike forgiveness of our enemies does not sit well with you, eh Christian? Well, let this ole sage of Village Creek tell you the true story of how deserter Private Hogan Company I, 6th Infantry, was returned to useful society in the year of 1861.

Dennis Hogan, Private, U.S. Army did desert Fort Mojave, New Mexico on the 6th day of January in 1860, but was caught in two days. But three months later, on March 8th, Hogan escaped custody of his guard and was not apprehended until over one year later, the 4th of July, 1861 in the city of Los Angeles.



To the surprise of almost no one, hunting season is upon us. The special teal season opened last Saturday and

ROM — FOR FUM — BAK

Gordon Baxter

TURN ON THE SPOTLIGHT, CBS

HOGAN'S AMNESTY

Bald of head, smoking of butt, he was drummed out. Doesn't a President deserve better?

Being found guilty as charged, twice for desertion, Hogan was sentenced as follows:

"...to refund to the United States the expenses of his apprehension, to forfeit all his pay and allowances, to receive 50 lashes on his bare back with a rawhide well laid on, to be indelibly marked on his left hip "D", 1 1/2 inches long, to be confined at hard labor under guard wearing a 24 pound ball and chain for six months, and then to have his head shaved and to be drummed out of the service.", thus to return, a forgiven and useful citizen we presume.

I really think this would be sufficient for the draft dodgers, deserters and other traitors to work their way back into society, but seems unfit for a criminal President. For Nixon let us go back two hundred years to the devices of those real paragons of Christianity, the Pilgrim Fathers. Let Nixon be placed on the ducking stool in the rotunda of the Capitol and the boom be lowered into the water of the tub once for each of his offenses. Then let him be pilloried and left to dry on the lawn in front of the White House, warmed only by the lights of CBS.

P.S. THIS MAN WON THE LOCAL LIVE CHICKEN EATING CONTEST.

Harold Beeson

SHOOTING DOWN THE FASHIONABLE SHARPSHOOTERS

Who are, if nothing else, fashionable

soaked maniacs who substitute wholesale carnage for sexual prowess. (No kidding, one of their advertisements strongly implied anyone who hunts is a

5. The most serious cause of wildlife decline is: a. hunting b. habitat destruction c. natural evolution d. predators

of the capitol or on the streets of Washington, which did not reflect directly on that deed. The editorial pages of the two major District newspapers have been filled with commentary. Probably half the editorials since that Sunday have been devoted to the whos and the whys of the action - most not very complimentary to Mr. Ford.

Having concluded that the honeymoon ended with the President's economic policy, I can now confirm that the marriage is on the rocks. Mutual trust and cooperation is uncommon in the case of an estranged couple. The biggest winner from the fiasco will be the Democratic party which can now openly campaign on Watergate and Republican "deals" for the next few months at least. Other than that I would like to beg off adding to the reams of pages already penned on Ford's first disaster.

On Sunday, September 8, I attended a United Farm Workers benefit picnic which helped to distract me from the national miscarriage of justice.

Sinister conspiracy?

I trust that your top of page one story of your September 12 issue is not a preview of coming attractions for your paper. One can only imagine the journalistic qualifications and credentials of this unknown author.

The reasoning which your article followed leads only the more less endowed among us astray. Such "reasoning" also leads us to believe that because every US President since 1840 has died in office at every twenty year period, that a sinister national or international conspiracy or curse is at work.

I am very doubtful that this letter will ever be reproduced; but it would be most interesting to read your possible excuse or explanation to the readers for "The Shadow of Artesia Hall . . ." Such an explanation would be, I am sure, typical editorial snobbery. Sincerely,

A self-appointed critical reviewer from Cleveland that is not "afraid to tell"

PS - Please excuse my typing errors. I did not major in as much in college as good journalism must not have been yours.

(ed: critiques on this story are running about 60-40, with the majority (60%) saying they didn't like it. This letter is the only written criticism of the story, and we only wish the writer had the hair to sign it. As an added note to future letter writers, this is strictly a one-

system which changed from a Texas-like system to the sort of operation Judge Justice has ordered.

If the world of a Yankee is not good enough, then consider the statements of Texas State Representative Carlos Truan, head of the state's Committee on Human Resources.

Truan said professional studies have indicated children committed to the rehabilitative schools are less likely to commit crimes again.

As a matter of fact, Truan said, one study found only about 25 percent of the youths committed to a small rehabilitative home would ever even be in court again - guilty or not. This compares with a 50 percent figure for those committed to the large state institutes.

State officials will not widely dispute such statements. They admit a small center created to teach children how to get along in society is just what the state needs.

They admit the present large institutions are falling short of reaching the desirable goals. And finally, they have agreed to recreate the TYC system.

But they are in no hurry to make the needed changes and the efforts of a federal judge in the Texas Republic who has tried to protect the rights of young Texans is strongly resented.

time break with policy. There will be no more unsigned letters printed. This one was run because it contained worthwhile criticism, and because it was directed to the newspaper - not a public or private individual.

To the writer, and I sincerely hope you'll write again (your name will be withheld if requested), no excuses are offered. There was an obvious connection to Artesia Hall in each of these deaths, and no publication has yet bothered to call it to public attention. That's the reason this story was written.)

The genius of Bax, Jacobs

Have you room for one more (columnist, reporter, contributor?)

I have followed your fledgling periodical with admiration and interest. I have been a student of Gordon Baxter's satirical genius since my transplant to the Thicket country from Houston, about 10 months ago. Since then I've become a regular reader of Don Jacobs, also.

My earliest literary attempts have been published in limited circulation magazines and correspondence in the Houston newspapers. I have received very kind words of encouragement

the upcoming Saturday will be the first day of the mourning dove season in southeast Texas.

On the subject of legal targets, this is also the time of year hunters find they are just that-legal targets of some Fashionable sharpshooters who annually enlist in the ranks of those who are sworn to drive the psychopathic slaughterers of Bambi from these United States.

I often wish Bambi and those other (get ready for this one) anthropomorphic creations of authors and artists had been caught in the forest fire. Maybe then hunters would not have the experience of sitting across the table from one of these sharpshooters who, as he wolfs down a thick steak, waxes poetic on the trials and tribulations of the hunted animal.

What, as one well-known outdoor writer-whose name I cannot recall at this time-once asked, makes bringing down a deer or a duck in its natural habitat with a clean shot so much worse than poleaxing a steer between the eyes as it stands knee-deep in mud, blood and excretion?

Of course, Friends of Animals, Inc. and that group of Grade-B actresses who frequent television talk shows and act as mouthpieces for The Movement would have you believe hunters are blood-

even from those who have "not been able to use (my) offering at this time."

With very little encouragement I will submit articles, research stories, write features "on consignment." I sincerely believe that our association would prove mutually advantageous.

Please consider me an available and willing candidate for your newspaper. I am free for an interview or further investigation of this idea at your convenience.

ELLEN RUIZ

(ed: Ellen you're in deep trouble if you're a student of the geniui of Bax and Jacobs, since both are perverts. Follow them and you'll end up as a bearded, half-century old, guitar-picking, rabble-rousing disciple. Why can't you pick someone wirtbubile to admire, like Harold Beeson?)

OK, seriously. We don't usually print letters like this, since they are sort of personal job applications. It's just that we can't let such compliments on our editors go unseen. Yes, we'd be glad to see your work. We only ask writers to do the best job they can, to write with courage, to say what they want to say, without regard to length, language or subject matter.)

phed anyone who hunts is impotent . . . I can't wait to tell my wife about that one.)

There may be those hunters who have had a bad childhood experience with a charging rabbit or a crazed squirrel and now spend each hunting season seeking vengeance from the entire species. Most hunters, however, hunt for other reasons, such as: (1) To put meat on the table; (2) To enjoy the challenge and the exercise hunting gives them; (3) To work the dogs they spend all year training; (4) To get out of the house.

To sway some of those people who are straddling the fence in the controversy, the National Hunting and Fishing Day people - the day is September 28, by the way - are distributing a little test for hunters and non-hunters alike.

Try your luck on these and don't be surprised if you miss more than one . . .

1. Most of the money for conservation programs in your state comes from: a. your taxes b. federal aid c. sportsmen d. private groups.

2. Compared to 75 years ago, the number of deer in the U.S. today is: a. one-tenth b. one-half c. same d. five times as many

4. According to the Dept. of Interior, of the 109 animals on the endangered list, how many are hunted? a. none b. 15 c. 62 d. 109

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ANSWERS:

1. (c) Sportsmen pay nearly \$300 million for conservation annually. They are often the sole support of conservation departments.

2. (d) There are some 15 million deer in the U.S. today. There were 500,000 in 1900.

3. (d) There are 5 times as many elk, and also many more antelope, turkey and beaver.

4. (a) That's right. No endangered species are hunted.

5. (b) Experts agree that destruction of habitat is far more injurious to wildlife than any other factor.

6. (d) \$2.8 Billion. It's all for conservation, and it all comes from sportsmen.

The next time your grandpa tells you about the hunting in the good old days, show him these figures on the deer population then and now, or show anyone who exhibits an anti-hunting bias any of these answers and it should give them a pause. . . On the second thought, if the person is a real hard-core member of FA, Inc. or other organizations of that like, don't waste your time. It is now Fashionable to be against hunting and if they are anything, by God, they are Fashionable.

October 3, 1974

Dear Barnee:

Many thanks for your note. I appreciate your congratulations, and it's nice to know that I may be a possible candidate for a saint! Thanks for your kind invitation. I'll be sure and keep it in mind should my schedule permit.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Barnee Breeskin, President
The Circus Saints and Sinners Club
910 - 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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From the desk of

BARNEE BRESKIN



Dear Ron-

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Dear Ron -

From one native to another -
So far as I can figure out
what I need - you are - candidate
for a saint - but we shall see.

Have watched you grow. grow
and competition -
Wish you would have been
with us - the Art Beechfield
deal - maybe one day - you -
Bill Simon - Dec. 5th -
maybe you can come for lunch -
Regards -
Barnee Breeskin



Rally Song of the WASHINGTON REDSKINS

HAIL TO THE REDSKINS



Words by
CORINNE GRIFFITH

Music by
BARNEE BRESKIN

*To a great guy -
Ron - From a composer
who hopes Super Bowl*

James Beach

Tempo di Marcia

C Cdim C F7 C

HAIL TO THE RED - SKINS Hail vic - to -

G7 Em G7 C Cdim C F7 Cdim

ry Braves on the war - path

C Am Fmaj6 G7 C E7 Am G Am G

Fight for old D. C. Scarp 'em, swamp 'em We will take 'em

Indian War Dance



The musical score is arranged in six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The guitar chords are indicated by chord diagrams above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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System 3: Chords: G, C, G7, C, Cdim., C, F, F7. Lyrics: ton (Rahl Rahl Rahl) HAIL TO THE RED-SKINS —

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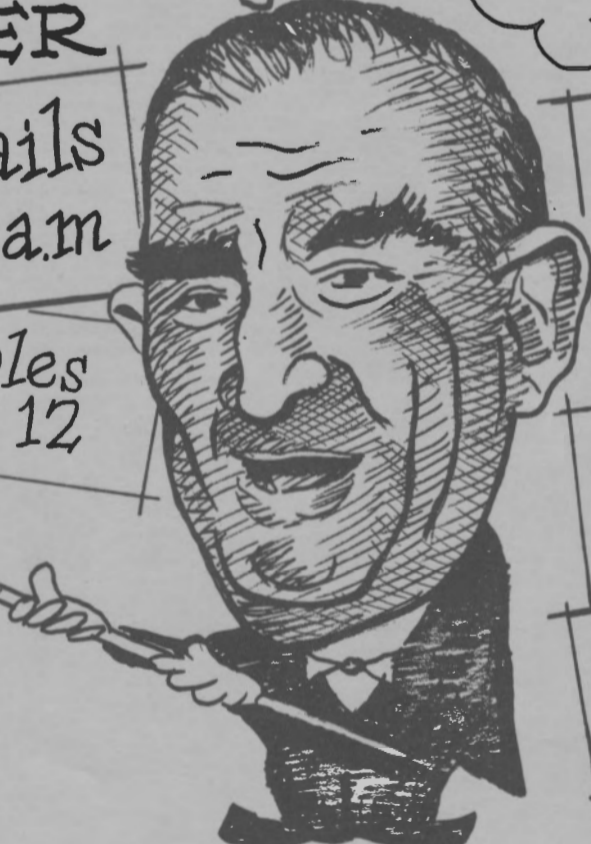
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"Sinner" Pete Boruta

October 2, 1974

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter and taking time from your touring to send your good wishes.

I appreciate having the clipping you enclosed, and I hope you enjoy Japan. Looks like we may be going soon, and I'm looking forward to a report from you before I take my trip.

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

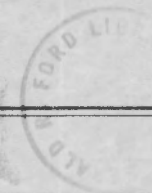
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Mr. Bob Best
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Sept 21, 1974
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Dear Ron -

Enclosed is a clipping which I found in the morning paper. I thought you might like to have it.

Congratulations to you for the new job and all good wishes. I've followed your career over the years and you certainly have come a long way from the old "Times-Herald Student Assembly" days at WASH-FM!!

I am currently touring Japan the entire month of September. It is a great experience.

Again all best wishes and "tell it like it is".

Sincerely
Bob Best

SEP 25 1974

Bob Best

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October 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Brownlee:

Thank you for the Candygram and kind wishes!

I was delighted to receive the candy, and appreciate your thinking of me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Kenneth L. Brownlee
Major Account Manager
Western Union
427 LaSalle Street South
Chicago, Illinois 60605

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*Thank you
Candygram*



October 1, 1974

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Your prayers and good wishes are most encouraging to me as I take on this position, and I will do my utmost to merit the support you express on my new position.

I do hope that you'll call my office when you come to Washington. It will be wonderful to do some catching up and reminiscing.

Warm wishes to Millie and you,

Sincerely,

**Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Cantor Jacob Barkin
27375 Bell Road
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Mr. Ronald Nessen,
White House Press Secretary,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Ron:

How thrilled and proud I am on this historic milestone in your life!

Both Millie and I have been so excited with your appointment and acceptance, that we are truly becoming emotionally involved.

We have relived so many and varied nostalgic memories in recent years, as we followed your travels and listened and watched your progress.

I pray and hope that this most prestigious and responsible position will prove to be yet another ascending step to your every desire fulfilled.

Though I do not get to Washington as often, any more, I would consider it a personal honor to meet and greet you when I do come in sometime in November. May I call on you? Thank you!

Millie joins me in our warmest and heartfelt of good wishes, to you and yours.

As ever and always,

Jack



September 30, 1974

Dear Michael:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Michael Brunson
United States Correspondent
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September 20th 1974.

Mr Ron Nessen,
Press Secretary to the President,
The White House,
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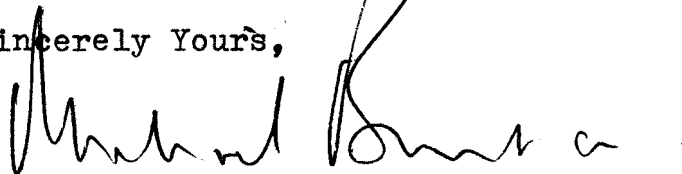
Dear Ron,

Many congratulations on your new appointment, which is so richly deserved.

I shall not forget that excellent 'briefing' you once gave me as we bounced around in a bus together in the middle of North Carolina, on Mr Ford as Vice President.

And I look forward to receiving from you at the Briefing Room rostrum similar helpful understanding of Mr Ford as President.

Sincerely Yours,



Michael Brunson
U.S. Correspondent.

Dear Michael:

September 30, 1974

Dear Horace:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes. They mean a great deal to me and add to my enthusiasm for this new assignment.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Horace Busby
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HORACE BUSBY

September 24, 1974

SEP 25 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

If fairness and civility are relevant assets in your new job, then this ought to be a great success. You gave one President a very fair ride from the other side of the desk, and I hope that the forces now at work in Washington will let you do the same for this President.

In a quite neutral way, I care very much about the success of this presidency, and I hope that you can contribute much to that objective. Needless to say, of course, like all your friends, I hope this is a rousing success for you in every way.

All the best.

Sincerely,


Horace Busby

*Dear
Horace*

September 26, 1974

Dear Shirley and Bennett:

Many thanks for your thoughtful note.

Cindy and I are both delighted over the challenges and new experiences that are sure to come with my appointment as Press Secretary. We will, of course, miss the freedom of leisurely visits with all our friends, but I'm confident we'll all get together soon.

Your good wishes and good friendship mean a great deal to Cindy and me.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Boskey
5116 Baltimore Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20016

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Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Boskey



Sat. Sept 21 '74

Dear Ron -

We could have phoned, but we thought probably our machine was running constantly, and we didn't want to risk during Cindy's rest. So we are taking this more formal way of adding our voice to your congratulations and well-wishers. We're glad to know that the news is in good hands (which, of course, is not


at all to suggest that it will be
"managed").

We assume the days of leisurely
strolls along Baltimore Ave with Edward,
as well as of leaf-picking, are temporarily
in abeyance for you. But we shall
hope to find some coincidence of your
free time and ours, some time. Mean-
time, we wish you great satisfaction in
the new post.

Cordially

Stanley + Bennett



Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
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September 26, 1974

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your note. The good wishes I've received from you and other friends adds to my confidence that I've made the right decision in accepting this appointment. I'm grateful and look forward to my duties.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. William Boyle
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DEAR RON

CONGRATULATIONS - IT'S GREAT. YOU
CERTAINLY DESERVE A BREAK -
I HOPE IT IS SUCCESSFUL -

I KNOW YOU ARE QUALIFIED -
& YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN
YOU ARE BEING "LIED" TO -
AFTER YEARS WITH NBC

ALL THE BEST

BILL BOYLE