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October 31, 1974

Dear Mr. Dordahl:

Thank you for your letter of October 23.

It is good to hear from you again and have your kind words on my appointment. As you recall from our discussion so many years ago, there certainly are some problems and difficulties in reporting the news through mass media. I have learned since then that those problems extend all the way back to those disseminating the news to reporters for the mass media!

I am delighted with this assignment and am looking forward to the challenges ahead. I'm glad to know so many are sharing my enthusiasm, and I thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph P. Dordahl
710 Gretchen Road
Chula Vista, California 92010

RN/RH/mw



710 Gretchen Road
Chula Vista, CA 92010
October 23, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Congratulations on your appointment as Press Secretary.
The President has made a good choice.

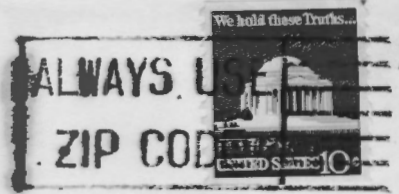
I was formerly the Executive Officer of the USS Alamo
(LSD 33) and I have often recalled our meeting on board
on the eve of a landing in the Mekong Delta in the Spring
of 1966. Particularly interesting was gaining an insight
into the problems confronting those who are responsible
for reporting the news through mass media. I have been
following your career with a great deal of interest since
that time.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,


Joseph P. Dordahl

710 Gretchen Road
Chula Vista, CA 20500



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

October 30, 1974

Dear Joe:

**Thanks for the note and the clipping. It's moving
right along -- and thanks for the cheery words.**

Best regards,

Sincerely,

**Ren Messen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Joseph Derby
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

RN/CM/mw



NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

DATE _____


Ron Nessen

Please

Draft reply for my signature.		Phone me.
Reply your signature.		Return to me with your comments or recommendations.
For your information.		
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For signature.		Budget Data.
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REMARKS:

I have a feeling, like a former occupant, you are reading more and liking it less.

How goes it? 

Much luck and keep your chin up.

J.D.

Josenh Derby

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NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.



Ron Nessen
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.



THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

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October 30, 1974

Dear Jack:

**Thanks for the good words on my appointment.
I hope you will get in touch when you are in
Washington.**

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ken Messer
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Jack Dillon
National Broadcasting Co. News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

RN/CM/mw



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

October 23, 1974

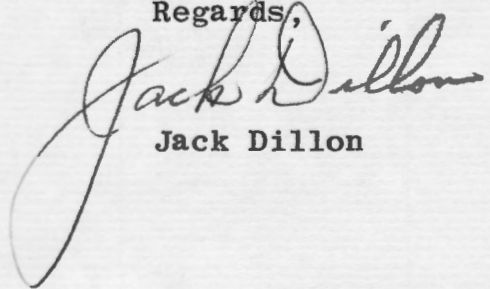
Mr. Ron Nessen
Presidential Press Secretary
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

Now that the "fuss and feathers" of your new appointment has blown away, I'd like to offer my very best wishes on your new career.

When I visit Washington D.C. next I would like to say "hello".

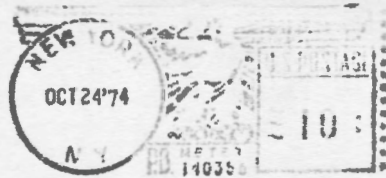
Regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Dillon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jack Dillon



J. DILLON Room 452
NBC NEWS



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



THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

October 17, 1974

Dear Steve:

Many thanks for your note and all the good wishes. I must admit, my ears haven't quite gotten used to hearing me being talked about rather than hearing me talking!

I do appreciate having your congratulations and support as I take on my duties with President Ford. I'm well aware that it won't be all smooth sailing, but I do find this side of the rostrum most interesting.

With my gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ren Neeson
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Stephen M. DuBrel, Jr.
One Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

RN/RH/mw



STEPHEN M. DUBRUL, JR.
ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020

October 8, 1974


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

Dear Ron:

Your ears would have been more red than pink last Wednesday if you had been able to hear the comments made at the NBC Directors' meeting concerning yourself.

We are all terribly proud of you for your courage and pioneering in taking on this new job. As a long-time director of NBC, I would like to extend to you my best wishes and congratulations.

Best regards,



October 8, 1974

Dear Nat and Thal:

Many thanks for your kind note. I appreciate hearing from you and having your good wishes and your confidence. I'm getting used to this side of the podium, and am enjoying the challenges of this assignment.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all when you are in town.

My best to you both,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Davis
2220 Wallace Avenue
New York, New York 10467

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RN:jg




SEP 25 1974



Dear Ron —

9/19/74

Congratulations and all the best —! From the days of the early fifties (when I was somewhat your mentor in the field) — You've successfully accomplished all in the field of your endeavor. With interest we've watched and heard from the family as well. So very we missed each other when last in Washington at Shoreham Hotel. — I'm still not quite public relations



meeting & walking into the press.
Nad & I look forward one day
to seeing you ^{finally} & your little big
Cousin Ruso - managed to make
Chi Beta Kappa. (The years passed -
Happiest to you and your
family - (You were quite good
Your first meeting with D.)
With warm personal
wishes,
Affectionately,
Nad & Hal Davis
If you be & help - call!



Mr. Ronald Tessen,
Press Secretary.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Personal

W. K. Davis

2220 Wallace Ave.

NY City 10467

October 7, 1974

Dear Betty:

Many thanks for your note and the good words on my appointment. A felicitation from you is a special one on top of the stack, and I appreciate it!

Warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Miss Betty Dukart
2660 Woodley Road, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Nessen/RH/mlg



Ron-

May I add one more felicitation
to your stack. I'm sure you
will prove a credit to both
journalism and the presidency.

Many good wishes.



Betty Dukert

October 2, 1974

M E E T T H E P R E S S

America's Press Conference of the Air

October 3, 1974

Dear Joe:

I have no idea either, but I'm thinking of political "marriage counselling." Thanks for the note and enclosed telegram.

My best to et al,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Joe Derby
News Press Desk
National Broadcasting Co.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

RN/CM/mw



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Ron Nessen

DATE _____

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REMARKS:

Ron:

Why do they insist on linking you with us.

We have ~~no~~ no idea where your'e going!

Joe

Josenh Derby

TO N B C NEWS PRESS D E S K

SEP 25 1974

A T T E N T I O N

DERBY-ET AL
1420

CONGRATULATIONS TO N B C NEWS ON THE SELECTION OF RON NESSEN
AS THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL NEWS SECRETARY.... IT IS A GREAT HONOR
FOR THE N B C NETWORK, FOR NESSEN, AND FOR AFFILIATES.

PLEASE FORWARD A COLOR 35 MM SKLIDEXXXX SLIDE OF NESSEN
TO OUR ATTENTION ASAP.... PLEASE AND CICKXXX CONGRATS AGAIN.

FROM W B O Y TV NEWS

CLARKSBURG WEST VIRGINIA 26301

JOHN M PRATT NEWS DIRECTOR

11 SEP 20 PM 2 56

THANKS AND REGARDSMMMM.....

October 3, 1974

Dear Bud:

Thanks for your note and the good wishes.

**If we do travel around your way, hope we'll
get a chance to visit.**

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ken Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. John Dancy
National Broadcasting Co. News
Kurfuerstendamm 26A
1 Berlin 15 Germany**

RN/RH/mw



JOHN DANCY

NBC News

SEP 28 1974

Ron—

Congratulations and
best wishes.

See you in Europe
one of these days.

—T. Dancy

October 3, 1974

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the congratulatory memorandum!
Sorry you missed the September 25 meeting,
but I'm sure we'll have the chance to get
together soon. In the meantime, many thanks
for your offer. It's nice to know I can count
on you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joe Dawson
Public Affairs Director
Office of Consumer Affairs
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

RN/CM/mw





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

September 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN
 Press Secretary
 The White House

FROM: JOE DAWSON *Joe*
 Public Affairs Director

Sorry I missed the public affairs meeting September 25 in the Roosevelt Room. Unfortunately, the note from Jim Holland was delivered to the wrong office.

However, I do want to take this opportunity to wish you success in your new position and offer our help in any way we can. We are considered the in-house experts on consumerism, so if you ever want an in-house briefing on the subject, just let me know. We will also try to advise you on pending problems.

cc: James Holland

October 1, 1974

Dear Claudia:

Many thanks for your letter and the kind words.

As I understand it, President Ford is planning to visit South Dakota next month. It's doubtful the plans will include a trip to North Dakota; but if we do get there, I'm glad to know I can count on your assistance.

I do appreciate having your good wishes and confidence as I take on my new duties here. . . . heaven knows I'm going to need all the support I can get.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Claudia Danovic
WDAY - TV
Box 2466
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

RN/RH/mw



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September 24, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron,

My heartiest congratulations on your new assignment as White House Press Secretary. It does my ego good to know that of all the correspondents in Washington, both President Ford and I chose you as the crème de la crème of journalists!

We understand that the President is considering making a trip ^{5/4} to the Dakotas next month. I hope his plans will include a stop in Fargo, North Dakota, and that you will accompany him on that trip. If there is anything I can do to help you in that regard, please contact me.

Once again my sincere congratulations and best wishes. You've given those of us associated with the electronic media a new place in the sun.

Very sincerely,

Claudia Danovic

Claudia Danovic



WDAY - TV 8 - DEVILS LAKE/GRAND FORKS
WDAY - FM/STEREO 93.7 - FARGO
WDAY - TV 6 - FARGO
WDAY - AM 970 - FARGO

October 1, 1974

Dear Ron:

Many thanks for your letter. One of the nicest things about my appointment has been hearing from old friends and catching up on their activities.

It has been a long time since we donned that battle gear in Saigon, and I am glad to catch up on what you've been doing since.

Best wishes and good luck to you at the Stanford Research Institute.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Ronald L. Deutsch
Director, Public Relations
Stanford Research Institute
Menlo Park, California 94025**

RN/RH/mw





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MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94025
(415) 326-6200

SEP 23 1974

September 20, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your new appointment.

Many moons have passed since we put on battle gear to cover the war in Vietnam in 1965 when AP and NBC were in the same office in Saigon.

I've put in a few stints, mainly in Europe, for the U.S. Government since, as press attache in The Hague and press officer in London.

I wish you good speed in your new career.

Sincerely,

Ronald I. Deutsch
Director, Public Relations

October 1, 1974

Dear Hank:

It was good of you to write and bring those
Kinshasa days back to mind.

I will remember the day at the airport when you
left me with the Congolese troops. . . thankfully,
the troops in the press room aren't armed with
guns!

I'm delighted to know you are enjoying your
freedom from high pressured responsibilities.
Maybe someday I can be "the boy who finally
came to lunch" if we ever get down your way.

Many thanks for the reminiscences, and best
wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Ren Hessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Henry L. Davis
Apt. 306 Concord Towers
4525 Cove Circle
St. Petersburg, Florida 33708

RN/RH/mw



SEP 23 1974

Apt. 306 Concord Towers
4525 Cove Circle
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33708
September 21, 1974

Dear Ron,

Congratulations on your appointment as press secretary to President Ford. It's a tough job, but a tremendously interesting one.

You no doubt do not remember me offhand, but you might if I recall for you that I was the press attache at the American Embassy in Kinshasa, Zaire (formerly the Congo), when the mercenaries made their last hurrah in 1966 or 1967. I forget now which year it was. It was my job to provide facilitative services to you and the other members of the large group of media representatives who came to Kinshasa to cover the uprising. Whenever you have appeared on TV I invariably have referred to you to my wife as "the boy who didn't come to lunch," while I call David Culhane of CBS as "the boy who came to lunch." I had the entire group of media representatives at my home one day when matters had somewhat simmered down in the Congo. You were invited, of course, but didn't make an appearance. David Culhane spent an uncomfortable afternoon at my place wondering what you were up to.

I was amused by your remark when President Ford introduced you to the Washington press corps - "don't leave me alone out here." This is exactly what you said to me at the airport in Kinshasa when we were waiting for aircraft to bring refugees from Stanleyville. We were having difficulty with the odious military attache at our embassy. He didn't want you or your cameraman near the aircraft. I went off to find someone else to intercede, leaving you surrounded by a bunch of potentially trigger happy Congolese troops, and you called after me, "don't leave me alone out here." To shorten the story, you got your film footage of the refugees.

I retired from the U.S. Information Agency toward the end of 1971 and moved to Florida a few months later. I have thoroughly enjoyed my freedom from work responsibilities.

Well, Ron, the best of luck in your new assignment.

Sincerely,

Hank

Henry L. Davis

September 30, 1974

Dear Mrs. de Vasconcellos:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I greatly appreciate your kind words and good wishes. That early radio training at Coolidge helped get me started on my way.

Please tell your mother to keep cheering. I'll need all the support I can get.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Sylvio de Vasconcellos
2121 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037**

RN/EMO/mw



September 20, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House

Dear Ron,

I remember so well when you tried out for sports-caster at Coolidge! Our Radio Club people have acquitted themselves very nicely in the world, but your career has surpassed wildest dreams.

Ever since you came to public notice, my mother (who is your greatest fan--the kind that only mothers can be) and I have followed you all the way.

We are proud as can be of your new appointment and wish you every success in the difficult task that lies ahead.

All the best to you,



Muriel Habel Vasconcellos
(Mrs. Sylvio de Vasconcellos)

2121 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

September 27, 1974

Dear Mr. Dicks:

Thank you for your note. I greatly appreciate your kind words and congratulations.

I am grateful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Randall J. Dicks
101 Carl Drive, #1347
Columbus, Ohio 43210

RN/EMO/mw





Ohio State University
COLUMBUS, OHIO

101 Curl Drive, #1347
Columbus, Ohio 43210

SEP 23 1974

September 20th, 1974

Dear Mr. Nessen:

I have enjoyed, respected, and believed you as a reporter for NBC News, and I think you will make a fine Press Secretary. What a difference there will be in the White House newsroom now, and that of just a few weeks ago!

I send you my congratulations, and best wishes in your new job.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Dicks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randall J. Dicks

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



September 26, 1974

Dear Mrs. Deane:

Thank you for the thoughtful card.

One of the nicest things that's happened since I began my new duties here is hearing from so many kind people and friends. Your good wishes add to my confidence and enthusiasm for the days ahead, and I am grateful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Kathleen P. Deane
111 University Boulevard West
Apartment 1008
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

RN/RH/mw



Congratulations
On Your
PROMOTION

The "old timers" are
proud of a "native son's"
distinguished recognition.

Most sincerely,
Kathleen Deane

P.S. I was your mother's sixth
grade teacher at Takoma
School as well as her neighbor
on Eighth Street.

A wealth of good wishes
Especially sent
To congratulate you
On this happy event
And to wish that your future
Brings continued success
With all that it takes
For your happiness.

It is with distinct
pleasure I offer my
congratulations on your
appointment as White
House press secretary.

September 26, 1974

Dear Ethel:

Many thanks for your lovely note and the kind donation to the Alpha Omega Foundation.

Your good wishes for me and my family are greatly appreciated as I take on my position with President Ford. I am deeply grateful for his confidence, but the warm wishes from you and other friends are immeasurably encouraging for the challenges ahead.

Cindy joins me in thanking you for your thoughtfulness and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Ethel N. Dubit
4701 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

RN/RH/mw



EHD

Dear Rod:

How can I ever express in words the feelings that are in my heart for you and your mother for the richly deserved honor that has been bestowed upon you by President Ford to be his Press Secretary!

I am so very proud of you
and know you will be most
successful.

May you be blessed with good
health to enjoy continued success
and a very happy New Year to you
and your dear ones.

With warm affection,
Ethel Rubin



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Dear

"God is the source of all light.
May His light of joy and peace
shine upon all."

On behalf of our membership
we wish to advise you that a
contribution has been made
by

Name Edith Ruchel

Address 4701 Melrose Ave

Cherry Chase, Md 20015

To The Alpha Omega
Foundation In Honor of

Ron Nessen

on the occasion of

your appointment as Press
Secretary to President
Ford!

September 25, 1974

Dear Grant:

Many thanks for your letter last week and the good wishes.

I too recall that conversation so long ago. . . little did I know then! I am enthusiastic about the challenges ahead, despite the somewhat hectic pace so far.

I don't blame you for holding off any public claims on teaching me "everything I know." Even if you don't go "on the record", you and I know where the responsibility lies! Thanks for the good words, good training and good friendship. . . which have been and always will be helpful to me.

Warm regards,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Grant Dillman
United Press International
News Building
220 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017**

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GRANT DILLMAN

VICE PRESIDENT

AND

WASHINGTON MANAGER

315 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

(PHONE 202-393-3430)

Sept. 20, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I'm not going to start claiming I taught you everything you know until I get a better fix on your track record. But I can and do offer you heartiest congratulations and best wishes for success in your new post.

I seem to recall a conversation a couple years ago -- or perhaps even longer ago -- in which you said something to the effect that you sometimes wished you could be more of a participant in events and less of an observer.

Well, my friend, that desire landed you right in the kitchen. Don't let the heat get you down!

Warmest best wishes,


Grant Dillman

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October 25, 1974

Dear Mickey:

Many thanks for your good words, wishes of luck and congratulations on my appointment. It's good to have the confidence and support of friends as I face the challenges ahead, and it's nice to know that I can count on you should the need arise. I, too, am sorry I missed that party. Hopefully, I'll get to New Orleans again.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ren Hossen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mrs. Vera E. Kasterling
1744 Lakeshore Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122**

RN/CM/mw



Mrs. Vern E. Easterling
1744 Lakeshore Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

Dear Ron (not Zigler):

Congratulations! Good Luck! ...
... and all the superlatives which go
with your recent appointment.

Betty Guillard (Social Editor of
The State Item) and I are so
delighted your talents were recognized
before you "expired in 1976".

Seriously Ron, we are so pleased
you were chosen for this marvelous
opportunity and wish you much success.

We still feel you missed a great
time by not going to that party with
us, but hope that should your travels
bring you back to New Orleans, you will
call and let us show you our fair
city. Also, should you ever need any
help or information in our area, you
will not hesitate to call or write at any time

Sincerely,
Mickey

October 8, 1974

Dear Calvin:

Many thanks for your note.

I'm delighted that a long lost cousin would come forth and wish me good luck on my new appointment. . .it's encouraging to know you aren't discounting me!

The good wishes from family and friends have meant a great deal to me in these first hectic weeks, and I appreciate your moral support!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Calvin Eisenberg
Levenfeld, Kanter, Baskes & Lippitt
10 South La Salle Street, 8th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603

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October 4, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I could not resist writing you as a long lost ex-cousin to congratulate you on your recent appointment.

Permit me to wish you the greatest success in what has to be one of the toughest jobs in the country.

Cordially,



Calvin Eisenberg

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October 2, 1974

Dear Rob:

Good Lord!

But would Hong Kong have given me this splendid chance at political marriage "counseling?"

It was good of you to offer your congratulations. If I get to the provinces in the near future, we'll have to get together and enjoy your expense account! Again, many thanks.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Robert T. Eaton
Director, TV News
National Broadcasting Co. News
3600 West Alameda Avenue
Burbank, California 91523

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SEP 28 1974

A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

3000 WEST ALAMEDA AVENUE, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA 915 23

(213) 845-7000, 849-3911

September 23, 1974

Dear Ron:

Jesus Christ!

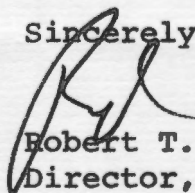
Maybe you should have gone to Hong Kong after all.

Seriously, I think it is great.

I would have tried to call to tell you in person, but you know how we provincials from the West Coast are about trying to contact the Washington establishment.

Good luck and if you ever convince your new boss to come out this way, I'd be happy to buy a drink on my expense account -- limited though it is.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Eaton
Director, TV News
West Coast

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



October 2, 1974

Dear Cliff:

Many thanks for sharing the good news on your promotion.

I know you'll do an excellent job as Vice President of Washington News Bureau of RKO, as exhibited by your fine work as Director. President Ford will be delighted to hear about this well deserved promotion and would want me to add his good wishes to mine.

Your kind words for my first day in the Press Room and the new appointment mean a great deal, and I appreciate your bringing all the good news to my attention.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Clifford Evans, Director
Washington News Bureau
RKO General Broadcasting
1701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006**

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DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON NEWS BUREAU

September 24, 1974

SEP 25 1974

Dear Ron,

This just happened and I'd like to share it with you. I will remain in Washington and continue to be involved in Television and Radio for all our stations.

Incidentally, your remarks to us in the Press Room the other day -- with the President standing nearby -- were superb. And, of course, best wishes in your new responsibility.

Regards,

Clifford Evans

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

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Enclosure: Press release



AUGUST 26, 1974

PRESS INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CLIFFORD EVANS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

CLIFFORD EVANS HAS BEEN NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON NEWS BUREAU OF RKO GENERAL BROADCASTING BY BRUCE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF RKO GENERAL RADIO, AND ROBERT GLASER, PRESIDENT OF RKO GENERAL TELEVISION.

MR. EVANS, WHO JOINED RKO GENERAL BROADCASTING IN 1963 AS PRODUCER AND MODERATOR OF "LADIES OF THE PRESS", MOVED TO WASHINGTON D.C., IN 1966 TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON NEWS BUREAU.

PRIOR TO JOINING RKO GENERAL, MR. EVANS HAD ENJOYED AN OUTSTANDING CAREER IN MANY PHASES OF NEWS GATHERING: HAVING BEEN ON THE STAFFS OF THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, WORLD TELEGRAM, AND POST NEWSPAPERS, AS WELL AS HAVING BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF TELEVISION AND MOTION PICTURES FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK; AND AN ASSOCIATE PRODUCER AND SPECIAL REPORTER ON THE "TODAY" TELEVISION PROGRAM.

AS A WINNER OF MANY AWARDS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS AWARD FOR BEST NEWS COVERAGE; THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD; AND THE NEWSPAPER GUILD AWARD FOR RADIO JOURNALISM, MR. EVANS HAS CONSISTENTLY BROUGHT TO RKO GENERAL'S BROADCASTING FACILITIES THE CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERTISE DEMANDED OF THE FIRST-LINE NEWS PRO.

MR. EVANS' ELEVATION TO THE STATUS OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE RKO GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS BUREAU IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE PLACED ON OUTSTANDING NEWS REPORTORIAL TALENT BY RKO GENERAL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
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October 2, 1974

Dear Dr. Edwards:

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.

I wonder where I'd be if I had taken that FDA job!

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Dr. Charles C. Edwards
Assistant Secretary for Health
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

RN/EMO/mw





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

September 24, 1974

SEP 25 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Needless to say, I was delighted with the recent announcement of your appointment as the President's Press Secretary. You bring to this very important and very visible position not only the professional qualifications, but the integrity that is so badly needed.

Congratulations!

Sincerely yours,

Charles C. Edwards, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health

Dear Charlie

September 30, 1974

Dear Bill:

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. William Eaton
Chicago Daily News
1229 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Dear Ron:

After my very thorough instructions to you in 1957, I had a feeling that you would make good some day. Congratulations! And Commiserations!

SEP 23 1974



Bill Eaton
Dear Bill

WILLIAM EATON