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October 17, 1974

Dear Roger:

Many thanks for your letter and the good wishes on my new assignment.

You're right -- there has been a mountain of correspondence, but your thoughtful letter is a pleasure to acknowledge rather than a chore! I'm just sorry that I couldn't have heard the congratulations in person in San Francisco.

Needless to say, the pace here has been frantic, but there's always enough time to read some moral support from old friends. It really helps!

Thanks for writing, and I'll remember your offer to help!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Messen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Roger Tatarian
3625 N. Van Ness Boulevard
Fresno, California 93704

RN/RH/mw



ROGER TATARIAN

3625 N. Van Ness Blvd
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Oct. 6, 1974

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

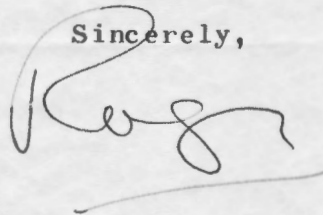
Dear Ron:

I had been reluctant, since your appointment, to add to your chores of acknowledging mountains of congratulations, and hoped instead to deliver mine in person at UPI's Edicon in San Francisco. But since that couldn't happen, I do want to send you not only my cheers but my very best wishes in a post that is at the same time incredibly important and incredibly difficult.

I must say that I have something approaching avuncular interest in Ron Nessen. You've done outstanding work in everything you've taken on since I've known you and I have no doubt that it will be the same in the White House.

If the good thoughts of this ex-Unipresser can be of help, please know you have them in the fullest measure.

Sincerely,



October 17, 1974

Dear Dennis:

Many thanks for your letter and the good wishes on my appointment.

I'm delighted to hear from you as I take on this new assignment. In some ways it's a far cry from the days in Vietnam, but I must admit -- sometimes I feel like ducking my head during the press briefings! I do appreciate having your congratulations and confidence, Dennis, and I hope you'll give my best to everyone at NBC, Saigon.

Warm wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

P.S. - Has anyone ever figured out how Vo Nguyen always seems to know the news before anyone else?!

**Mr. Dennis Trout
National Broadcasting Co. News
FPO San Francisco, California 96620**

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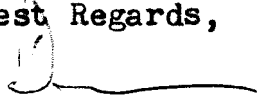
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Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Spokesman
The White House

Dear Ron,

Sorry to be so slow in forwarding my congratulations. The news of your appointment is one of the few things in past months that has brought genuine pleasure to everyone in the office. In his usual mysterious way, Vo Huynh came up with the first rumors, which later were confirmed on AFVN radio. Everyone is pleased for you, and we're sure that you'll do well with it.

Best Regards,


Dennis Troute

October 16, 1974

Dear David:

Many thanks for your note and the subtle understanding.

I'm deeply grateful for your confidence at the beginning and your hopes for the future. I'm confident that I've made the right decision in coming on board here at the White House, and I do appreciate the moral support. . .keep it coming!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. David E. Teitelbaum
National Broadcasting Co. News
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1/a - Rome, Italy

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DAVID E. TEITELBAUM
Director operations
Mediterranean area

Sept. 24, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I am a "David" but I am not a "Brinkley."

Which is by way of saying that I see you are
off to a wonderful start in your new job.

My hopes, wishes and, yes, prayers are with
you in this new undertaking so important not only
to you and me but to our country.

Congratulations.

Sincerely,

David
David E. Teitelbaum

October 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Trivedi:

Many thanks for your congratulations and recalling our meeting in New Delhi. Who knows, if it hadn't been for you, I might still be waiting in line for accreditation over the India-Pakistan-Bangladesh conflict!

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Harish Trivedi
The Dayton Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio 45401

RN/RH/jmw



SEP 23 1974

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DAYTON, OHIO 45401

BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION

Sept. 23rd 1974.

Mr. Ronald Nessen,
Press Secretary,
White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D.C.20500.

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Please accept my hearty congratulations on your appointment.

We met very briefly at the Information and Broadcasting Ministry Offices in New Delhi in 1971, during the India-Pakistan-Bangladesh conflict. I signed some official papers as a witness for your accreditation card and you reciprocated by signing my papers to complete the formalities.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Harish Trivedi
(Harish Trivedi)



October 3, 1974

Dear Ray:

Many thanks for your note and the congratulations.

The good wishes and encouragement from old friends has meant a great deal to me since taking on this position. I am confident more than ever that I've made the right decision in coming on board, and I appreciate the moral support.

Best wishes, and keep in touch,

Sincerely,

Ren Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ray Thompson
KTAR - TV
Post Office Box 711
Phoenix, Arizona 85001

RN/RH/mw





SEP 23 1974

Sept. 20, 1974

Dear Ron:

Just a brief note of congratulations on your selection as White House news secretary.

I know you will carry into your new job the same excellence and integrity you displayed as a network correspondent.

Best wishes,

Ray —

Ray Thompson
Sr. Anchorman
KTAR-TV, Phoenix

Dear Ray

October 3, 1974

Dear Marge:

Many thanks for your note - on "snitched"
stationery no less!

Sorry I missed you when leaving NBC, but
hope the vacation proved to be good R&R after
the long tough days we all had.

I appreciate your good wishes and the advice
to "enjoy - enjoy" - haven't I heard that some-
where before?!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Marge Test
WRC - TV
4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

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TOM E. PARO
Vice President and General Manager

September 25, 1974

Dear Ron,

I'm sure that Tom won't mind if I borrow his writing paper to send my congratulations and best wishes to you. I was vacationing when your appointment was announced, and missed the opportunity to do this in person.

You have taken on a challenging, exciting job, and all of us envy you that. I know that you will handle this beautifully. As someone in the White House used to say - enjoy - enjoy.

Sincerely,

Marge Test

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

October 3, 1974

Dear Cal:

Many thanks for your good words and your confidence. While I don't see anything opening up right now, I'll keep my eye out for you and let you know.

If I ever get down your way, I hope we can get together. In the meantime, Cindy joins me in wishing our best.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Cal Thomas
KPRC - TV
Post Office Box 2222
Houston, Texas 77001**

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CHANNEL TWO TELEVISION COMPANY

KPRC TV

SEP 23 1974

SEPTEMBER 20, 1974.

MR. RON NESSEN
WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR RON:


CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRESS SECRETARY. I HAD A FEELING YOU MIGHT BE NEXT IN LINE AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE.

I'M DYING TO GET BACK TO WASHINGTON, SO IF YOU SEE ANYTHING OPENING UP YOU THINK I'D BE INTERESTED IN I'D APPRECIATE KNOWING ABOUT IT.

I WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW CAPACITY AND AM SURE IT WILL ADD AN INTERESTING PAGE TO YOUR CAREER.

COME SEE US IN TEXAS. WE THINK OF YOU OFTEN.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cal". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

CAL THOMAS

October 2, 1974

Dear Mayo:

Many thanks for your letter.

I'm really excited about my appointment and pleased that you and so many friends have offered such kind words. I'd be delighted to get together for lunch if I can ever get away. Please give me a call and let's see if we can work something out.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**The Honorable Mayo J. Thompson
Commissioner
Federal Trade Commission
Washington, D.C. 20580**

RN/RH/mw





MAYO J. THOMPSON
COMMISSIONER

SEP 25 1974

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20580

September 24, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Congratulations. I wish you well. I am confident that you will do well. Every man makes mistakes, so don't feel too badly that you were second when you should have been first choice.

I am personally delighted that you are there. Aside from the fact that you will undoubtedly handle the assignment with skill and honor, you will be able to keep an eye on Dave Kennerly, who bears considerable watching.

I would very much like to visit with you. Perhaps we can get together for lunch.

Again, heartiest congratulations.

Yours faithfully

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

September 30, 1974

Dear Mrs. Tint:

Thank you for your warm note suggesting that we may be related. I regret I am not sufficiently acquainted with my Nessen ancestry to know for certain, but I can tell you my father was born in Russia and came to the United States as a young man.

If you have information on your progenitors which you would like to share, I would be interested in receiving it.

Thank you again for writing, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Edith Tint
47 Sioux Avenue
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866

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MRS. EDITH TINT
47 SIOUX AVENUE
ROCKAWAY, N. J. 07866

SEP 23 1974

September 24, 1974

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

Dear Mr. Nessen:

Congratulations on your recent appointment
as Press Secretary to the President.

I promised my 75-year old mother that I would
write this letter to you to inquire if whether
you are a long-lost relative. Her maiden name
was Nessen. She was born in Russia, came to
this country about 1912 and had several cousins
with the same name.

Good luck in your new job and I would appreciate
hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Edith Tint

September 30, 1974

Dear Dallas:

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. Dallas Townsend
Columbia Broadcasting Company, Inc.
524 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019**

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CBS NEWS

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New York, New York 10019
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SEP 26 1974

Dear Ron:

September 24, 1974

I want to congratulate you with all my heart on your appointment as White House Press Secretary. Having had the pleasure of working with you on that memorable recovery cruise in 1969, I realize from personal knowledge and experience what a splendid choice the President has made. Don't worry about the frustrations which will arise from time to time. You'll do a superb job, and we're all counting on you.

With very best wishes for great success,

Dallas

Dallas Townsend

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

Please remember me to Cindy.

D

Dear Dallas

September 30, 1974

Dear Sol:

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. Sol Taishoff
Chairman and Editor
Broadcasting
1735 DeSales Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20036**

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The newsweekly of broadcasting and allied arts

Sol Taishoff
Chairman and Editor

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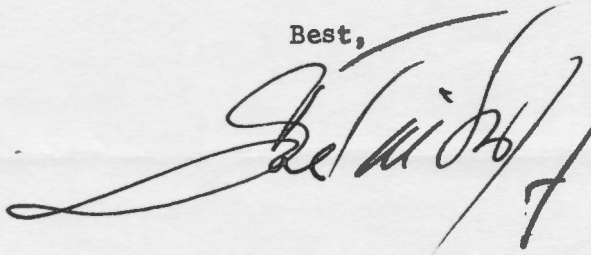
Mr. Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

A great tribute to you---and to broadcast journalism.

Congratulations.

Best,



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Dear Sol:



September 30, 1974

Dear Angus:

Many thanks for your letter. I greatly appreciate your congratulations on my new assignment. With regard to the White House Correspondents' Annual Banquet, I am afraid you haven't seen the end of me yet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Angus MacLean Thiermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505**

RN/EMO/mw





CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SEP 26 1974

20 September 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
NBC
4001 Nebraska Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Nessen,

I have just read the leak of the week. As an expert standing *in loco victimitis* on the leak circuit, I have become a leak expert and figure this is for real.

Congratulations!

On the other hand ... does this mean an end to your career as a star of the silver screen at the White House Correspondents Annual Banquet? If you are never again to be seen in your never-to-be-equalled performance of Nessen breaking up, I don't know whether the price is worth it; whether the nation can stand this heavy loss.

Again, heartiest congratulations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angus MacLean Thuermer".

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

September 30, 1974

Dear Russ:

Cindy and I want to thank you for your thoughtful note and your good wishes.

I feel that any talent or skill I bring with me are due to the professional guidance I've had from so many at NBC.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Russell C. Tornabene
Vice President & General Manager
NBC Radio Division
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

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RUSSELL C. TORNABENE
Vice President & General Manager

September 23, 1974

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

You must be deluged with well-wishing messages!

Here's another: Audrey and I wish you and Cindy the fruits of challenge, the pleasures of hard work, satisfaction in watching power well-used, and of self-fulfillment.

On top of that, I'll mention that I could not have prepared you for, in that radio/television newswriting class, what you are now into serving as the link between the nation's Chief Executive and the public.

I'm impressed.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



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September 30, 1974

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your note. One of the nicest aspects of this new assignment is hearing from old friends, and I do appreciate your kind words.

Sorry I won't be able to buy you and Grant a drink, but I'm glad you thought of me.

Warm regards to you and June.

Sincerely,

**Ren Neessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Bill Umstead
The News
220 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017**

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THE NEWS
NEW YORK'S PICTURE NEWSPAPER

WILLIAM UMSTEAD / Assistant Managing Editor

September 23, 1974

Mr. Ronald H. Nessen
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

Congratulations on your appointment as press secretary. I'm sure you'll do a fine job for both the President and the press. It's especially gratifying to see such well-deserved recognition of the exceptional ability of an old colleague.

If you get to San Francisco with the President for the UPI Edicon meeting on Oct. 2, Dillman and I will let you buy us a drink.

June also sends her regards.

Best wishes,

Bill

Bill Umstead

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September 30, 1974

Dear Garrick:

Thanks for your nice letter. I hope nobody thinks that the reason I took this job is that I was a patsy for Ford when I was covering him. I think the Today Show interview you mentioned should convince people of that.

It was good to hear from you. I hope I can keep friends like you in the press. Whenever you're in Washington, please drop by.

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Garrick Utley
National Broadcasting Company
12, Hanover Terrace
Regents Park
N. W. 1
London, England**

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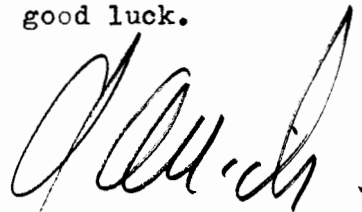
September 22, 1974

Dear Ron:

I think back on that today show interview with Ford last
may and how you didn't show much charity towards him in
your questionsshows you the trouble "being tough" ~~can~~
can get you ~~in~~ into.....

Congratulations, and

good luck.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. ...". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "good luck.".



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Ron Nesson
NBC News
4001 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington
D.C.

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October 3, 1974

Dear Joe:

It was good to hear from you. I certainly appreciate your congratulations on my appointment. I'll try to keep up my "flawless manner" in the briefings.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Joe Vadala
16 Upland Road
New Rochelle, New York 10804

RN/CM/mw/pp



MRS. JOSEPH VADALA

16 UPLAND ROAD, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. 10804

Dear Ron:

Sept 29, '74

My belated congratulations
on your new job.

It was always a pleasure
to work with a professional
and no doubt you will
continue in your flawless
manner.

Again my best wishes
Very truly yours
Joe Vadala

October 2, 1974

Dear Sue:

Many thanks for your thoughtful note and your kind words on my appointment.

I enjoyed our talk at the McGovern's and having your views on the White House Press Office. Now that I'm actually here, I hope you'll share your views as candidly as you did at the McGovern's. Good friends and good advice are something one can never get enough of in this type of job, and I know I can count on you for both.

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Sue M. Vogelsinger
9109 Friar Road
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20022

RN:RH:jg



Sue M. Vogelsinger
9109 Friar Rd.
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20022

SEP 23 1974

9/21/74

Dear Tom -

I must admit that while I was entranced with our conversation at the McGowan's Wednesday, I was also slightly bemused by the fact that you appeared to be interested in what a slightly aging, former White House Run Office type had to say. Now it makes sense -

I was, and am, a great admirer of Jimmy the Best and felt the President would have a tough time coming up with someone as good (and he



disparately needed to) -

He did - and it gives me
renewed confidence - at least
for a while -

Congratulations and good
luck!

Aue Vogelstein

Dear Mrs. Vogelsinger

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October 30, 1974

Dear Anne:

Cindy and I were pleased to hear from you and have your good words on my appointment.

You're right, it is fun plus a lot of hard work, but I really can't tell you how it is in the inner sanctum, because it would destroy the air of mystery I have about me!

When I'm in New York on "off hours" I'll remember your good invitation. Thanks again for the cheery expletives of the undeleted variety!

Cindy joins me in sending our best,

Sincerely,

Ron Nissen
Press Secretary
to the President

Ms. Anne Watson
36 Beckman Place
New York, New York 10022

RN/CM/mw



CONGRATULATIONS...



SCANLZ

Dear Ron & Cindy -

To repeat the message on the front of this card -

Congratulations & fantastic and lots of expletives of the undelisted variety -

It's just great!

I was so happy for you and so pleased for the rest of us, "the press", when

I heard the news of your appointment.

What's it like -

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THAT'S THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS!

in the "inner sanctums" - dancing the night away at the White House. Is Jerry making use of your pool these days now that his appears to have been cancelled? It must be great fun (Fun), (excuse illeibity),

Besides being fascinating and a lot of hard work —

If you ever get up to New York & have time, give me a ring & maybe you can come over for a drink or another visit to Chinatown —

I'm sure the BBC (including myself) will be bothering you professionally from time to time, but it would be fun to see you — "off hours" —

All the best —
Contemporary cards. Love,
Auntie

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Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kessen

5112 Baltimore Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

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30 Brekman Pl.
New York ny 10022

W. Watson,
c/o N.Y.
P.O.

October 8, 1974

Dear Grant:

Many thanks for your telegram and the kind words on my new appointment. I am delighted that President Ford has selected me for this responsibility, and I have full confidence in his abilities to lead this nation. I couldn't have taken the job had I felt otherwise, and I'm grateful for your good wishes for the President and for me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Grant Wellkill
New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938

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12 MR RON NESSON (PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY)

13 THE WHITE HOUSE

14 WASHINGTON ,D.C.

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18 RON WELL DESERVED AND WONDERFUL STOP ALL THE VERY BEST
19 TO YOU AND YOUR NEW BOSS

20 GRANT WOLFKILL
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October 7, 1974

Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter and the kind words for my new position.

Although I haven't yet found myself referring to Vietnam as "the good old days" I do miss the "good old guys", five o'clock follies and the cute nurses at Walter Reed!

Please give my best to Bill McGinty. I'm surprised the two of you haven't instigated some "Boeing Bergers's" around the happy hour!

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. George L. Weiss
Public Relations Representative
The Boeing Company
955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Nessen/RH/mlg



October 1, 1974

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

Dear Ron,

I believe the last time we talked you were recovering from a grenade wound at Walter Reed. The thought occurred to me that eventually you would fondly recall Vietnam and other places as "the good old days".

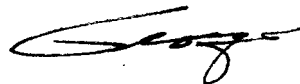
I just want you to know that alot of people like me are pleased to know you have accepted the toughest news job in the world. We are also behind you and can and will do anything to assist you.

So someday when you are looking back at the "good old days" in a Da Nang Buddhist pagoda with everybody waiting to take a shot at you, fire a flare and the close support people will arrive.

I am sure you remember Col. Bill McGinty. We are now with Boeing in Washington without even the benefit of a "five o'clock follies" to brighten an otherwise dull afternoon.

All kidding aside, we are both pleased to know you are over there and doing a superb job.

Sincerely,



George L. Weiss
Public Relations Representative
THE BOEING COMPANY

October 3, 1974

Dear Jack:

**Thanks for the congratulatory condolences!
I appreciate your good thoughts and your
support. It's nice to know that I can count
on you should the need arise.**

With best regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nease
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. John T. Walden
Assistant Commissioner
for Public Affairs
Food and Drug Administration
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Rockville, Maryland 20852**

RN/CM/mw





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852

September 20, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I don't know whether to send congratulations or
condolences, so here's both.

I know of no harder job in government -- and few as
important.

My very best wishes go with you. If I can help, please
yell!

Best of luck,

John T. Walden
Assistant Commissioner
for Public Affairs

SEP 30 1974

October 2, 1974

Dear Sumner:

Many thanks for your letter.

The good wishes and kind words from so many old friends adds to my confidence that I made the right decision to come on board at the White House, and I appreciate the moral support. If you do feel inclined to offer some advice, send it on. . . I know I can count on you for some good thoughts.

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ken Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Sumner S. Weener
460 West 24 Street
New York, New York 10011

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SUMNER S. WEENER
460 WEST 24 STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011

September 24, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
5112 Baltimore Ave.
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

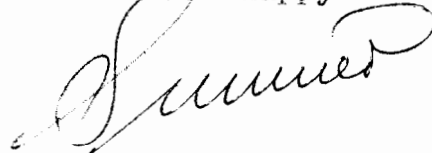
Dear Ron:

Best wishes on your new venture on the tightrope...
and may you be successful in your attempts to keep
the lines of information open.

I imagine you are being given reams of advice by
what is now called "the media"..and I have no
intention of adding to the volume. I believe
you will succeed if only you can follow your own
formula as expressed last Friday.

Good luck and

be most happy

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

October 2, 1974

Dear Russ:

I was pleased to receive your note and good wishes!

Thanks again, and pray for snow.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Russ Ward
National Broadcasting Co. News
4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016**

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September 24.....

Dear Ron....

Your move came last week while I was on vacation, so I didn't have the opportunity to extend congratulations. May all go well....thru '76... and after.

Now that war has been ruled out...and Father McLaughlin is leaving...it should be a sleigh ride from now on. But even if the snow melts..... best wishes...!!

etc.....

Ross Waide

September 30, 1974

Dear Mr. Wiener:

Many thanks for your letter.

Your congratulations and good wishes on my new appointment mean a great deal to me, and I'm so glad you took the time to write.

I certainly appreciate your offer to help out. I know you will leave some mighty big shoes to be filled by the new Executive Director, but I'm delighted I can call on you should the need arise.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Stanley A. Wiener
Executive Director
Adas Israel Congregation
2850 Quebec Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

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STANLEY A. WIENER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION

2850 QUEBEC STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

September 23, 1974

Mr. Ron Nessen
5112 Baltimore Avenue
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ron,

My sincerest congratulations on your appointment. I have no doubts as to your successful and qualified handling of this important assignment.

I have followed your career with a great deal of personal interest, as your family and mine were always good friends and your late father was Vice-President of our Men's Club when I was President. I know how proud he would be today.

I see mother quite often at services, and have just spoken to her to convey my congratulations to her also.

In a more personal vein, I am retiring from my position here as Executive Director, after 40 years of activity in our congregation. If I can be of any help in any capacity (a-dollar-a-year-man), I will have a lot of time on my hands.

Good luck and good health.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan', with a large, stylized initial 'S' at the beginning.

mw

September 30, 1974

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your note. I greatly appreciate your kind words and your invitation to visit the AU campus. After I get settled, I hope to accept your kind offer.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. George H. Williams
Office of the President
The American University
Washington, D. C. 20016**

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WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20016

Office of the President

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September 25, 1974

Mr. Ronald Nessen
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nessen:

All of us at The American University feel a sense of great pride in your selection as Press Secretary to President Ford.

I recognize the enormous demands on your time, particularly in the early days of this assignment. But a bit later on, we hope to have the pleasure of a visit by you to campus so that we may express in a more personal way the admiration we have for the high accomplishment of a very distinguished alumnus.

Very sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature: G. H. Williams]

George H. Williams

*Big -
Thank for
invitation -
hope to sometime
after get settled into job*



September 30, 1974

Dear Barbara:

Many thanks for your thoughtful telegram. It was good to hear from you all the way from Israel, and I appreciate your congratulations on my new assignment.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Ron Nessen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Ms. Barbara Walters
National Broadcasting Co., Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020**

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RON NESSEN

WHITE HOUSE

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BARBARA WALTERS

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National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

September 30, 1974

Dear Ms. Wetherbee:

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 Hesse
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Ms. Janetlee Jarrett Wetherbee
660 West Evanston Circle
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

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660 West Evanston Circle
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
September 23, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

I'm sure you don't know me, but I'm an Alumnus of Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, D. C. - graduating in February 1951.

Little did I realize back then when I heard you give our "Bell Schedule" and announcements over the radio each morning that you would go on to what is probably the highest job a newsman can hold.

I've followed your career quite closely ever since I heard you were an NBC News Correspondent, Ron, and I'm proud to know that a fellow "Coolidge-ite" has made it to the top.

I want to wish you the very best of luck in your new assignment. You've earned it, and I know you'll be an asset to our President.

Sincerely yours,


Janetlee Jarrett Wetherbee

Dear Mrs. Wetherbee

September 30, 1974

Dear John:

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. John J. Whiteside
Vice Chairman
The Committee for the Future, Inc.
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September 24, 1974

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

Dear Ron:

Best wishes on your appointment.

I think perhaps we were safer in Viet Nam.

Yours truly,


John J. Whiteside

Dear John



Board of Directors:

Barbara Marx Hubbard, *Chairman* · John J. Whiteside, *Vice Chairman* · Ray Bradbury · G. Fred Lawrence · Lee Stephen Windheim · John F. Yardley

September 26, 1974

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your note and good wishes on my appointment. I am grateful.

I appreciate your good offer to be of help regarding the trip to Japan and will certainly keep you in mind when we begin working on the arrangements for the trip.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ron Neesen
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Ray Weiss
NBC News Elections
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Liz --

On this Japan paragraph, something non-committal about I'll sure keep you in mind when we start talking about arrangements.

He hasn't seen any of these letters - wanted them answered first, as he didn't have the time.

connie

P.S. I xeroxed for Japan file, so you can keep this with congrats letters.

NBC NEWS ELECTIONS

THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10020, CIRCLE 7-8300

September 20, 1974

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

Dear Ron,

Warmest congratulations and best wishes in turning the tide of tsooris that faces you.

Among the first major tasks facing you will be arrangements for coverage of the President's trip to Japan. As you know, I've been involved a number of times in planning and coordination of NBC's coverage of a few presidential travels and the campaign trips of presidential and vice presidential candidates. All of which, of course, makes me an expert in the field.

You will need help in this area. You will certainly be hiring staff. And, I'd like to be considered. To say the least, I'm available.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray", with a horizontal line underneath it.

RAY WEISS

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PRESENTLY: (since August 1959)
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Manager, Election Analysis - since September 1971
Cleveland Mayoral Primary and Election, 1971
Presidential Primaries, 1972
Decision 72 Handbook
General Election coverage, 1972
LBJ Funeral coverage in Austin and at LBJ Ranch, January 1973

News Duty Manager - July 1968 to September 1971
Field Producer, Cambodia (in Phnom Penh) - May to July 1970

Foreign Assignment Editor - April 1962 to July 1968
Coordinator (in Paris) - First weeks of Vietnam Peace Talks & Sorbonne Riots, May 1968
Coordinator (in Tokyo) - Pueblo capture and TET offensive, January 1968
Coordinator (aboard press plane) - LBJ around the world trip, December 1967
Editor - TV Analysis Desk, Elections, November 1966
Producer-Coordinator (in N. Zealand & Thailand) - LBJ Asian Trip, October 1966
Coordinator (in London) - British Elections, March 1966
Controlroom Coordinator - Gemini 6 & 7, December 1965
Coordinator (in London) - Churchill Death and Funeral, January 1966
Coordinator (in London) - British Elections, October 1964
Coordinator (in the field) - William Miller & HHH Vice Presidential campaigns, 1964
Producer - Satellite coverage GOP Convention for EBU, 1964
Field Producer (in Mexico City) - DeGaulle Mexico Visit, March 1964
Coordinator - Papal Holy Land Trip, January 1964
Coordinator (in New York) - JFK Europe Trip, June 1963
Coordinator - JFK San Jose Trip, March 1963
Field Producer (in Miami) - Cuban Crisis, October 1962
Editor - Midwest TV Desk, Elections, November 1962
Editor (at Cape Kennedy) - MA-6
Producer - NBC Radio Special "Dilemma in Europe"
Producer - WNBC-TV documentary series "New York '61"
Desk Editor - Central News Desk, News on the Hour, Local
Writer - Huntley-Brinkley Report, 11th Hour TV News, Gabe Pressman TV News,
Local TODAY Show news segments, etc.

PREVIOUSLY:

RADIO PRESS INTERNATIONAL (October 1958-August 1959), Foreign & National Editor,
U-N Correspondent, Havana Correspondent for coverage of Castro taking power.
CHANNEL 5 (NY) TV NEWS (June 1957-June 1958), Writer-Reporter-Researcher "Nightbeat"
Mike Wallace interview program. (March 1956-June 1957), City News Editor-Writer
"Mike Wallace and the News" & "WABDTV Headline News."
ASSOCIATED PRESS, NY, (June 1955-March 1956); RADIO STATION WILL, Champaign, Illinois
(June 1950-February 1953); DAILY ILLINI newspaper, Champaign, Illinois.

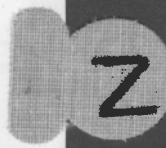
EDUCATION:

University of Illinois - B.S. in Journalism, 1951. Graduate study in communications.

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. Army, April 1953-April 1955 (New Jersey, Korea, Japan).

PERSONAL: Married, two children. Born: December 14, 1928.



September 30, 1974

Dear Ira:

Many thanks for your note. I greatly appreciate your good wishes.

Needless to say, I'm enthusiastic about the challenges on this side of the rostrum. One of the nicest aspects of this job has been hearing from friends like yourself.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

**Ren Messen
Press Secretary
to the President**

**Mr. Ira Zimmerman
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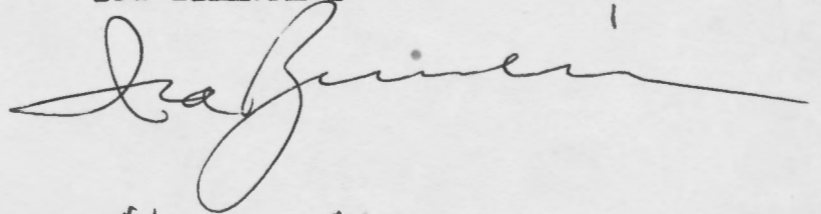


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Ron Nessen:

It's sure a long way from "negotiating" a spot and
actuality for the 10am Hourly! Good Luck and
congrats.

Ira Zimmerman



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