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Mr. M. J. Rossant
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Dear Murray:

I stopped in Chicago Monday night and spent the evening and part of the following morning with Ralph Otwell. I also talked to his superiors at the Sun-Times.

Ralph called this morning. He has the approval of both his wife and superiors to undertake membership of the Council. He will accept. I am greatly pleased about this. There is little doubt in my mind but that he will become the most valuable of the press members in the very short period of time. He has a much wider range of experience than most of our other press members. His views on the Council are very close to those of us who really want to see it become a great success.

For a preview of those views I am sending you a copy of a talk he made about the Council and the need for it last month before the Chicago Headlind Club.

Roger, to whom I am also sending a copy of the speech, will find Ralph a man of great personal integrity with very responsible views of the

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place of a free press in a democratic society.

It's understating the case to say I am pleased with his decision.

Best personal regards,

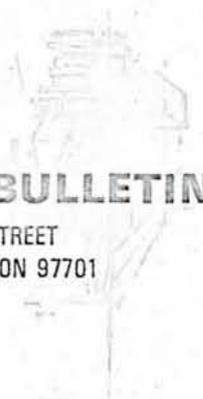


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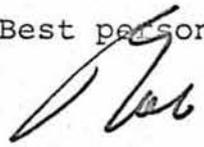
Dear Murray:

I have done some quiet nosing around and have discovered there is a possibility Ed Murray will be available to be staff director of the Council.

I know him well. We worked for United Press together. He was managing editor of Los Angeles Mirror when I was general manager of the same newspaper.

Murray, as we all know, is thoroughly committed to the Council idea. What some of us may not know is that he is a first class administrator and a fine executive. He is a man of almost boundless energy. He has a keen intellect. He is not afraid of hard work. If he will take the job I think a major worry about the Council's long-range future would be eliminated.

Best personal regards,



Robert W. Chandler

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cc: Justice Roger Traynor