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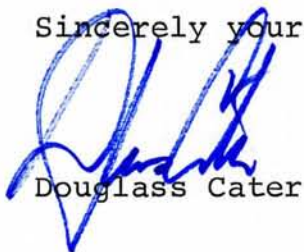
June 26, 1973

The Honorable Roger J. Traynor
University of California
Hastings College of the Law
198 McAllister Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

Dear Judge Traynor:

Thank you for your nice note. Alas, I leave in the morning for two months in Aspen. Is there any chance of your planning a trip that way? If not, we shall have to wait for a get together in September.

Sincerely yours,



Douglass Cater

P.S. I have been asked to give a speech on the National News Council at the convention of journalism deans at Fort Collins in August. If you have any suggestions about what I should include, I would be delighted to have them.

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June 25, 1973

Mr. Douglass Cater
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Dear Mr. Cater:

I was delighted to receive your letter of 31 May and the accompanying announcement of the publication series, THE ASPEN NOTEBOOK ON GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA, of the Aspen Program on Communications and Society. Both strengthen my hope that we are at last entering a period of intelligent and continuing inquiry into the ways and meanings of news media communications.

Although the Bayshore highway is a chasm between Palo Alto and Berkeley, I hope we shall meet sometime soon at some convenient time and place, perhaps at lunch in San Francisco. With this in mind I shall telephone you within a week or so.

Sincerely yours,

Roger J. Traynor

Would you note, for future reference, that my home address is 2643 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, (not 2543). Apparently the erroneous number is imbedded in some directory.

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May 31, 1973

The Honorable Roger J. Traynor

California 94704

Dear Judge Traynor:

A year and a half ago we began the Aspen Program on Communications and Society, devoted to exploring major communications issues affecting our society. We are not far off from the time George Orwell predicted when communications would become the instrument of man's enslavement. Our purpose is to devise an alternative to Orwell's 1984.

Now we are ready to launch a publication series representing the Program's ongoing work. The ASPEN NOTEBOOK ON GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA will be off the presses in June, both in hard-cover and paperback, and could not be more timely. It goes to the heart of issues now being debated in Washington and elsewhere.*

I hope you will read the attached brochure describing our publishing plans -- and that you will let me know of your interest.

Sincerely yours,


Douglass Cater

*Prepublication comment:

"For all the months I've spent reading and listening to various people--including some very good ones--on the subject of government and the media, nowhere have I found the issues so well defined and so well illuminated. It's especially good to find intramural cliché getting pummeled as freely as official wisdom."

John Sharnik, Producer, CBS Reports