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Mr. Eugene C. Patterson
Editor and President, St. Petersburg Times
St. Petersburg, Florida 33731

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In response to your gracious letter of the 20th of March, requesting biographical data for your introductory remarks at the meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors on Thursday the 3rd of May in Washington, I enclose a shorthand summary together with a brief commentary that overlaps much of it but brings readability to the summary.

I agree with you that the presentation you have asked me to make should be contained within fifteen minutes, from about 2 to 2:15 p.m. per your schedule.

I am glad you are receptive to my view that the panel thereafter that you will be moderating should be composed of editors from your membership. At that time I shall be primarily interested in their views, but will of course be glad to clarify my own, as you suggest, should there be need to do so.

In accord with your letter, I shall rely on the executive secretary of the Society to reserve a room for me at the Shoreham for the nights of 2 May and 3 May, and will send on to you or to him, following whatever your procedure is, a statement of plane fare and incidental expenses.

I look forward to meeting with you and your colleagues on the proposal for a National News Council, particularly because such a meeting can do much both to clarify the concept and to clear away misconceptions.

Sincerely yours,

Roger J. Traynor