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The National News Council announced today that it has received a grant of \$125,000 from The John & Mary R. Markle Foundation for support of the Council in its second year of operations, beginning August 1, 1974.

The Council was established last year to examine complaints from the public concerning the accuracy and fairness of news presentations by the national news media and to hear complaints and conduct studies concerning possible infringements of constitutional guarantees of a free press.

The Markle Foundation is one of several foundations that have supported the Council since its organization as an independent and private institution to serve the public interest. Last year, the Markle Foundation contributed \$100,000 for the Council's support.

William B. Arthur, Executive Director of the Council, declared that "We consider the Markle grant a vote of confidence in the efforts of the Council. During this past year, the Council operated with funds totaling approximately \$271,000. The Markle grant will help us to meet increased budgetary requirements for our second year of operations brought about by a higher level of activities and increased costs. Other foundation and public support is being sought to meet these requirements."