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Ms. Margaret J. Haddix
Illinois 60304

Dear Ms. Haddix:

Thank you for your letter of interest concerning the national news council. I am sending under separate cover the three copies of the Task Force report which you requested.

The chairman of the Council will be Roger Traynor, former chief justice of the California Supreme Court. He can be reached at the Hastings College of Law, 198 McAllister Street, University of California, San Francisco, Calif. 94102.

I am sure that when the national council gets underway, it will be able to provide just the kind of information you are seeking about local councils. In the interim, let me direct you to three people who are very knowledgeable in the area and should be helpful: Professor William Rivers, School of Communications, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Associate Justice C. Donal Peterson, Minnesota Supreme Court, State Capitol Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101; Alfred Balk, editor, Columbia Journalism Review, 700 Journalism Building, Columbia University, New York, New York 10027.

Thank you again for your interest. I will pass your letter on to Justice Traynor.

Sincerely,

M. J. Rossant
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New York City, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Rossant:

I have read the publicity release of December 1, 1972 in the Chicago Tribune regarding the formation of a national council to assay "fair press".

Am interested in organizing a local council, and would greatly appreciate if you would send me the following:

(a) 2 or 3 copies of the task force report mentioned in the article
(b) Name, address etc. of the Chairman of the Council
(c) Any information, advice you can give me.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Margaret J. Haddix (Ms.)

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