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Leslie G. Moeller's Letter of Support of the National Press Council, Addressed to Roger J. Traynor, With Enclosed Response

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The Honorable Roger J. Traynor

Dear Justice Traynor:

I am writing to express my pleasure at the fact that a national press council is being set up, and also at the fact that you are to serve as its chairman.

I write also to offer my cooperation and assistance, not only as an individual journalism teacher who for many years has felt that the press council concept has much to offer us, but also as chairman of the Committee on Professional Freedom and Responsibility of the Association for Education in Journalism, the nation-wide organization of teachers of journalism in colleges and in universities.

I might add that this committee has for several years been on record as favoring the concept of the press council, and has been active in offering support for the efforts to develop such a council.

If there are ways in which I can immediately be of help in the project, please let me know. And I hope also that, especially because of my duty with the committee, that we can keep in touch on developments as your program gets under way.

Sincerely,

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Dear Professor Moeller:

I am delighted to have your letter of 12 December alerting me to the work of the Committee on Professional Freedom and Responsibility of the Association for Education in Journalism. The cooperation of such a committee could prove most helpful; its very title evinces an awareness of the basic problem, the reconciliation of freedom and responsibility, that underlies specific problems of restraints or irresponsibility.

We will certainly keep you posted on developments. Meanwhile, for future reference, you may wish to note a pair of details. First, the newly formed council has been designated as the National News Council. Second, my home address is __ (not __) __ Avenue, ____________

Sincerely yours,

Roger J. Traynor