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Mr. Houston Waring
Editor Emeritus
Littleton Independent and Arapahoe Herald
Littleton, Colorado 80120

Dear Mr. Waring:

Your letter of December 28 just reached me. It is most heartening to have your support as we get under way in setting up the National News Council. I also deeply appreciate having very constructive suggestions set forth in your letter as well as the timely and interesting enclosures you sent along with it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Roger J. Traynor
Dec. 28, 1972

Justice Roger Trayno,
Supreme Court,
State Building,
San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Justice:

Many of us are grateful to you for undertaking the Twentieth Century Fund project for improving the press.

I became excited about a National Press Council while Robert Hutchins' Commission on Freedom of the Press was debating the idea at Harvard during my Nieman year, 1944-45.

The great need is for a body of eminent Americans, men outside the field of journalism, to tell this nation annually where its communications are heading. From your study, you are aware that books are being slanted by conglomerate ownership, that magazines are ceasing to be the independent force they were in 1950, that broadcasters are being intimidated by government and are not as bold as they were in 1968, that the FCC must be manned with as much care as the Supreme Court.

A hundred things affect communications, and I would hope that your staff would, with the policy-making council, point to trends that will narrow the diversity of communications. A message called, "The State of Communications" would be helpful each January -- brief, so that it will be widely disseminated and read.

I have thought the British Press Council has been too restricted in its goal. Your communications review board could make our republic function for generations to come.

Thank you for assuming this important task.

Respectfully,

Houstoun Waring