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The Honorable Bill D. Moyers
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With the unanimous passage by the House of the Freedom of Information bill, I am enclosing a representative selection of editorials in favor of the legislation for the President's consideration.

When we discussed the bill a week ago, you suggested that a sharply briefed exhibit of the editorials which ASNE has been collecting from around the country might be useful.

I have pared the collection to ten items, eight editorials and two articles representing large, medium, and small newspapers and the largest press association.

The editorials are from:

The Wichita Eagle -- Editor and Publisher, John Colburn, who is chairman of the American Publishers Association Federal Laws Committee.

The Portland Oregonian -- Editor, Robert Notson, current ASNE president.

The Dallas Times Herald -- Executive Editor, Felix McKnight, a long-time acquaintance of President Johnson.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer -- It makes the point you made that the press must not consider this bill a cure-all for secrecy, but must continue to bear the responsibility for persistent and incisive reporting.

The Whittier Daily News (California) and the Ann Arbor News as representative of smaller newspapers.

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*Thank him -
I know he can take part in passage of the Freedom of Information Bill. I personally also hope it continues to increase flow of info to answer people from the their quest*

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