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MARCH 14, 1967

MR. HAROLD WEISBERG
HYATTSTOWN, MARYLAND 20734

DEAR MR. WEISBERG:

I ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATION ON THE TELEPHONE AND I BELIEVE MORE THAN EVER THAT YOU WOULD BE EXCELLENT AS THE MAIN SPEAKER FOR THE 1967 OHIO NEWS DIRECTORS' CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI. IN FACT, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER TALKED TO ANYONE WHO'S HAD AS CONVINCING A MANNER.

THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9, 10, AND 11 AT THE CAROUSEL MOTEL IN CINCINNATI, OHIO. THE FRIDAY SESSION IS AN INFORMAL EVENING COURTESY MEETING SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY. YOU AND YOUR WIFE WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOME AT THIS AFFAIR AND THAT INVITATION INCLUDES THE ENTIRE WEEKEND. THERE WILL BE A NOON LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, WHICH USUALLY FEATURES A SPEAKER ASSOCIATED WITH THE BROADCAST INDUSTRY. SATURDAY AFTERNOON IS TAKEN UP WITH WORKSHOP SESSIONS. THE MAIN EVENT OF OUR MEETING IS OUR SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET. THE BANQUET IS INFORMAL AND THE ONLY ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE MAIN SPEAKER. ASSOCIATION REPORTS AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS ARE HELD FOR A SUNDAY SESSION.

THE OHIO NEWS DIRECTORS WANT PERMISSION TO QUOTE THE MAIN SPEAKER AND AFFAIRS IN THE PAST HAVE MORE OFTEN THAN NOT MADE THE NATIONAL NEWS WIRES. OUR SPEAKERS IN THE PAST HAVE INCLUDED GOVERNOR RHODES; ROBERT McCLOSKEY, UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT; CONGRESSMAN ROBERT TAFT, JR.; AND ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER BILL RYAN.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU AGAIN THAT YOU AND YOUR WIFE WOULD BE OUR GUESTS DURING YOUR STAY AT THE CAROUSEL. HOWEVER, YOUR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CINCINNATI WOULD BE YOUR OWN PROVISION.

I HAVE TALKED TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD TODAY AND THEY GREETED MY NEWS THAT YOU HAD ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

I AM SURE THAT EVERY NEWS DIRECTOR IN OUR ASSOCIATION WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. THANK YOU AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Carano".

BOB CARANO
PRESIDENT, OAPBA

BC/ms

CC: MR. JOHN STARR
444 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

March 26, 1967

Mr. Bob Carano
President, OAPBA
W F M J Broadcasting Co.
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

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I will, as we discussed on the phone, prepare a speech and send you copies in advance for duplicating.

For the moment, I cannot say exactly when I will get there or if my wife will accompany me. I hope she will, and I would prefer to attend the Friday evening event which would provide time and opportunity for more dialogue.

In any event, I will be there in advance of the Saturday evening meeting and, if we have not been in communication between now and then, before June 10 I will tell you when I will arrive and if my wife will be with me.

I am really looking forward to this and hope it will be as stimulating and rewarding as I believe you also think it can be.

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