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Dear Js,

I was rather surprised to hear of the resignation of the W Post's Mg. Ed at 5 a.m. this a.m. from WBBM Ch^h. This is the story they carried. Several years ago, when I was writing FRAME-UP, Paul Valentine, who had been with him on the Constsitution and gone to the Post from there with him, tried to interest him in my work. Patterson's copout then was that he would have been interested if ~~he~~ if had been done by a staffer, but not under any other conditions.

I find a bit more interest in it when a week ago 8/1, or in the issue of 7/25, as I recall, Dick Harwood had a rather honest piece on the complicity of the press in foisting off the official SEAsia line, something much better than the knee-jerk, self-flagellation following Spiro's attack. In it Harwood pinned it pretty well on that phoney liberal, the so-respected Wiggins.

But the rest never catches up.

Best, HW

Patterson Resigns Editorship at Post

Eugene C. Patterson, managing editor of The Washington Post for almost three years, resigned yesterday to join the faculty of Duke University.

A Pulitzer Prize winner and former editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Patterson has been appointed to the faculty of Duke's newly created Institute of Policy Sciences and Public Affairs.

He will begin teaching this fall as a professor of the practice of political science and communications media in public affairs.

"Professor of the practice" is a new kind of faculty designation at Duke designed to draw teachers of public and private policy who have had extensive professional experience as distinct from professors with traditional academic credentials.

Patterson, 47, came to The Washington Post in September, 1968, succeeding Benjamin C. Bradlee, now vice president and executive editor of The Post. No successor to Patterson was named yesterday.

"We will all miss Gene Pat-



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terson's many qualities that served this newspaper so well for the last three years," said Katharine Graham, publisher of The Post. "His commitment to excellence has been an example for us all. We wish him every success in his challenging new job at Duke University."