

*Newspaper
ownership of
TV stations*

Thursday 6/24/71

5:05 Mr. Whitehead asked me to call Bud Krogh's office and say that he talked with Herb Klein about the question of newspaper ownership of TV stations. Mr. Klein asked that Tom talk with Bud about it and in particular our General Counsel has done a legal study of the thing and has been talking with the Justice Dept.

Mr. Klein asked that we funnel it in to Bud so he would like very much to talk with Bud about it.

Newspapers
etc

June 18, 1971

Mr. Stanford Smith
General Manager
American Newspaper Publishers Association
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Dear Stan:

When I saw you not too long ago, it reminded me that we had not had a chance to discuss further the question of newspaper ownership of broadcasting and cable TV systems. I appreciated your forwarding to us in April the ANPA documents filed with the FCC on these two proceedings.

You may have seen the recent note in Broadcasting Magazine noting the current thinking within the White House on this subject, and you can be assured that it is accurate. We agree that this is a fundamental national policy matter and want to do whatever we can to assure that the matter is handled responsibly and in the proper perspective. We are considering some further steps and I will be in touch before we get too far along.

Sincerely,



Clay T. Whitehead

cc: Mr. Hinchman
Mr. Scalia
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Dear Tom:

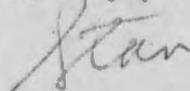
This letter will be delivered to you with a complete set of ANPA documents being filed before the Federal Communications Commission in the two proceedings involving the right of newspapers to own broadcasting stations and/or CATV systems.

Despite the fact that we believe the FCC has no authority to legislate in this fashion, we have elected to present documentation that, even if FCC had such authority, it would be contrary to the public interest.

The determination of national policy on a matter of such tremendous importance belongs in the hands of the Congress and the Executive Branch of the Government and not with an independent agency. The outcome of these issues is vital to the long-range future of the newspaper business in this country.

With high esteem.

Sincerely yours,



Stanford Smith
General Manager