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Greetings:

I am Chanel Rion, Chief White House Correspondent for ONE AMERICA NEWS NETWORK ("OANN" and "OAN"), the senior of OAN's two White House correspondents.

# Formation of Alternative White House Correspondents' Association and Auxiliaries

Last week, on my own initiative and not as an act or initiative for or on behalf of my network which was not informed of these actions in advance—I chartered in Delaware and filed Lanham Act future use registrations with visual marks and intents and have placed in service for pertinent trademark categories, two new organizations: the NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION ("NWHCA") and its auxiliary, THE UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION ("USWHCA"). These organizations will admit members who support conservative and independent reportage and media.

### **Request for White House Recognition**

We have asked President Trump and the Press Secretary for official recognition of our new NWHCA correspondents organization. We have requested equal treatment, equal access, equal decision making, our own press pool and our own cameras in the briefing room, along with shared responsibility for all other prerogatives and administrative White House functions that are now in the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) organizations hands exclusively because of WHCA's de facto and default monopoly.

### **Direction, Funding, Leadership**

- Funded by prominent conservative supporters and donors, and guided by public profile advisory boards, our new NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION will complement the existing WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION.
- Our charter declaration seeks to help members return America's news traditions to greatness.
- As founder, I have been elected—and have accepted and volunteered to serve unpaid for the 60-month foundational term—through the entire second Trump administration—as NWHCA president and initially

as executive director.

- I will neither seek nor expect changes in my ongoing role for Herring Broadcasting as OAN's Chief White House Correspondent—even as I expect that the NWHCA will deliver vastly improved White House positioning, inclusion and access not only for OAN but for other similarly situated conservative, independent and new-media outlets. We will access these prerogatives through the White House and Press Secretary and to any extent WHCA interferes beyond their prescriptions—through the courts.
- Leadership of the new organizations and continued presence in the White House as a correspondent will allow me to participate in the coming end to a long era of news domination by large and corrupt corporate mass media concentrators and their subjugated reporters.

# President Trump's Direct to America Initiatives

President Trump has proven how effective are—direct to America communications—and has shown Internet media and wireless carriage are the future of baseline communications in a modern presidency. No middle man or intervening viewpoints interfere. No broadcasting licenses. No cable carriage disputes. Far simpler to lead and govern by reaching huge audiences directly with personal messages. The President's personality replaces the media personality—the filter is gone. New media dominate.

### Membership Metrics

- We expect our new media White House offsite members, served by our own White House direct feeds and instant connectivity links, to soon join present and traditional on site White House commentators and Washington based NWHCA members. Conservatives will at last have their place in White House reporting.
- Our new NWHCA expects to admit several thousand new outside media members and to expand White House coverage now offered by WHCA's ostensibly 800 members. WHCA cite the 800 members number but observed at the White House this incarnates into about 100 palpable members who seem actually engaged in the White House as correspondents. WHCA's inclusion policies are designed to restrict and repel conservative access.
- By third quarter's end, 2020, the NWHCA will expect to have expanded and to have admitted and privately credentialed—new remote but associated White House correspondents from these new media cohorts and independent terrestrial and cable broadcaster outlets in and beyond the U.S.
- These members will mostly live far from the Washington area—many overseas—and telecommute to the White House as they write and comment and broadcast while using our live feeds from the White House and nearby studios.
- These new members will become connected parts of our new electronic Presidential and executive branch networking with remote White House reporters—citizen media, social media, and conservative media.
- Our new media correspondents' model predicts our vastly greater NWHCA membership will soon, in the aggregate subsume and replace now failing big corporate mass media models in the news marketplace.

# **Recognizing the Political Divide**

The political divide that separates two poles of American politics today is real, affects all media, and can be simply and honestly admitted—and then, practiced. The news neutrality pretense can be dropped. Are we at NWHCA conservative and pro-Trump? We are. We are proud to say so. Our opinions count. We balance the opposite political pole.

WHCA members have a pronounced leftward and Democrat Party outlook, a slant, an attitude—it isn't neutral, we don't agree with it— but their opinions count.

We have an outlook—subjective humans always do—we admit it—and here it is. This means the NWHCA actually stands for a free press—the WHCA does not.

# **Comparative Perspective**

After over one hundred years, the WHCA with a \$364,000 annual revenue shown on the WHCA 990 is surely, neither serious nor financially viable.

We have begun planning for three regional correspondent's dinners for conservative correspondents with awards and scholarships to convene after national health is restored.

# Crossover Members—Deconstruction of the WHCA

The NWHCA will solicit crossover inclusion initially from some of WHCA's acceptable existing members.

Our long-term postulate observes that: the WHCA 1913 era "old boys" club atmospherics are "top hat and cane" Wilsonian-America relics—yesterday's spirits of a yellow press--all wrong for a modern White House communicating in a complex electronic world.

Americans of all persuasions have made clear—they no longer want their news faked, cooked, corrupted, filtered or hoaxed by monopolists at big media serving as censors, manipulators and gatekeepers, straining presidential or other news with leftist agendas and views expressed by journalists from an effete and insufferable private club. That era is done.

# The President's Briefing Room Optics—WHCA Miscreants and Reform

The President's briefing room optics—what the public takes from a message when shown reacting faces in the briefing room—are inherent parts of the President's messages.

President Trump, a veteran television presenter—the most experienced and effective presenter in presidential history—understands audience-response optics keenly. He knows that obstructionists like CNN are WHCA sanctioned disorder agents there to suggest to the American public and the world that the U.S. President is not controlling his own briefing room and isn't as smart as the press. The broadcast audience has no feedback optic visible but that of churlish reporters. Sparring in room seems only to amuse President Trump to a limited extent. Abrasive reporters blur presidential optics. Obnoxious reporters interfere with vital messages—and with message cores. This is wrong especially, in a time of contagion.

Reporters hindering the President with static—amount to miscreants in a courtroom or the unruly in a classroom, they—a roomful of book selling *platformers*—such as Acosta—perform hostility-dramas to distract and derail the

President's messages and undermine his credibility without decorum or authentic journalistic purpose.

The NWHCA differs from the WHCA in its fundamental standpoint—the NWHCA views the President's messages as "priority one" at every briefing, especially during a national emergency.

Agreeing unvaryingly with or validating the president are not journalistic requisites of course—controversy with the press is expected by a president, even likely wanted—but rowdy indecorum by some WHCA members' amounts to contempt and obstruction.

The WHCA sponsors and supports a cadre of boisterous and unruly leftists operating in the White House basement. The WHCA defended Acosta, in *amicus*, using its scarce funds, the juvenile hostility antics and infractions against the office of the president. Acosta's apparent personal disdain for President Trump is immaterial. WHCA didn't upbraid Acosta, WHCA defended him while pretending themselves saviors of the free press— not the defenders of debauchery working against the free press.

#### Ending the WHCA Private Club Monopoly and Wilsonian Era Atmospherics on White House Premises

The nation's dependence on presidential messages filtered and hindered by the WHCA's asserted monopoly on White House grounds during an emergency—show further their your monopoly must end.

The WHCA asserts control of briefing room seating and press prerogatives including press pools, transport on Air Force One, outdoor spacing and other access and information privileges, in order to exclude conservative and impair new media voices.

A nation in crisis cannot afford private club mannerists excluding diversity of press viewpoints inside the White House. The tasks the WHCA monopolize actually are not theirs to control but fall to the president and his press secretary alone—they have the power and certainly the final word.

#### WHCA Obsolescence and Dysfunction

We note that the White House Correspondents' Association—founded in the pre-war 1914 fog of the Wilsonian era, before women's suffrage and WWI—operated then as now, as an exclusionary men's club that not all White House correspondents were allowed to join. Little but the admission of approved women has changed in a century. The WHCA has swaggered across more than a century of presidencies—one by one, as monopolists unchallenged by competition—until now.

Our NWHCA counsel notes that behind the curtain, the not-so-great WHCA is not legally more than a tiny and ostensibly non-profit section 501 organization with about \$350,000 in annual revenue and zero employees. This puts the financial seriousness of the failing WHCA on revenue parity—with a failing Subway sandwich store.

Nor is the WHCA unbound by civil rights and other workplace harassment and discrimination statutes and rules affecting third parties—including conservative reporters—operating in a White House work space overwhelmed by leftist partisans. The WHCA presence in the White House, our counsel reports, is curiously—unfounded in law. The DOJ this week concurred. The DOJ opinion letter is clear—the White House and not the WHCA controls all White House space and functions and all access to the President.

### The WHCA's One-Man Salary Machine

The WHCA seems to serve one principal—but not very vital purpose—to operate as its own executive director's one-man salary machine and as a coffee-klatch for several "directors." The WHCA's IRS form 990 shows the salary machine truth—a salary maker dipping disproportionately into meager revenues of a non-profit—and informing how the WHCA is actually funded by big media donors sponsoring a single and untidy annual joke-dinner attracting a crowd of "look at me" Hollywood has-beens and hangers-on who provide the correspondent's dinner with a leering and leftist audience that seems to attend in order to try diminishing the presidency and conservatism— with puerile humor and potty-grade humorists.

The event is designed to suggest to Americans and the world that the presidency is a frivolous thing, a joke really— no more important than the potted reporters slipping under tables in the joke-dinner ballroom.

President Trump rightly and tastefully refuses to attend or dignify this alcohol-drenched pomposity—now cancelled altogether. Assuredly, the NWHCA will host its own correspondent's dinners—that will honor and celebrate the presidency.

# WHCA Schemes to Suppress and Ouster Conservative Media at White House

Our new organizations have not been formed in reactions to WHCA's wrongful ouster attempts of me and OAN this past week at the White House Briefing Room and are not in reaction to the media hit-jobs launched by your members against me personally—the new organizations pre-date these incidents and the libel courts will handle the hit-jobs.

But I am not the issue nor is my network the issue. I arise in opposition as consequence of long WHCA mismanagement--and deep biases against conservative reporters. As one conservative target of WHCA abuses I cannot fail to note that the WHCA—has regularly and actionably intermeddled with my access and White House participation during my news broadcasting career and the careers of conservatives like me.

### <u>The WHCA Does Not Defend—But Obstructs the Free Press</u>

The WHCA proclaims a role as savior and defender of the free press—one belied by true function— to block and hinder diverse press views in order to favor their friends in corporate old-media.

### **No Jurisdiction**

The WHCA has no jurisdiction or authority over non-members or members of its new rival organization the NWHCA.

### For the Record—and for Purposes of Future Litigation

For the record: Last week the WHCA presumed to "evict" me and my OAN network by "vote" of its private club "board"—a board to whom I do not answer in a club to which I do not belong. Regarding my presence in a publicly owned and White House controlled presidential briefing room.

For further record, I am negative-tested for contagion—even though most of the WHCA are untested entirely and two WHCA members are suspected positive—as recently admitted.

# The Public Has Been Unaware of WHCA's Lack of Legal Standing

After the WHCA's "fake democracy" of "board" leftists" last week "voted" me out of the President's press briefing room on spurious pretenses and without legal authority to evict anyone—they went further and released "news" of this "event" worldwide. I found myself reading about my presumably "shameful ouster" in *The Washington Post, The New York Post* and in *The Daily Mail*—and on dozens of imitative left leaning sites.

It occurred to me that the public is largely unaware that the WHCA has zero legal standing and does not represent the White House. We have done much on Twitter to repair this misapprehension already but some of the public who bothered to read about it, believes that my offense and ouster by the WHCA was official—not the extra-legal act of its rogue and—no legal standing--we have made clear WHCA is a no jurisdiction private club as the DOJ this week affirmed.

# **The Briefing Room Chairs**

This isn't a petty matter if it's a WHCA ploy to use chair dramas to evict conservatives entirely from the briefing room by the WHCA owning or pretending to own of all things—the White House briefing room chairs.

When the WHCA apply to us, strictures that do not apply to big media contributors and anti-administration donors and friends we ask: On what legal authority? The WHCA have purported ownership of the folding chairs? If so, what are their private club's chairs doing consuming 100% of the space of the entire Presidential briefing room? What is America doing, in a 22 trillion dollar economy, borrowing folding chairs from a private club?

We will be making our own seating charts that rotate positions in the briefing room more randomly and fairly.

Nobody elected big media to dominate the President's news and briefing room with extra-judicial edicts.

### Ending the Hoax News and Fake News Culture by Mass Media Inside the White House

We do not believe that President Trump owes his presidency to the media—he achieved the presidency in spite of the media—by defying it and mocking it and by seeing early and courageously, that its day was done in the hearts and minds of the American people.

For too long Americans have resented mass media's control of their news, entertainment and culture. Many new media operators are changing things and the total audience of new media has now eclipsed mass media.

These will comprise our own base of new media members and citizen journalists and White House correspondents who will believe in America's greatness and President Trump's many achievements which the WHCA's private club denies and bitterly shuns.

The WHCA's old boys' clubs are done.

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