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Bill Waugh, Bureau Chief
Associated Press
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bill,

We have a question to be asked at the next presidential press conference and would like for you to relay it on.

We understand the questions have to be submitted in advance to Press Secretary Hagerty.

This is the question that we want submitted in writing:

"Since the Marines and Navy each have their own Air Force and since the Army is denied such an Air Force, why should not the Army extend the range of its ballistic missiles to ranges of 1,500 miles to meet the requirements for tactical missile support?"

We would like the AP man at the press conference to submit this question in writing and then follow it up with this verbal question:

"Since this is such an important defense issue do you think Col. Nickerson acted properly in making the controversy over the IRBM public?"

It is our understanding this is the general procedure, to submit the initial question in writing and then follow it with an oral question.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and the handing on of the request to the proper channels.

As you know, Col. Nickerson is from Paris, Ky., and the case has the town buzzing.

Don't let us down.

Sincerely,

Jesse M. Alverson

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April 29, 1957

Mr. Jesse M. Alverson,
Editor,
Paris Daily Enterprise,
Paris, Kentucky.

Dear Jesse:

I have sent a copy of your April 26 letter, relating to the Nickerson case, to our Washington office.

I am not familiar on just how soon questions are answered at the Presidential press conferences or whether all questions are eventually answered.

I am positive the Washington bureau will do all in its power to get you some answers.

Sincerely,

Bill Waugh

Chief of Bureau

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