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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST:

The quote below was passed on to me recently by a member of the press and I thought you might be interested in this tidbit from the horses mouth i.e. John Swinton.

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Free Press - but at what price?

"There is no such thing, at this date of the world's history, in America, as an independent press. You know it and I know it. The business of the journalist is to destroy truth; to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify; to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. You know it and I know it and what folly is this toasting an independent press? We are the tools and vassals for rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks, they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and or lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes."

- John Swinton, former Chief of Staff, The New York Times.

