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Ferdie --

Just a personal note upon your semi-retirement.

I honestly believe your contribution to the editorial philosophy of the Oklahoman and Times has been the most beneficial of any of our editorial writers during the time I have been somewhat involved in the process.

You possess a remarkable ability to cut through ideology and rhetoric and get to gut issues of right/wrong, morality/immorality, good/bad, black/white.

For instance:

As we circled the wagons to protect Nixon from the savages of the left, you were, I believe, the first to recognize that Nixon had partially created his own problem by lies and deceit unbecoming a President.


There has been a tendency on these pages in the past to see no evil in our "friends" and see no good in our "enemies."

Your counsel has, I think, kept our editorial thinking sound and prevented us from being a page filled only with reactionary diatribes.

Your contributions in agri-business and your unrelenting warfare with the bureaucracy speak for themselves.

I'm just happy you'll still be around for some time to come and don't take too much time "off the job.x" The page needs you.

Regards,


Jim Standard

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