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MEMO TO THE STAFF:

I know I speak for all of us when I say what a great moment this is for The Washington Post. Together with the New York Times, we have re-established a fundamental precept of freedom of the press under the First Amendment. For the first time in 200 years papers have been restrained from printing what, in the judgment of responsible editors here and elsewhere, was considered legitimate news.

It is a great tribute to the ability and determination of the editors and reporters of this paper that we had a case that could be fought and won in the courts.

Without the incredible effort and teamwork of the entire organization -- including the production and circulation departments who adjusted schedules night after night -- their efforts could not have succeeded.

*Katharine Graham*