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To B. P. Regional Editors:

A comment from Roy Copperud's column in E & P on a matter that has plagued yours truly throughout his reportorial life may be of some value to you, too. This word in the usage cited by Copperud pops up in our copy from all offices. Here goes:

Some, indicating an approximation, should be used only with round numbers, as I have noted previously: some 500 soldiers (not some 495 soldiers, which appears to be an exact total). We may add to this that some always precedes the number: "The report fills 600 some pages." Some 600 pages. This probably reflects confusion with --odd, which does follow: 600-odd pages.

So much for Copperud.

Our main style violations since our month's moratorium on comment after Phoenix:

1. Abbreviations in headlines. We do not abbreviate names of agencies in them, either initials or partial spellings of full words.

2. Failure to take into account our secular papers. Please identify your agency, when it applies, as a board, commission, institution of the Southern Baptist Convention. Do not call it First Church either, for the same reason, make it First Baptist Church.

Outstanding contributions or achievements since Phoenix:

Tip of the hat to John Bloskas for his tip on the new Ohio editor...to Roy Jennings for continued coverage of all newsworthy doings in Memphis, whether with his agency or not...to W. Barry Garrett for cracking the White House corps ...to Walker Knight for excellent picture-feature on Cuban refugees...to Jim Newton and Orville Scott for word both of them will be helping us at San Francisco...to John Hurt for giving us the stimulus to action we sometimes need... To Nashville office for developing the story on Oklahoma City unofficial session on doctrine.

As you know, John Bloskas of the Annuity Board is now filing with the (BP) logotype under the accepted styles and reporting procedures we follow. He will join our no-holds-barred policy discussions at Williamsburg next February.

Bye for now,