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Hey, Everybody.

I can't bury the lead on this one. Someday finally arrived. I'm retiring right after the first of the year.

If anyone ever found a calling in life I'm the one. I totally enjoyed every day of my forty-plus years working in TV news.

I've worked with phenomenal people including all of you. I've covered stories about amazing people. I've worked all over the country and all over the world. Beyond my wildest expectations I have eavesdropped on history every place I've been.

I guess that eavesdropping started when I carried a radio on my back as a soldier in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

Then the grad school internship here in D.C. during all the Watergate stories.

The first television interview with Ted Bundy on the courthouse steps in Salt Lake City.

The civil war in Lebanon. Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel. My all-time favorite interview with Golda Meir.

Our team in Nashville won a Peabody for exposing corruption in the Tennessee legislature.

Both O.J. trials in L.A., the WTO riots in Seattle, the election of the first African-American President of the United States here in D.C.

Along the way I married the best person I ever hired and had four wonderful kids who still happily come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Finally, I've never apologized for TV news. The good old days were no better than the good new days. We do a great job for millions of people every day and we should be proud of it.

So I hit the exit happy, fulfilled and thankful to all the people I've encountered along the way.

I'll stay in touch.

Bill

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