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Carroll has driven to give AP coverage a new sophistication while meeting the evolving demands and capabilities of today’s multimedia formats. She led the AP through a major global restructuring so that 10 regional editing hubs around the globe now speed delivery of news once largely channeled from New York headquarters.

In addition, Carroll has been a leader in decision-making about vital security issues for journalists covering stories in war zones and other hostile environments and on challenges to journalistic access. She has led AP’s global focus on journalism that holds government officials accountable to the people they lead.

During her tenure, the AP has expanded its footprint into several key locations, including the groundbreaking expansion into North Korea and Myanmar.

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