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Mr. President Bush, WEAD

Being that I am in the A-R
force, I come under your
author. ty. But this letter comes
to you as A voter. It was
A fearful surprise when we
found out that you had fired
Doug Wead your special liaison
to the religious community. This
done to buckle under the demands
of militant homosexuals. When I
voted for you I thought you
were A family supporting, God
fearing Christian, I'm sorry that

that was a wrong impression.

You see I believe there are
no gray areas. Either its
wrong or right, Sin or righteousness.

Please I pray, reverse your
decision on firing Doug Wead, once
a ethical voice is taken out of

the White House it will only turn
down from there. If you haven't
do so lately, reaffirm your faith
in the Lord our God and repent.

BRICE HALL
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Long AFB ME 04751

SEE Proverbs 16: 12-13

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Wm WEARD

1st, Landerdale Fl. 33334

2996 NE 11 Ave - 201

October 3, 1990

The President

Washington D.C.

Mr President

Generally, I appraise your Presidency as Excellent. However, I find it difficult to understand your actions as described in inclosed clipping from Sept. issue of Amer. Family Assn. Journal. Surely, you don't think you need their votes!

Am also wondering why you found it necessary to fire Mr. Weard?

I want to be proud of our Republican Party, but I can't be when my tax money is used to support pornographic art and people who perform deviate acts are honored by invitations to the White House.

Sincerely

Veronica Clettt

Bush welcomes homosexuals to White House, fires Christian liaison

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Paula Marie Rovik
P.O. Box 178
McCleary, Washington 98557

October 11, 1990

Mr. President Bush
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I hope that this will get through to you. Greetings from Washington State. I was pleased at the way you handled your vice-presidency under the Reagan Administration, and how you did the first year or so in office.

I am quite disappointed in how things have been going this year, Mr. President, as it seems that your administration is portraying more and more things which are opposite from the way that you promised in your campaign. I am referring to the pro-sodomy decisions that your administration seems to be making, first of all by inviting these homosexuals into the White House. This is clearly far away from representing the conservative people who voted you into office. The firing of Doug Wead, ^{secondly} because of his apologies to some about your inviting the sodomites into your company. The media portrays you as arm in arm with these people. Do you represent their immoral ways or God's?

I sincerely hope that this is just an oversight on your part and not your true convictions. Doug Wead was your arm to the conservatives. Why was he fired? Someone must be pretty pro-homosexual to have fired him on the grounds that the media says.

I worked very hard on your campaign and am involved in the Republican Party. Please write and re-confirm your conservative stance on important issues such as this. It sure would give me a lot more respect for your administration once again.

Sincerely,

Paula Marie Rovik

Paula Marie Rovik

WEAD

512 N.W. Searoke Ave
Bend, Or 97701
October 10, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I was saddened by the firing of Doug Wead, your liaison to evangelical leaders, because of his protesting your inviting homosexual leaders to the White House for bill-signing ceremonies.

I desire that you uphold traditional American family values by your actions as well as your words.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Laurie Coe

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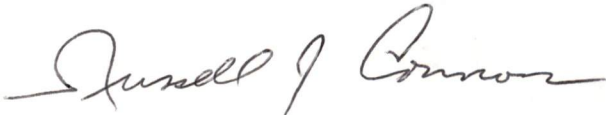
President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

SUBJECT: Hate Crimes Bill signing ceremony

Dear Mr. President,

Some disturbing signals are being sent by the coincident firing of Doug Wead, special liaison to the religious community, and the invitation of leaders of homosexual groups to two separate meetings at the White house. Are you sure you want to position yourself as caving in to the homosexuals at the expense of your Christian friends?

Sincerely,



Russell Connors
73 Forest Valley Rd.
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

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WEAD

Oct. 11, 1990

Dear Mr. President,

I don't think you could possibly know how it hurts to see the White House use its credibility to honor Playboy and the Washington Blade, and the Homosexual leaders.

As a mother, and Catholic Christian, I have the task of teaching values to my children. It is very discouraging to have those values undercut by my own President. What are young people supposed to think?

When the news of Doug Wead's resignation was announced in our church, there was a tremendous sense of loss. Having him at the White House told us something about what you believe and the direction you are taking us. Where will we be going now?

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Mr. President, please direct
your staff to come back to the
values you spoke about when
we elected you.

Sincerely,

Mary Voelker
6953 Deerwood Dr.
Lanesville, In 47136

copy to:

Vice President Dan Quayle

Governor John Sununu

WEAD

Ruth Ann Box
5714 Del Roy
Dallas, Texas 75230

October 4, 1990

Dear Mr. President,

I am, and will continue to be, a supporter of yours.

However, I want to tell you of my distress over the recent dismissal of Doug Wead. I have to say that I agree with Mr. Wead's assessment that it is not appropriate to invite to the White House individuals whose sole basis for distinction is their advocacy of sodomy or pornography. I am referring, of course, to the homosexual rights groups and the publisher of Playboy Magazine.

Mr. President, the wisdom of these invitations must be in doubt in a time when organized homosexual groups have desecrated churches and shouted down government officials sent to discuss measures to help AIDS victims.

As regards Ms. Hefner's magazine, surely you are aware of the many studies linking pornography and sex crimes against women, children and even men.

I respectfully ask that you instruct your staff to reconsider your stance on such matters. I hope that in the future the White House guest list will be more reflective of the values of your constituents and, we believe, yourself.

Very truly yours,
Ruth Ann Box
Ruth Ann Box

WEAD

September 16, 1990

President George Bush
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

This letter is to let you know how disappointed I am with the stand your staff has taken concerning the firing of Doug Wead. Your silence on this action indicates your approval. This is a disappointment to me. I voted for you because I thought you were a man who believe what God says. I thought you stood for the principles and values that support God's word.

I am a Christian, a Baptist who backs and believes God. I understand some things you have no control over like the economy so I understood your need to raise taxes. I do not understand this firing or more importantly your silence about it. Who is the President anyway? Who is in charge at the White House.

Sincerely,
Irene L. Prescott

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

LAUREN LEE
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
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September 26, 1990

Re: Mr. Doug Wead's
departure from the
White House

Dear Mr. President,

Your relatively recent dismissal of Doug Wead from the White House has caused much concern and confusion. If a label (for cataloguing this letter) for our opinion is necessary as individuals, please consider us ^{ANTI} Christian, conservative, and republican.

We see no need to rehash the episode, as we're sure you must be well aware of what happened and the issues involved; and we greatly respect your valuable time. Suffice it to say we were astonished and appalled by your action - or lack of it. We've always considered the Bush family of the highest integrity and principles; and in addition a wonderful "down-to-earth" Christian family who has remained "above politics" and retaining a balance with priorities which is incredible to do in your positions! For this we hold you in awe and have been proud for your representation of this country.

However - we need to express this ~~stern~~ and ~~disap.~~ POINTMENT we share with so many others over this incident.

Most Respectfully & sincerely
GOD BLESS
John Crowe
Jennie Belle Crowe

cc: VP. D. Quzyle
MA. A. Borchgrave
Mr. Atwater
Mr. Buchanan
Sen. Helms
Gov. J. Sununu

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WEAD

SEPT. 20, 1990

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH,

THIS IS MY FIRST LETTER EVER TO PROTEST AND EXPRESS MY ANGER AT YOU AND YOUR STAFF. My wife and I are extremely upset at your dismissal of DOUG WEAD.

WE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL THAT DOUG WAS ON THE "700 CLUB" BEING INTERVIEWED BY PAT ROBERTSON... OUR FRIEND SAID DOUG WAS FIRED BY YOU..

This is incredible! HERE IS A MAN WHO HAS STOOD BY YOUR SIDE, WRITTEN A BOOK ON YOU WHICH I RELUCTANTLY READ, WHO WORKED HARD TO CONVINCE MANY OF US CONSERVATIVES AND CHRISTIANS THAT YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO MAYBE YOU'RE NOT, SPECIFICALLY AN ENDORSER OF FAMILY VALUES... IS THIS HOW YOU REWARD LOYALTY?

MR. President, you have shown wisdom in so many AREAS SINCE YOU HAVE COME INTO OFFICE... WE THINK YOU HAVE FIRED THE WRONG PERSON !!!

Paul F. Miller
Debbie N. Miller

5001 SINCLAIR DR.

RALEIGH, N.C. 27604



WEAD

William Oehler
13273 Wood Street
Madera, Ca. 93638

Dear President Bush:

I was really disappointed you fired Mr. Doug Wead. This man stood for what is right and you fired him. Please in the name of decency reinstate him to his post. Fire Miss bobbie Greene Kilberg. Your administration owes Mr. Wead a public apology. You have the support of the people that believe in family values. Please do support families. Please reply.

Very Respectfully,

William Oehler

WEAD

Donald R. Word

7656 Westchester Dr.
Belleville, IL 62223

September 20, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

I doubt you will actually read this letter, but let me express my extreme dissatisfaction with your actions toward the Christian community and the firing of Doug Wead. I wonder if Mr. Wead still considers you to be a "man of integrity" as his book title stated?

Your reputation as a "family man" is seriously in question when you cave in to militant homosexuals and invite them on more than one occasion to the White House. You have set a most dubious precedent! Ironic, isn't it, that even though you have given much attention to the AIDS problem, homosexual and AIDS activists interrupted one of your speeches four times because you aren't doing enough. I doubt anything will satisfy them short of sanctioning their lifestyle and putting the full weight of government behind a campaign to wipe out the last vestiges of traditional morality.

While homosexuals have every right to their choice of lifestyles, it is NOT the lifestyle of choice for the overwhelming majority of Americans even though the homosexual community is doing their best to change that.

I would like to continue to believe you to be a strong, moral supporter of our families, but your recent decisions to invite homosexuals and pornographers such as Playboy editor Christie Hefner to the White House raise serious doubts and questions.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Word

Donald R. Word

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WEAD

Mrs. Anna L. Wert
Box 169F, Hollow Road, R. D. No. 1
Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355

Sept. 16, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

As a citizen in the U.S., I have admired you and Mrs. Bush and I had voted for you. From what I have heard and read I believe you are Christians and have fine, high standards.

In the mail I received an AFA Journal (American Family Association) for September. In reading this journal, which deals with moral standards and issues, there is an article about President Bush welcoming homosexuals to the White House, and firing Doug Wead, a special liaison to the religious community, after Mr. Wead protested your invitation to leaders of the homosexual groups to two meetings at the White House.

President Bush, may I be so

bold as to inquire if you are
weakening your ties to evangelical
community? I know God loves everyone.

God has always Blessed America,
however, God is being pushed aside
all the time now in both public
and private sectors and I just
wonder how much longer He
will continue to Bless us! We
need to put God first!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Anna Wert

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5564 County Road 79A
Saint Joe, Indiana
46785
September 21, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.
20500

Dear President Bush:
we are saddened that you
fired our religious liaison to the
white house Doug Wead and
want to see him reinstated, we
will consider this issue in the
next presidential election. Thank
you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Patee

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Aug 17 1992

Jack Kari
2163 Inca Drive
Rapid City, S.D.
57701

Dear President Bush;

Recently I learned of the firing of Doug Wead, it very much surprised me that you would fire a man who was so instrumental in the Bush election. As a minister myself I know that the christian community will be very concerned about your judgments on future moral and ethical decisions. Because these decisions weigh so heavy on our hearts it makes it very difficult to vote for a man who we can not fully rely on to carry out what is truly moral and right.

To vote for anyone less than a man of morals is to waste a vote. I personally supported your election as president of this great Country. To think that you would now turn your back on what I believed you truly believed in is very disheartening.

The fact that you have supported homosexual groups and pornography and invited Playboy publisher Christie Hefner to the WHITE HOUSE disappoints all those who so rigorously supported your bid for president.

I haven't yet decided who I will vote for or support in 1992 . Please give me a reason to vote for you.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

Jack Kari

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WEAD

September 16, 1990

President George Bush
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As a conservative my hat is off to Doug Wead for standing up for his principles. I think you made a mistake in allowing Killberg-Demarest to push him out.

Do you really want all of your people to say the same things? Isn't there any room in the White House for the conservative viewpoint? You have lost a great supporter and one of great integrity. A rare quality, not often found in the halls of the government.

The Washington Blade, Playboy, The Gay & Lesbian Task Force, these groups will never support you in 1990. Your staff is very naive, as it is politically dangerous to cater to these groups.

With Respect,



Michael Mertz
Mertz & associates
P.O. Box 515
Calimesa, Ca. 92320

Copy to:

Vice-President Dan Quayle
Governor John Sununu
Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave
Mr. Lee Atwater, Chairman
Mr. Patrick Buchanan
Senator Jesse Helms

WEAD

Dear Mr President,

10-16-90

~~WEAD~~ I am writing regarding your connections with certain groups or individuals that tear down our families (our country).

Is it true your administration hired Doug Wead (represents a special liaison to the religious community)? Did you invite certain individuals that represents gay/homosexual groups? Are you interested in helping them ¹ ~~break~~ ² ~~break~~ ³ their anti family actions, ² ~~condoning~~ ³ ~~condoning~~ their actions Desiring to get their support? Mr Bush would you want your children to pursue that kind of life? Did you invite Playboy publisher, Christie Hefner, to a White House meeting? Do you endorse the N.E.A. in espousing anti Christian thinking and pornography. Don't you think there should be restrictions? I have writings of articles that say you did. Are you thinking of the long term affect it is going to have on our country? I respect

some of the choices you have made.
I praise you for the choice of David
Souter for the Supreme Court. However
~~others~~ choices like these in this letter and
definitely disagree with. Stand up straight
Bush and be a strong leader by making
wise choices.

Thanks for Taking Note
of This,
Paul McIntroy

P.S. I pray for you for I know there is
a lot of pressure however one day we will
stand before our creator.

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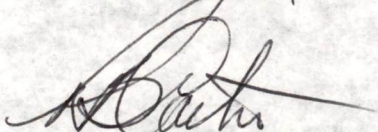
Wead firing

OCT 10, '90

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH:

I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE & STAND ON FORCING CONGRESS TO PASS A BUDGET THAT WILL REDUCE THE DEFICIT, BUT I MUST PROTEST THE FIRING OF DOUG WEAD FOR TAKING A STAND AGAINST INVITING HOMOSEXUALS TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR BILL SIGNINGS — OUR GREAT COUNTRY WAS MADE GREAT ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF MORALITY NOT PERVERSIONS — I PRAY FOR & COUNSEL THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAGICALLY ENSLAVED, THE WORD "GAY", BELIEVE ME, DOES NOT DESCRIBE THEM & I HOPE YOU WILL NOT ENCOURAGE THEM INTO PERPETUATING THE HORRIBLE MYTH THAT THEY ARE LIVING AN "ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE" — A LIFESTYLE THAT LEADS ONLY TO HOPELESS DEGRADATION.

Sincerely Yours,



R. B. CARTER
426 SE AIRPARK
BEND, OREGON
97702

LA
WEAD
Conf/ wead firing

September 15, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

I am sorry to hear you dismissed
Mr. Doug Wead, special liaison for you. I
think you made a tremendous error.

He was a person of truth and integrity,
one that you could trust and not com-
promise, but you will not realize this
until later on - , as time usually tells.

I know, God has something else for Mr. Wead,
but his shoes will be hard to fill for you.

I am disappointed - . I and my family
voted you into office and I am beginning
to think we made a mistake of our own.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Scenhowe's Fam.,
David Joel Scenhowe
Sheila Feldman
Linda Jones
Terri McGee
Diana Bercheval
Cindy Dinton

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John S. Collins
2808 Azeele St. W. # 209
Tampa, Fl 33609

September 21, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

RE: THE FIRING OF R. DOUGLAS WEAD

I want to express my disappointment with your staff regarding Douglas Wead. During your campaign you talked about a conservative America. You promised Americans if you were elected that you would move for a more conservative America. I am a registered Republican, who wants a more conservative America.

I am very saddened that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was able to put enough pressure on your staff to get this strong conservative fired. Please stop allowing liberal organizations such as these to pressure you. Give Americans what you promised--a conservative America.

Additionally, if it had not been for the work of Douglas Wead I probably would have voted for Pat Robertson.

Thank you for allowing me to let you know how I feel.

Sincerely,

John S. Collins
John S. Collins

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New Washington, Oh 44854
316 Monroe St.

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President George Bush,
White House,
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Today I read in a newly arrived journal that you have fired Doug Wead who played a key role in getting you elected. Also invited two leaders of a homosexual group to the White House. Earlier, you had invited Playboy publisher, Christie Hefner to a meeting.

Such actions merely puts your stamp of approval on such unwanted persons.

The morals of our nation are dipping to an all time low. Frankly, I am very worried what is going to happen if our nation is not turned around. Your endorsement of such groups is not helping.

I am not in favor of tax-funded art.

Hopefully in the future your actions will support better morals for our nation.

Sincerely Yours,

Lucile E. Heydinger

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PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH=

I WAS ~~VERY~~ DISAPPOINTED TO READ THAT YOU FIRED DOUG WEAD, YOUR ERSTWHILE SPECIAL LIAISON TO THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. I WAS ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTED TO READ THAT YOU FIRED MR. WEAD AT THE BEHEST OF HOMOSEXUAL GROUPS — IN FACT, OF THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INSULTING AND ABUSING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN VARIOUS ILLEGAL PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS. NEED I REMIND YOU THAT HOMOSEXUALS AS A GROUP DID NOT SUPPORT YOU IN 1988?

Tan Riley

25 JEFFERSON DR.
LOCKPORT NY 14094



America the Beautiful USA 15


President George Bush
White House
Washington DC
20500

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Sir, Wood 10-15-90

Can you please give
me a valid reason for
firing Doug Wood,
your special liaison
to the religious community?

I'm a lifelong Republican
and a contributor to the
GOP Presidential
Task Force!!!

Sincerely,


MR. C. V. AFFLERBACK
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Sept 22

President Bush,

I am one of the many conservative Americans who was very pleased to see you take office. We have hoped that America could be turned around to claim her roots + her values. In many ways, I feel you have done this, but I do not understand why Doug Weed would be fired when he protested

an invitation of homosexuals
to the White House.

If this is true, it
appears as a direct
contradiction to the basic
values you seem to stand
for.

Please explain.

Mrs. Norma Woodwood
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9/23/90

Dear President Bush,

PROTEST TO
THE FIRING
OF
DOUG WEAD

I am a conservative supporter of your
presidency. I give money and work as a
Republican Party precinct worker

I would like to protest the firing of
Doug Wead. You ran on a campaign of
traditional values and fired Doug because of
his support of these values.

Please reconsider the firing of Doug Wead
and rehire him.

Thank you
sincerely,
Jan Robbins
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Dear President Bush,

Aug. 31, 1990

I know how busy you are with many important world issues right now; and I would not be writing you if I did not feel this was a very important issue of our rights.

I have recently learned of the dismissal of & replacement of your public liaison, Dong Wead, by Bobbie G. Kilberg. I am very upset by this happening. I have known of and been associated with Dong Wead for over 10 years. I know of the fruits he is producing in our world. I know his heart & motives are good.

Our rights & priviledges as Americans are being taken away daily without our knowledge. This Country was founded on Christian values, morals, and freedom. It is very upsetting to average American people to hear that special interest groups with friends in high places & positions can take away a persons freedom of speech.

I implore you to please look into this matter & to do what is the right thing to do. Please check Dong Wead's record, his achievements & successes.

I ask you to reinstate
Doug Wead to the position
he had. He was a voice
for the average, patriotic
American citizen. He takes
pride in doing what is
right.

I thank you for your
time Mr. President. I have
faith that you will right
this wrong that has
been committed.

Sincerely,

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16 November 1990

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

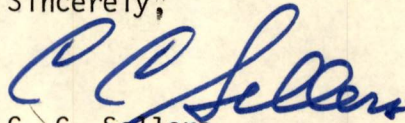
Several months ago I became disturbed at recognition you gave homosexual activists by inviting them to White House events. Now the articles continue to mount up in my library about the unfortunate sacking of your former advisor Doug Wead.

I am enclosing the latest such article that has come to my attention ("White House Cultural Wars" by William Blakely from New Dimensions magazine of December 1990).

Mr. President, I hope you will give this matter your personal attention and return Mr. Doug Wead to his post. We thought you were Pro-family, and that would certainly by definition mean that you were anti-homosexual. Furthermore, you profess to be a Christian, which would seem to indicate that you should reread the Word of God as written in Romans Chapt. 1 regarding the truth about homosexuality.

If the enclosed article is anywhere near correct, the cause of Christ and the Bush presidency are not being well-served by the presence of Bobbie Green Kilberg in the Executive Department.

Sincerely,


C. C. Sellers

Enclosure



RON SACHS/CONSOLIDATED NEWS

Signing the Americans With Disabilities Act last July: Many Bush supporters were upset that the guest list included homosexual activists

White House cultural wars

Intrigue, secret alliances, backstabbing, and a struggle for power. Sounds like the makings of a good daytime soap opera. Except the backdrop for this political intrigue is the White House, and the players and events are real.

By William Blakely

For the last few months, while the rest of the nation has been transfixed by the crisis in the Gulf, the White House mailroom has been engulfed by a crisis of its own. Thousands of pieces of mail began flooding the small office following a White House turf battle within the President's staff that ended in July with the ousting of the President's liaison to conservatives, Doug Wead.

A member of the mailroom staff comments: "Governor Sununu [as he is known in the White House] has given strict orders not to make public the actual number of pieces of mail, but most of them have the same theme: The wrong side won the war."

The controversy began last spring when Bobbie Green Kilberg, deputy assistant to the President for public liaison, began inviting radical liberal leaders to White House events. Among the groups invited to the

White House were The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, the ACLU, representatives of *Playboy*, the *Washington Blade* (a gay newspaper), Friends For the American Way, and other notorious groups of the far left.

The appearance of diverse political groups at White House events is not unusual. What is unusual, say political insiders, is that these controversial groups were actively recruited to appear at selected events. Since a public appearance is tantamount to political recognition, many conservative organizations, especially the religious right, were offended by the invitation extended to radical homosexual groups.

Perhaps the incident that sparked the battle was the invitation of homosexual organizations to the ceremonial signings of the Hate Crimes Bill and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Members of conservative groups were appalled that gays, active anti-conservatives who had recently taken to ma-

lining many religious groups, including the Catholic Church, were suddenly honored guests of the President.

For homosexual leaders it was unprecedented recognition, and they compounded the attention by crowing about their invitations—action that only exacerbated the conservatives' irritation.

When the reaction hit the White House, Doug Wead, the President's liaison to the right, answered critics with a strong letter reaffirming the President's commitment to traditional values and contending that "the President's staff did not serve him well on this occasion."

Kilberg was infuriated. She announced to colleagues that she intended to have Wead fired.

But there was a problem. Wead was popular with the President, who considered him a loyal advisor. During the '88 campaign he had written the President's biography. He had powerful friends including George Bush Jr., the President's son, and David Bates, a fellow White House senior staffer.

During his short time at the White House,



DAVID VALDEZ/THE WHITE HOUSE

Chief of Staff Sununu meets with the President in the Oval Office

Wead had conservative leaders invited to State dinners for the first time. They were in and out of the Oval Office, whisked off to Camp David, or offered special White House briefings. "It went beyond public relations," says one conservative leader who benefited from a Presidential phone call. "All of that access was helping to counter the liberal drift at the White House. It affected policy."

How would conservatives react to a move on Doug Wead?

David Demarest, the mutual boss of both Kilberg and Wead, was, apparently, a willing Kilberg ally. He had approved of the invitations to homosexual groups and the ACLU. Beyond that, he was involved in a similar battle over another cultural issue, the results of which helped open the doors for ousting Wead.

Months before, a debate had arisen over the proposed liberalization of immigration laws. Demarest and other liberal staffers were calling for an end to restrictions against AIDS carriers. That battle had been handled with discretion, and was part of the reason for the quiet resignation of White House Presidential Assistant and Wead ally David Bates earlier in the summer.

Inside the controversy

New Dimensions' Managing Editor David Kupelian interviewed Doug Wead shortly after he left the White House:

New Dimensions: The popular story in the press is that you were fired from your White House position because you wouldn't support White House overtures to homosexual groups. True?

Doug Wead: Well, I was caught in one of those little White House bureaucratic battles. It happens in every department in government, and at every level of the White House. The letter I wrote, as an apology to conservative leaders, was just the trigger, I suppose. That was the only thing that was ever mentioned to me as a reason for dismissal.

ND: Other staff members had invited the leaders of homosexual groups to the White House on the occasion of President Bush's signing into law the Hate Crimes Bill last April, and again in July for the Presidential signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act which prohibits discrimina-

tion against AIDS patients.

DW: Right. However, one of my regrets is the way in which the story was portrayed by some in the media who thought I had blocked or objected to the groups coming in. What really happened was that after some of the staffers had invited them in, there was a huge reaction, and I felt we owed an explanation to the constituents who had elected us and who were offended by that.

ND: And offense was taken to your letter.

DW: Yes, there were people who took it personally. My intention was simply to divert some of the heat away from the President, who does not micromanage those [guest] lists.

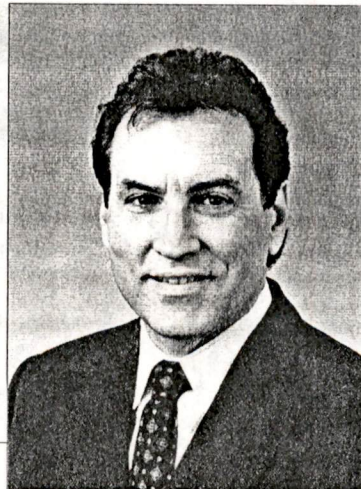
ND: What was John Sununu's role in your leaving the White House?

DW: He had defended me off and on for a year and a half, and maybe grew tired of it. Someone from the Midwest, as I am, and with traditional values, is just as controversial inside the Beltway as one of the inner-Beltway-types would tend to be in the heartlands of America.

ND: How would you describe John Sununu?

DW: He is one of the most brilliant men I've

Wead: The bottom line in Washington is power



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With Bates gone and Wead more isolated, Demarest and Kilberg stepped up their campaign and began to involve Chief of Staff John Sununu in the plot. Wead was accused of being a "family spy," undermining Sununu by back-channeling news to the President through his son George Jr. The duo warned Sununu that Wead was "favoring the constituents he was working with."

At an early morning informal session in Governor Sununu's office, Demarest accused Wead of an embarrassing leak to the popular Evans and Novak column and other indiscretions. Sununu wavered.

In early July, after Wead's letter consoling upset conservatives was passed around as "evidence," Sununu signed off on the plan. Now the trick was to keep their intention of removing Wead away from the President until it was a "done deal." On July 12, Demarest and Sununu deputy Andy Card met to discuss how to handle Wead's imminent departure. Wead was with the President that night. They would wait until the next day—Friday the 13th.

Neither Demarest nor Sununu talked to Wead about his departure. That was left to White House staffer Andy Card. Wead returned from the Friday meeting, gathered his



Wead with President Bush: Wead's dismissal was a "done deal" before word reached the President

staff around his desk and told them that he had been dismissed but that he was not discouraged; he had done the right thing.

According to one of the staffers, Wead said that his farewell to Andy Card had been dramatic. In one hand, Wead had held up his fa-

mous letter of apology, in the other a front page newspaper with the headline, "BUSH INVITES GAYS, ANGERS BAPTISTS."

"I would rather be the staffer dismissed for this letter," Wead reportedly said, "than the staffer promoted for causing embarrassing

ever met, very capable, able to make quick decisions, and very efficient. I think that he's been a very critically important appointment by the President.

ND: As a religious conservative, were you in a minority in the White House?

DW: Oh, I was very much in a minority. I wouldn't say that I was openly religious as such. I have a faith, but it never interfered in any way with my ability to get my work done. But I was most decidedly a minority.

ND: Did you ever catch any animosity toward that in the White House?

DW: Oh, yes. It's easy to be influenced when everyone else is thinking a certain way. It was hard for me at times to maintain my perspective, to stand up and say what I felt. Eventually, of course, doing just that cost me my job.

ND: Using the President as the dividing line—call him the political middle—tell me whether there are more liberals or conservatives in the White House.

DW: I would say that if the President is the middle line, by far there are more liberal than conservative staffers. *By far*. I think the President is much more conservative than his average staffer.

ND: President Bush gets much of his information, and even policy recommendations, from his staffers. Why would he surround himself with people who don't reflect his basic views and values?

DW: I think there are two reasons. One is more of an institutional Washington reason: People who are economic conservatives tend to be drawn to the free enterprise system. They're entrepreneurs, they're self-motivated, they haven't the patience to develop careers in government and to work and advance within the

bureaucracy. Likewise, the Americans who espouse traditional values have often been complacent and uninvolved in politics. Certainly religious people have, and so they are late starters. As a result, the bureaucracy is left to people who believe the government has solutions and are committed to that.

ND: So there are career bureaucrats even in the White House? I think people tend to picture a new president as moving into the White House with a fresh batch of supportive and smart people around him.

DW: The President is faced with running the White House. He has to have people who have done the same thing, in other departments, at other times and places, and who have that experience.

ND: Does this entrenched bureaucratic presence account for a large percentage of the people there?

DW: Yes, it does. And that's a large percentage of the people who survive there. They depend on those jobs and they're a lot more flexible.

ND: Do you think that hurts the President?

DW: I think it does. Most bureaucrats feel it's more efficient if everybody agrees and moves in the same direction. I think it's more efficient if there's a contest for ideas. That way, some of the bad ideas show up.

But there's another answer to your question, particularly in the case of George Bush. When he ran against Ronald Reagan in 1980, he attracted many "Stop Reagan" forces and individuals, so they were early Bush supporters. Some were far more liberal than the President himself. But he, being a man of deep personal loyalty to those who work with him, did inherit a little army who are a bit



“Letters on Wead’s firing outnumbered comments on the Iraqi crisis.”

Presidential meeting with religious leaders to discuss the drug issue. Both areas, “religion” and “drugs,” were part of Wead’s purview. The story was soon all over the White House that Kilberg had won her year-and-a-half battle with Wead. Within 24 hours it was on the front page of *The Washington Times*.

No one was quite prepared for the backlash. “It was like the Andy Rooney thing,” says a White House senior staffer, referring to the backlash when gay activists forced Rooney from his place on CBS’s “Sixty Minutes.”

For several days the irate telephone calls flooded the White House switchboard. Letters on Wead’s firing outnumbered comments on the Iraqi crisis.

Incredibly, the White House first asked Bobbie Kilberg to manage the crisis, or so she told her staff. The day after the story broke she tried to convince two different church leaders that Wead himself had invited the homosexual leaders. This didn’t work and only further insulted conservatives.

Two days later, Governor Sununu ordered

Vice President Dan Quayle’s Chief of Staff Bill Kristol to take over damage control, but sources say that as the volume of calls mounted, some of the Vice President’s staff sensed political danger and begged off the assignment.

Nowadays, the White House offers a variety of versions about the Wead dismissal. Sununu’s office holds to the story that Wead left by his own choosing. Demarest openly contradicts that version by saying that Wead was dismissed.

And what now for Ms. Kilberg?

“She’s not long for this world,” predicted a White House senior staffer who has the best overview and who is now in charge of picking up the pieces. “She’s a lightning rod for every conservative in the country.”

Another colleague is more blunt, “Bobbie has no credibility now. Internally, we’ve all caught on. When she says the Governor asked me to do this or that, we all know that it’s probably not the case.”

But some on her own staff are quick to defend her. “The Governor himself approved all

headlines for the President like this one.”

For three weeks the story was kept under wraps. Wead was leaving quietly. But Kilberg couldn’t wait to take over. According to liaison sources she called for a

more liberal than he is, who are now working with him, some of them in the White House.

ND: Why do you think the President allowed you to be fired?

DW: In the first place, this was kept away from the President until the last minute, until it was almost too late. In the second place, Governor Sununu is brilliant and very effective and very good. The President can’t be expected to interrupt his whole operation for one person. Over the years he’s had many very loyal staffers come and go over similar problems, and he watches and keeps track.

ND: Have you talked to him since leaving?

DW: Yes, I have. He was very kind and reiterated his friendship, and I leave with a deep, deep sense of gratitude to him for having had the chance to serve him. I trust his instincts and am committed to his Administration, and I’m sure that at some time, in some way, he’ll put me to work again.

ND: You are known to be extremely loyal to George Bush.

DW: I believe he’s a very decent man. I believe that he represents principles that are even higher than some of the conservatives’ economic theories that are so dear and important to some of my colleagues. So I got behind him early and lost a lot of money for several years working full-time for him. There were a lot of pressures related to that commitment, so I just have a lot invested there.

ND: Until the Persian Gulf crisis, the President, although still very popular, was getting a lot of heat from conservatives. In fact, one week before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, there was a lot of talk about cutting the B-2 bomber, and even cutting SDI. The President was perceived by many to be dangerously close to giving in to liberal demands to make drastic defense cuts. Suddenly, invasion.

Many people say that being confronted by this crisis has brought the best out of President Bush, making him a stronger president, and perhaps halted his weakening before the agenda of congressional liberals. Do you see any truth to that assessment?

DW: Yes, we were getting a lot of heat just before the Iraqi invasion, and it was a very critical time for us in our relationship with conservatives.

ND: Was there a lot of heat from within the White House, in terms of pressure from his own staff to cut defense?

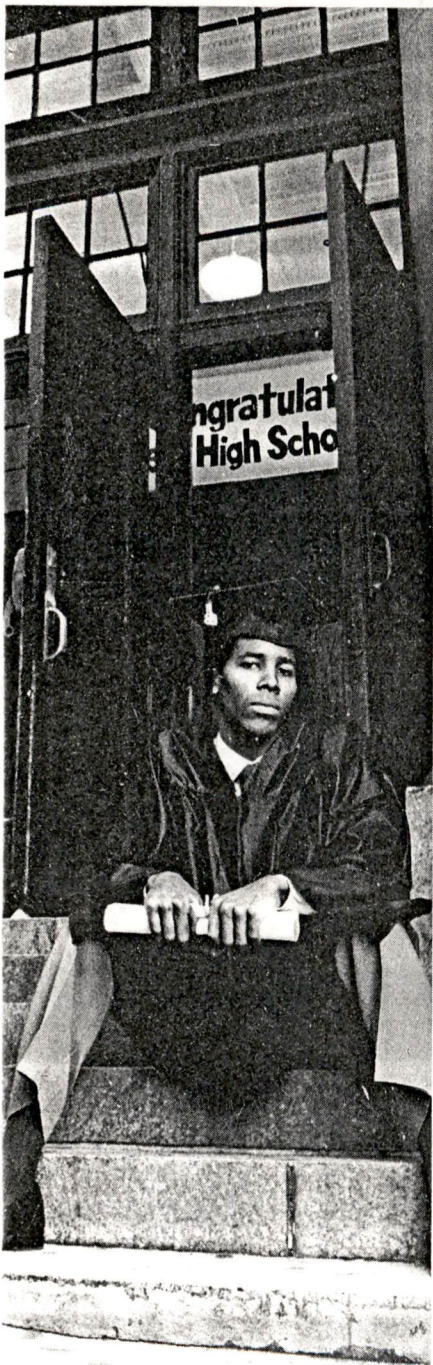
DW: Oh yes, there was. The momentum was clearly in that direction, and very strong.

ND: So, on top of pressure from the media and Congress to slash defense, the President got it from his own staff as well?

DW: I would say yes, there were people internally for whom that was a big deal.

ND: Going back to the cause of your firing, do you know whether, in retrospect, the President regrets having invited homosexual activists to the White House?

DW: Well, the President didn’t invite them. Those were decisions made at a staff level, and I don’t know what the official White House policy is. My real concern was this: I believe that every single human being must be respected, and when anyone is demeaned or ridiculed, then all of society is cheapened by that. I have deep respect for every person, homosexual or heterosexual. My concern is that tolerance cuts both ways, and, in this case, some of the members of these organizations had called Cardinal O’Connor a Nazi, and there were other manifestations of religious intolerance. I wanted to make sure that the Catholics and that Evangelical Christians and others knew that this did not represent an aban-



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Sununu: Grew tired of defending Wead?

of these events," says a liaisons officer. "Now that she's under attack, he dumps her and nobody believes her side of the story."

Others contend that Kilberg's boss, David Demarest, was running a liaison of his own with homosexual groups more than a year before Kilberg's outreach. "It was unauthorized; neither the President nor the Governor knew," this same source says, insisting that she has seen the actual memos going back

and forth on the subject. "He ran it outside of normal channels, using a staffer from Media Relations."

"This thing just won't go away," says a member of Governor Sununu's staff. "Just when we think it's buried, it comes back to haunt us."

From all indications, the White House Cultural War is ongoing and the casualty list could grow. ■

donment of the commitment on the part of the President to traditional values.

Whether you're heterosexual or homosexual, if people in your organization are saying such things, and if you want invitations to the White House, you should renounce that. That was my argument.

It's the same with the *Playboy* thing. [Ed. Note: *Playboy* magazine representatives were also invited to be guests at the White House.] It's not a crusade to keep them out. The real point is that *Playboy* is offensive to women, it's offensive to liberal feminists, it's offensive to Catholics, to fundamentalists, to conservatives. There is just no socio-political mileage out of carving out new precedents by giving them credibility.

ND: Do you have any regrets over what you did?

DW: None whatsoever. I served the President professionally and with discretion for five years and with deep personal loyalty to him and he to me. And I left with my integrity intact. I didn't compromise; I didn't change any positions.

ND: Robert Grant, of the American Coalition of Traditional Values, said of your firing: "Someone in the White House has decided to alienate the conservative traditional-values base estimated at 50 million in the hope of cultivating the homosexual base, which represents less than one million. It's crazy." Do you agree with that assessment?

DW: Yes. I think it was Mark Twain who said we're all ignorant on different subjects, and I was rather naive about how bureaucracy works inside the Beltway. Because of where I stand on that policy, I was limited to the number of allies I could make in Washington. But I also found a tremendous naivete on the part of some of the inside-the-Beltway professional political types. They can run a bureaucracy, but I don't think they'd get elected to anything. I think having *Playboy* magazine representatives in the White House is not a good use of White House and Presidential credibility.

ND: What have you learned from all this?

DW: I've learned there are no loyalties in Washington other than power—the harsh bottom line of political power. ■

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September 16, 1990

The President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I have read that you fired Doug Wead, special liaison to the religious community, while you invited to the White House homosexuals whose lifestyles are a disgrace, and who pose a threat to every American through the spreading of AIDS.

I wonder how you could do this, knowing how many millions of Americans detest the gay lifestyle, and knowing how many innocent men, women and children have died and are dying because of homosexuals.

I understand that Mr. Wead had been a loyal supporter of you, and had played a key role in getting you elected. Is this the way you repay loyalty?

I am fast losing respect for all three branches of government. I intend to do my part to see that changes are made for the better.

Sincerely,

Kay Roemer

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