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February 12, 1976

Dear Terry,

Thanks for your thoughtful note of February 2nd. It was good hearing from you and I appreciate your words of encouragement. This is a most interesting job and I'm lucky to be here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George B.", followed by a period.

George Bush
Director

Mr. Terry Ellsworth
Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D.C. 20423

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Monday, February 2

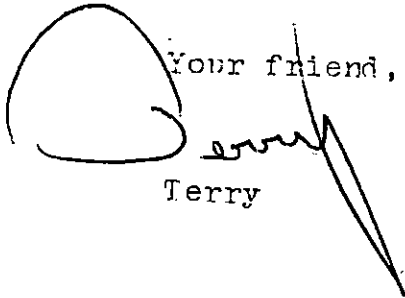
Dear George ("Mein Herr Direktor"):

What a fantastic front-page photo in the Post of you, Barbara, and the President. In fact, I am so taken with the shot, that I would be deeply appreciative if you could obtain a copy of same from UPI and please sign it for me. Really, one of the classic photos of all time of people that I care for. I spoke to Jimmy Allison over the weekend, and he said that George, Jr. had been over to the house with the same photo on the front page of the Morning News.

At the same time, I felt that you might be interested to know that I am under consideration for a Presidential appointment. Accordingly, the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 has created a new office at the ICC entitled Office of Rail Public Counsel. The Director of that Office is chosen by the President for a four-year term with the advice and consent of the Senate. To date, I have been extremely pleased with the indications of support that I have received: Fred Agnich, Al Fay, Thad Hutcheson, Bill Baroody, Henry Salvatori, and Senators Griffin and Thurmond. I am sure that you can appreciate my interest in this situation.

Well, Mr. Director, this is your first day at the CIA, and I sincerely wish you the best in this endeavor. In my personal opinion, the timing for you is finally right in the "post-Welch" atmosphere, and I am sure that you will rise to the challenge and go down in history ~~as~~ as one of the best Directors of the CIA. Although I am ambivalent about your removal from the Vice Presidential picture, your present position is extremely important to the future well being of this country.

Your friend,



Terry

February 17, 1976

Dear George,

Just a quick note to thank you for your very thoughtful letter. The challenge is enormous, but I am glad to put politics aside to tackle this new job.

Thanks again for your kind wishes.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. George E. Emery
1431 Lois Street
Kerrville, Texas 78028

Kerrville, Texas
Feb. 9, 1976

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"George"
Thank him

Hom. George A. Bush,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

CONGRATULATIONS!

Although I am a Republican, I have not always been in accord with some of our President's actions, but I hasten to assure you that his recommendation and appointment of you as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency was one of the most outstanding during his term of office.

I had the privilege and honor of serving as your Chairman of Precinct #222, in Southwest Houston, while you were the County Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party. I continued to serve under two successive County Chairmen.

We moved to Kerrville in 1971, returned to Houston in the latter part of 1973, and moved back to Kerrville in April of last year.

I know that you will direct the Agency in such a way that we will hear no more of criticisms of the activities of the Agency.

Hoping that you and your family will be happy in your new assignment, and with kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

G. E. Emery

George E. Emery
1431 Lois St.,
Kerrville, Texas 78028
Phone A/C 512-896-4292



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 11, 1976

Dear Jane,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful telegram. I still remember with great happiness your visit to China.

The new challenge is enormous but I'm delighted to be in this job.

I hope our paths cross again soon. In the meantime, thanks again.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mrs. Charles Engelhard
Cragwood
Far Hills, New Jersey 07931

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FMS HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH

DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON DC 20505

WATCHED YOUR SWEARING IN ON TELEVISION IT WAS A VERY TOUCHING
CEREMONY. MY BEST WISHES GO TO YOU IN THIS TREMENDOUS NEW JOB MY
LOVE TO YOU AND BARBARA

JANE ENGELHARD

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*Dear Jane,
I still remember
with great happiness
your visit to Chicago*

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November 28, 1975

Mr. Don Ensenat,
607 Royal Street,
New Orleans, La. 70116.

Dear Enzo:

Somebody sent me the letter you wrote the Editor. I hate to be the kind of guy who always needs defense from friends, but then again I'm lucky to have a friend who will defend me, whether he's being bombarded with paper gliders or whether he takes up the pen to answer a tough editorial.

We'll be home soon. We hope to see you. The door is always wide open at 5161 Palisade Lane.

We're walking back from the quiet and happiness of China to what appears to be a rather controversial and difficult situation, but nothing is easy in life and I'm ready for the fray.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

February 11, 1976

Dear Flo,

Thanks for that warm note. I like this new job enormously. It's got many problems, as I'm sure you understand, but there are some marvelous people here.

I hope all is well with you and yours. If you ever get near Washington, please come by to see Bar and me. We'd love to have you stay with us.

Love to all the family. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mrs. Flora H. Fairchild
9 Clift Street
Stonington, Connecticut 06378

1 February

1976

MRS. FLORA H. FAIRCHILD
9 CLIFT STREET
STONINGTON, CONN. 06378

Dear Pop:

By now, I am sure, the daily flood of well-wishing letters has risen to the point of overflow but nonetheless I couldn't let another day go by without telling you how enormously proud I am of you and how lucky the country and the Agency are to have you at the helm of this great branch of our government which I worked for some 25 years ago.

A letter from Nan to Mammie recently told of the hearings and the many wonderful references to Uncle Pres and his unquestioned fineness of ideals and his total dedication to the notion of service to his country. It is obvious that you are of the same stripe and I have felt, ever since learning that your appointment as Director was likely, that you were absolutely THE man for this job because of the ways in which you have demonstrated in public life those qualities you have either inherited or absorbed through your family.

environment.

Anyway, dear Cuz, here's my blessing
and prayers for this great challenge
and for success — and nothing but —
in getting us all back on the track again.

Buckets of the old love to you, Bar
and the kids -

Affectionately,

Flo

P.S. Of course you are not to acknowledge
this — you are much too busy and
I'd think you weren't doing the job
if you took time out for that kind of
nonsense!

February 5, 1976

Dear Esther and Aaron,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful telegram. This job is a great big challenge but I am looking forward to it immensely.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farfel
18 West Lane
Houston, Texas 77019

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PMS HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, DLR
WASHINGTON DC 20505

CONGRATULATIONS ALL BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND
HAPPINESS WITH WARMEST REGARDS

ESTHER AND AARON FARFEL

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Esther & Aaron

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March 15, 1976

Dear Emile,

Just a quick one to say thank you for your thoughtful letter of March 9th. The new job is most interesting and in spite of all the controversy, I like it enormously.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your words of support.

Sincerely yours,


George Bush

Emile J. Farge, Ph.D., M. P. H.
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Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

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March 9, 1976

The Honorable George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20025

Dear George:

Rather than being a completely silent friend and observer, I thought it appropriate to express to you my admiration for the apolitical way in which you are attacking the directorship of the CIA. In particular, your handling of the very sensitive issues on the Meet the Press show a couple of weeks ago was excellent. Score me as one citizen who is completely convinced of the need for intelligence, but equally convinced for the need for responsible and professional ways of maintaining intelligence efforts. I certainly view your appointment as a step in the right direction.

You have traveled a lot of miles since the last I saw you in D.C., when you were appointed as the United Nations Ambassador. Your fellow Houstonians will never be able to accuse you of only taking easy jobs in the interest of your country! Things are doing super well with me (have one wife and two children!), and I certainly hope they will continue to do well for you.

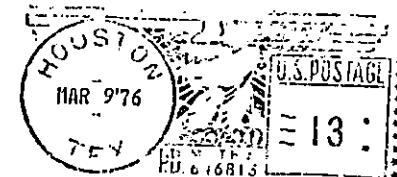
Best regards,



Emile J. Farge, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Professor

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The Honorable George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20025

February 17, 1976

Dear Hap,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of February 12th. I am very pleased to be in this new job, surrounded as I am with excellent people.

Thanks again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Frank S. Farley
503 Schwehm Building
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

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TELEPHONE 345-3225

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please thank

February 12, 1976

George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear George:

Permit me to extend to you my hearty and sincere
congratulations on your appointment as Director of the
C.I.A. I do not know of a more qualified person than
you to serve as the head of this important agency. I
am confident you will do an outstanding job.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

FSF

Frank S. Farley

fsf:dcB

November 28, 1975

Mr. Anthony J.P. Farris,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Tony:

Many people have sent me your wonderful letter to the New York Times. Many thanks.

Bar and I have mixed feelings, leaving the tranquility and happiness that we have known here in China, walking into a real meat grinder in Washington; but as the Chinese would say, this is "my duty" and I will do my level best. I know it's going to be rough, but the work is terribly important.

Warm regards, and thanks for being my friend. Bar sends her love too.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Letters to the Editor

C.I.A.: The Case for George Bush

To the Editor:

The C.I.A. has been under attack for allegedly violating its charter, which restricts it to foreign intelligence operations for alleged assassination plots against foreign heads of state and for other peccadillos. Senator Frank Church, Idaho Democrat, heads one committee which is investigating the C.I.A. President Ford has nominated George Bush as the new director of the C.I.A. The Times, The Baltimore Sun, Senator Church and Senator Proxmire, Democrat of Wisconsin, have indicated premature opposition to Bush even before he has testified. Let us look at the record.

If confirmed, Bush will bring a Phi Beta Kappa from Yale, considerable experience as an administrator in the business world, experience as a naval aviator in World War II, experience as a two-term Congressman and experience gained in two most delicate, sensitive and high positions in diplomacy, chief of the U.S. mission to mainland China and U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. In other words, he brings intelligence, proven executive capacity and a thorough grounding in foreign affairs. The objections to him are that he also served as chairman of the Republican National Committee and that he is not a professional spook and is an "outsider" to the intelligence community.

Consider that the C.I.A. is under attack for acts allegedly performed

under the direction of "insiders," or professionals. Do we, at this time, want another "insider" or do we want a fresh, inquisitive "outsider"? Is Bush the first "outsider"? No, John McCone served as C.I.A. director. He was not a professional spook. More recently, James R. Schlesinger served as C.I.A. director. What were Schlesinger's credentials? He came from the academic world in 1969 to serve first as an assistant director of the Bureau of the Budget and then as head of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1971 to 1972, when he became C.I.A. director. Not a professional and not an "insider."

J.F.K. selected brother Bobby Kennedy to be Attorney General of the United States. R.F.K. had no previous experience as a prosecutor but did have terrific partisan experience as J.F.K.'s campaign manager. The Attorney General is over the F.B.I., the domestic intelligence gathering agency in this country. Did Senators Church and Proxmire vote to confirm partisan, nonprofessional "outsider" R.F.K. to that sensitive job? Did The Times and The Sun approve? Some say R.F.K. worked out well. Does Bush deserve the same opportunity? Can confirmation and approval of Bobby Kennedy, McCone and Schlesinger square with the *a priori* attempted knifing of George Bush? I think not.

ANTHONY J. P. FARRIS
Houston, Nov. 11, 1975

February 27, 1976

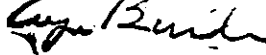
Dear Mr. Fassel,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

We loved China, but now we're back in this tough new job and I'm looking forward to it immensely.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,



George Bush

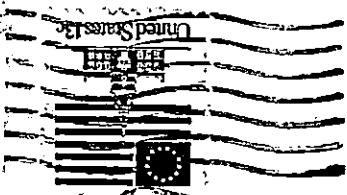
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Easton, Pennsylvania 18042

Mr. Richard Hunter Knox
P.O. Box #791
Sister
Carmichael
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Honorable George Bush
Office of the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

My warmest congratulations
on completion of a successful
assignment in the People's
Republic of China and your
return to the United States.
Your future undertaking
as Director of the Agency
will be quite intricate
and surely different from
your previous assignments.
I wish you the best of luck
in the future and if I can
be of any help please allow
my future cooperation.

One of the most
important aspects is to
rememberly forget all the
mistakes made and to endeavor
to successfully try to do
better in the future. No
other Agency of Government
has had and will have
more condemnation from
so many elevations. These
complaints must be set aside
to preserve identity of those
present and past in the Agency.
Richard Hunter Knox



John F. Kennedy
C.I. Box #791
Boston
Dorchester
18042

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Honorable
George Bush
Office of CIA Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington
Apt. C, 20505
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February 23, 1976

Dear Homoiselle,

You wrote us such a thoughtful letter. Barbara and I were heartsick that we did not get to Albert's swearing-in. I have heard from several sources that it was a good one. I did at least have the pleasure of seeing Albert--all too briefly--when he most thoughtfully stuck his head into my office.

I want to wish you both the very best of everything there at T and T. It's a good assignment and I know Al will do a great job for our country.

Let's stay in touch. Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mrs. Albert Bel Fay
99 N. Post Oak Lane
Houston, Texas 77024

MRS. ALBERT BEL FAY
99 N. POST OAK LANE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77024

Dearest Barbara & George -

It was a privilege
to attend George's swearing-in
ceremony & I only wish Albert
could have been present, too. We
both share the greatest confidence
in George's ability in all fields
& know full well he will
do the best possible job in this
new capacity.

And two weeks later, my
Albert was sworn in as Ambassador
to Trinidad-Tobago. This ceremony
would have been perfect if your
two had been with us in that
exquisite room (John Quincy Adams Rm)
for this important event in our
lives -

With all good wishes
& hoping you will have
much joy business & pleasure
at our next part.

MRS. ALBERT DEL EAY
88 N. POST OAK LANE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 2704

Affectionately
Honoreable

P.S. Did you know that I took
Mrs. Rogers' coat by mistake,
from coat rack in hall
as we were leaving the building
to go over to the Babble?
She & I straightened the matter
out & exchanged coats properly
just before leaving.

Feb. 14 1976

February 5, 1976

Dear George,

Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful letter. I am looking forward immensely to this controversial and tough new job, but I know it will be rewarding. As you know, this place is full of able, dedicated people, and that will make things click, I'm sure.

I look forward to our paths crossing sometime in the near future.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

Mr. George E. Fedoroff
2301 E Street, N.W., #1009
Washington, D.C. 20037

2301 E ST NW #1009
29 JANUARY 1976

George E. Dedoroff
Washington, D. C.

Mr. George Bush
c/o White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush,

Congratulations on your confirmation as
Director of Central Intelligence. I wish you all
success in your new position.
It appears that much time and distance
has passed since I had the pleasure of meeting
you with a flight of U.N. delegates for the
Transportation Exposition held at Dallas Airport
about year ago. I am sorry I could not
avail myself of your kind invitation to visit
at the United Nations as I then found myself
in New York you had gone on to the Republican National
Committee and thence to China.
So, welcome back to Washington and I
look forward to a fortuitous occasion of perhaps
meeting into you while visiting the building
housing your soon-to-be new office. And as
one known on the halls of the intelligence structure
I also wish you well in "the business." The
challenges we face are great and our efforts and
vision must be directed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
George Dedoroff
Ged

February 10, 1976

Dear Marty,

Thanks ever so much for your thoughtful letter. I was delighted to hear from you. We're all ensconced in the new job and it's one heck of a challenge. Though Barbara and I loved China, we are glad to be back home and looking forward immensely to the new job.

I've not forgotten our tennis date in New Orleans and am hoping we can get together for it in the not too distant future.

Thanks again for your good wishes. Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ George

George Bush
Director

Mr. Martin L. C. Feldman
Whitney Building
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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ROBERT WEINSTEIN (1908-1962)

February 3, 1976

TELEPHONE
504 / 524-4431

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia 23365

Dear Monty

Dear George:

Please excuse my delay in writing, but, frankly, until you were confirmed by the Senate I simply didn't know where or how to reach you!

I trust your tour in China was interesting and stimulating. A year ago last December I finally got to meet Barbara, when she was in town visiting Neal. They were having lunch at Antoine's and a mutual friend introduced us.

George, I know how you must feel about this latest assignment and Melanie and I have wanted for some time to send you our keenest congratulations. The President could not have made a better choice. Your dedication to service is a source of pride to us all and, I think you know, I always stand ready to be of assistance to you. I only hope that this latest assignment will not prevent you from keeping that tennis date we had here in New Orleans before you went to China and which you had to cancel at the last minute!

Please drop me a line now and then when you have the time.

Sincerely,

M.L.C. Feldman

Martin L.C. Feldman

MLCF/daw

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February 2, 1976

Dear Steve,

Just a quick note to thank you for your very thoughtful cable. I am glad to be in this tough new job. I am surrounded by excellent people, and I believe things will work out pretty well indeed in spite of the complexities.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

Steve M. Ferguson
1902 E. 16th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

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GEORGE BUSH
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON DC 20505

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4865 Michael
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JUST A NOTE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF THE
CIA. I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GREAT CHALLENGE AND WILL DO A
TREMENDOUS JOB. HELLO TO BARBARA AND CHILDREN
STEVE M FERGUSON AND FAMILY

19127 EST

MGMWSHT HSB

Dear Steve

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Congress of the United States
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives

Nov 4, '75
Dear George

Congratulations.
It's a great boost in
spirit to know the
CIA will be in your
capable hands.

Truly yours

Franklin D. Roosevelt

February 11, 1976

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your thoughtful note.
The swearing-in went well and I am very
pleased to be in this challenging new
job.

Hope our paths cross soon. Warm
regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

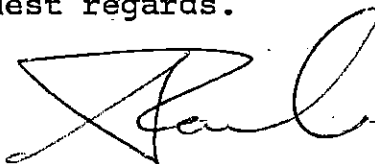
The Honorable Paul Findley
2407 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 30, 1976

Dear George

Just a note to let you know how much I regret not being able to attend the ceremony today of your swearing in by the President. Unfortunately, I had been previously scheduled for meetings here at the Capitol, but I wanted to extend congratulations and I will look forward to getting together with you soon.

Kindest regards.



Honorable George Bush
Director
CIA
Langley, Virginia

2407 Rayburn Building
Washington D.C. 20515



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empty equipment

Honorable George Bush
Director
CIA

Langley, Virginia

McLean



February 5, 1976

Dear Jack and Carol Sue,

Thank you for your thoughtful telegram.

This job is a great big challenge and I am looking forward to it immensely.

You were thoughtful to wire,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finkelstein
307 West Friar Tuck
Houston, Texas 77024

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PMS MR GEORGE BUSH, DLR

HEAD OF CIA

WASHINGTON DC

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR LATEST

APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF THE CIA REGARDS TO BARBARA AND FAMILY FONDLY

JACK AND CAROL SUE FINKELSTEIN

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February 17, 1976

Dear Lisa,

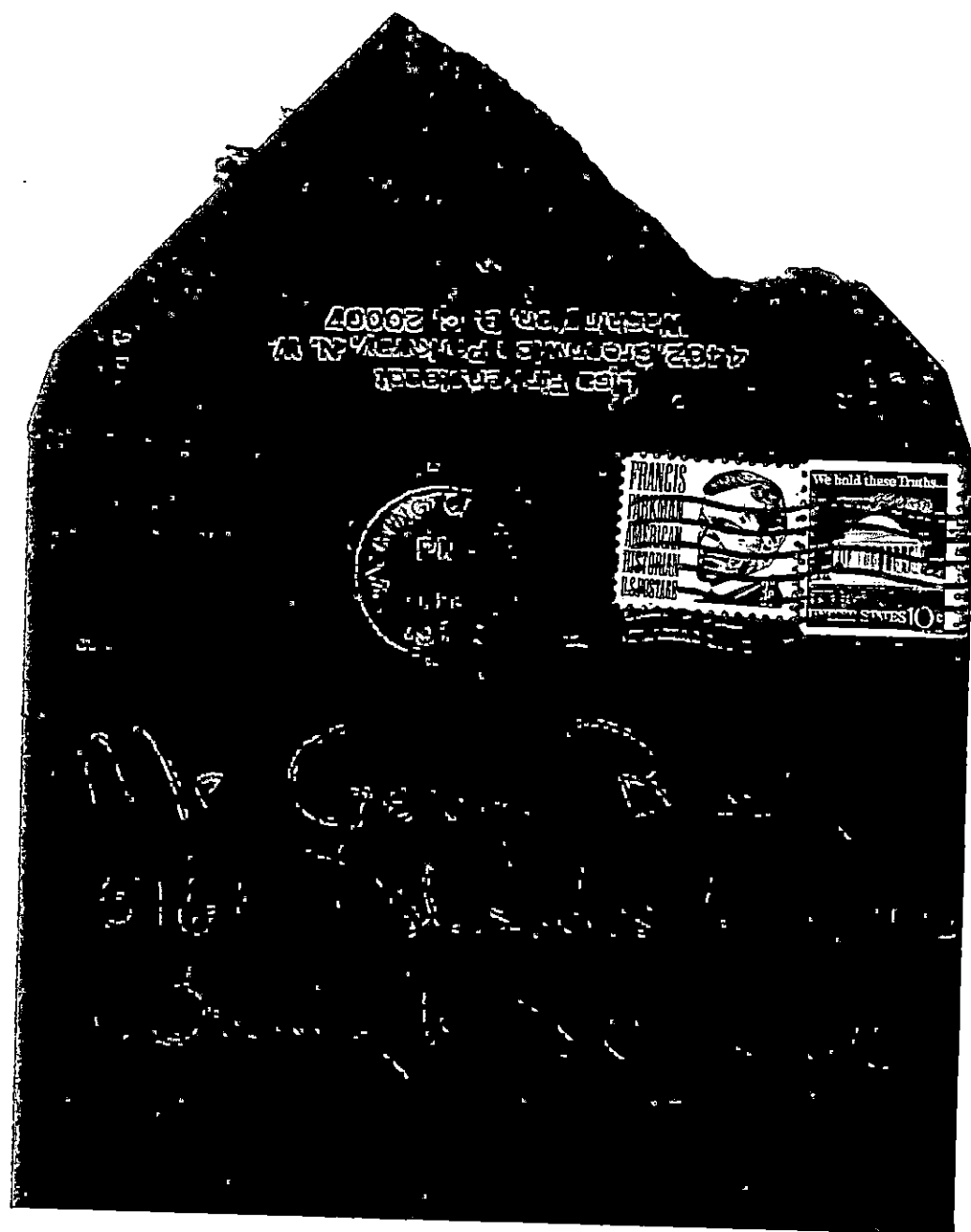
Thanks so much for your thoughtful note of February 10th. We loved China, but now we're back and I'm happy to be in this new job. It's a heck of a challenge.

Thank you again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,


George Bush

----- When will we see you -----



November 20, 1975

Dear Jack and Bobbie:

Your letters were great. They were delivered by Homer Luther this morning.

The new job is controversial and I understand your reservations about it. The crucial thing about it is that it is important work and something I believe in strongly.

Steel is here so all is well. See you soon.

Love to all,

Rockefeller Feels Sorry for Bush Being Nominee

Lincolnshire, Ill. (UPI) — Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller said Friday he feels sorry for his friend George Bush because his nomination as chief of the Central Intelligence Agency could wreck his political future.

"This makes a difficult situation for his elective political future," Rockefeller said.

Rockefeller said, "I have to say to you in light of hindsight, this is a tough situation for George Bush."

He said Bush, the U.S. envoy to China, was a close personal friend and one who he felt always carried out his assignments with ability and distinction.

Rockefeller said Bush will have to make statements during his confirmation hearings which could hinder his political future once his service in the CIA is at an end.

Rockefeller was here to address a dinner honoring Rep. Robert McClory, R-Ill., his Dartmouth classmate.

Asked if he thought last week's Cabinet shake-up signaled a lack of leadership in Washington, Rockefeller said, "I don't have that impression at all. One could say a firm hand took the tiller and pulled it over."

JOHN C. FITCH
2807 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77008

November 16, 1975

Dear George,

It was certainly thoughtful of you and Bar to take my brother, Wray, under your wing and to see to it that he had a good, square meal during his visit to Peking.

Many of your loyal backers, including the Fitches, feel that your recent appointment, although a great honor, will make your chances for election to a top office somewhat difficult. (see attached)

Rita and Bill Clements were in Houston last week and in our conversation concerning your appointment they remarked, "When the chief asks one of his first team to move into a new slot, he either moves or realizes that it is the end of the road as far as that administration is concerned." With these game rules we can understand your predicament, and we wish you luck and success however it turns out.

One big plus, of course, is that we will probably be seeing more of the Bushes after the first of the year.

Regards to Bar.

Sincerely,



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MRS. JOHN C. FITCH

11 WEST OAK DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

November 14th

Dear Bar -

Needless to say, the letter I wrote you a couple of weeks ago was just prior to the exciting events concerning George + your return to the good, old U.S.A.

We are all pulling for you both + hope it works out for you without too much Turmoil. Tell George to hang in there.

Jack Steel is so excited about his trip next week for which I do not blame him.

Hope we'll see you in Houston
in the very near future!

Love,

Bobbie

(Homer Luther is so nice to
carry these messages from
your friends.)

February 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter. I've traveled many miles since being in Houston years ago, but I'm happy to be home and in this new job. The challenge is enormous.

Thanks again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

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J. M. FLANAGAN
EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT

February 2, 1976

Mr. George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

You won't remember me, but I worked with your group in Houston, what seems now, many years ago.

I read this morning where "George Bush took over as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Friday with a pledge to improve its tarnished image and restore public confidence in its ability to end abuses in Covert Operations".

I left Houston for Seoul in February 1974, and I think when you are away from your country you are more interested in it, and become more aware of what is going on.

I was pleased you accepted you the assignment, and I know if you attack this job in the same manner as the other assignments you have handled, that the C.I.A. will once again be a respected and efficient organization.

Congratulations and good luck,

Sincerely yours,

John Flanagan
John Flanagan

JF/hcp

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January 13, 1976

Honorable Peter M. Flanigan
46 William Street
New York, New York 10005

Dear Pete:

Your November 25th letter shot out to Peking and missed me there. It just arrived here. Thanks to you for your kind thoughts.

The new job will be somewhat complicated but my endless series of briefings makes me convinced that the work will be fascinating in every way.

Warmest regards and love to all Flanigans.

Sincerely,

George Bush

46 William Street
New York, N.Y. 10005

November 25, 1975

Dear George:

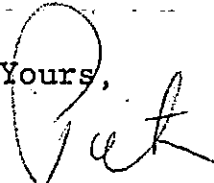
Thank the Lord the Flanigans went to China when they did. It will never be as pleasant without you in residence.

And I am even more delighted with the President's nomination of you for the CIA. I can think of no more interesting job in the United States, nor of a fellow better qualified to do it.

Needless to say, I am disappointed in the Senate's opening comments. However, in your case I am satisfied that you will be confirmed, and once that has happened all of this foolishness will be forgotten.

I trust that during the confirmation process there will be those free moments which Brigie and I will have a chance to share with you and Barbara. In the meantime, again congratulations and with warm regards ---

Yours,


Peter M. Flanigan

The Honorable George Bush,
Chief, USLO Peking,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C. 20520

Flanagan

November 10

Dear George:

What a ten days!

You're all over Time and Newsweek today including the covers. Frankly, I think it's playing pretty damn well in terms of GB--the only thing they're jumping on is "politicizing the CIA" and "how could he stand up to the President." And yet, most in the same breath include you in the VP speculation. Veddy interesting how it's sorting out. This may yet prove a blessing in disguise. Bartlett's convinced it is. I think once you are ensconced, in place, doing the job, that could well be the case.

I just wanted to drop this line and say that, as always, I'm with you all the way. You know that. It's really been sort of funny position-wise for me here the past week. Tomorrow morn I'm sitting down with Cheney to see if I can resolve it. Rummy has asked me to go to DOD. Frankly, I'd like to stay here at WH (that is if I'm not with you). I think by staying here I can be of help to you and Rummy and I know both you and he understand. I'll see what Dick says.

I've tried to get the advice of as many of our close mutual friends as possible, Bake, Burch, etc. Incidentally, Deano says "Stick with George if you can." Great guy that Burchie.

In the end I keep coming back to the advice you gave me, and it's oh sooo sound: You've got to do what feels right to you in life. So true. Of course being with you is always my highest priority. Barring that for the immediate present, I thin the WH is best for me and best for GB. But that's up to Cheney. I won't elaborate here but there are a few other factors in this, too.

Tonight we're (Don did it all) having a big party at 5161 to watch the Cowboy game. Just think--in a month you'll be back on the turf to join us. Now ~~from~~ from the Maxine file...C. Lynley is coming down

to visit this weekend. What's that, some disbelief I hear? Yes, Roussel is going show biz again. I'll figure out some way to get her to leave her mark at Palisade Lane...hmmmm...

Rummy's hearings start two days hence. He's really had us hopping on stuff W for him, working up his voting record, statements, old speeches, etc. etc., anything Defense-related. A mountain of material.

I'm off for N.W. D.C.

Cheers & love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Pat Buchanan', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and 'B'.

November 5

Dear George:

The odds are you may be already back here by the time this letter finds its way to you but so much has been happening the past 48-hours I thought I'd fire it off anyway on the off chance that you might get it promptly.

This is just off the top...stream of consciousness stuff if you will...

It's all been unreal--fast-flying. First, everything breaking loose on Sunday, then the inundation of press people, then today's Post & NY Times dumping on you. It really burns my ass. Nick Horrock surfacing with the #70 campaign contribution stuff again--same old hash. Frankly, that one doesn't bother me anymore. And my sense of it is that no one else around here is too concerned about it.

Jack Marsh and I just had a long chat. He had talked to Stennis (who's for you) but who was voicing some concerns about the confirmation drill that have Jack pretty concerned. Mainly, he's worried about you not physically being here to get up and make the courtesy calls, work the Hill, etc. as Rummy is doing this week. I think Church's comments today were really a cheap, cheap shot. States he'll vote against you w/o even giving you the courtesy of hearing you out first. The thing they are boring in on of course is the RNC and the concern you'll "politicize" the agency. You know and I know it's garbage but it's there to be reckoned with. Incidentally, Charlie Bartlett tells me that Bob Strauss really gave a ringing endorsement of you at the Sperling breakfast this a.m. Went out of his way to lay on the praise. Bentsen has said he'll vote for you as has Mansfield. Marsh is worried about Jackson.

Bartlett thinks it's a good move. Frankly, I've had a fair number of calls from GB supporters disagreeing with that but they're all glad you're going to be back and they're all behind you. Bartlett thesis: Good to be in non-political, professional slot, above the fray, not just one of the guys in the Cabinet, around angling for VP. Here's what I'm saying: Look, you're telling me you think

this is a dead end for George. I disagree. As I recall, you said the same thing when he took over the RNC during Watergate and look where he ended up--almost VP. GB has had the ability to ~~XXX~~ upgrade everything he's come into and I believe this will be no exception. Also, you're talking about an embattled agency, no where to go but up in image--GB can't help but improve things.

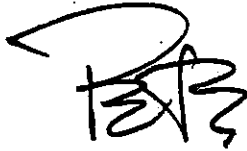
You don't need a partisan position here anyway. You're more solid than anyone with the people who'll be the delegates, with the rank and file, etc. Also, with the Congress. Honestly, George, remember how people were kissing you off at the outset and during RNC days. Same deal. Doesn't bother me cause as I tell 'em cream rises and GB is cream. Whatever anyone says about this being some ploy to bury you, I think even if that's so it might just end up having the opposite effect. The only thing that does bother me is all this crap prior to and during the hearing. ~~XXX~~ Norm Baxter says he thinks there's a slickly orchestrated campaign against you and infers that it's coming from intelligence types. He bases that on the fact that the Post story was by Walter Pincus and Lawrence Stern who Norm says have been on the intelligence beat a long, long time. Bartlett says he's going to "pluck Church's eyebrows" in a column. He and Martha had me to lunch today--send their best.

I'm not sure as of this writing how things are going to sort out here in terms of Roussel. It's really been a unique experience. About half of the 10,000 calls have been about you, the other half Rummy. I feel like the vortex of a triangle. Plus people stopping by, calling, "CIA or Pentagon?"--Of course--the only answer I have is the honest one, "Dunno where it's all gonna sort out." I guess there's the possibility that I could stay here but frankly nobody's said one word about any of it. Hell, maybe I should retire to 33rd Street and write my book. It's all been sort of eerie around here since the announcement. A funny change in mood on the part of some. Today especially, though, was a GB day for Rouseel--tons of requests for info, both in house and outside, press, pols, etc. etc. etc. I sometimes get the sense that I shud be doing other than GB business while on someone else's time but damned if I'm gonna turn a deaf ear on long standing friends and people who have no one else to turn to for poop on you. Also I think I've been able to kill some garbage in the process. But it has been a little bit STICKY.

I think you're name will surface from now on on the VP. Bud Sperling in the CSM today said it's down to you and Rummy now with Richardson on the outside. I still go back to what

I think is the key and that's the dividend of the year and a half at the RNC and the popularity you built up within the party and thus with those who'll be the delegates. I think many of those people will start talking it up for you--you don't have to do anything but the great job we all know you'll do. The rest will take care of itself. I think just a lot of people will be makin' noise and talkin' GB/VP. Bob Novak says this kills you for it. I think that party noise will count for a lot. The geographic balance will work to you favor, too.

I'll sign off. Hell, you may be here by the time this flutters down in Peking. Gonna be great having you back. Great, great, great!



November 1, 1975
Saturday

Dear George:

I am sending this package of materials via Joy Chiles who works in the press advance office here.

Before I go further, let me just add an additional word on that. You could do Roussel a great favor by putting in a few words on his behalf with the above named individual. I've sort of been working around the fringes on that one but with a spectacular lack of success. Haven't really had much time to cultivate it but don't find much spark there as yet. Maybe it's latent. Anyway, I think if GB were to work a bit of his magic on the subject in behalf of Roussel things might take a turn upward upon her return, or at least the interest factor might heighten. Anyway, as always, UOJ, but I thought I would mention it as you and Bar have always been so helpful in this particular area. Let's face it, the lack of follow-through has always been at my end. We'll see what happens on this one....Now...turning to other issues of the moment.

I am really hopeful of making the trip but nary a word. DR still undecided whether he or Dick will come. I talked to Dick about the Carol Patrick deal. Everyone had a chop on it, but the consensus seemed to be that enough people were going already and there really wasn't a need. Sorry about that, Jennifer. We tried.

I've just gotten back from a couple of swings with Rummy--big GOP dinner in Chicago and last night up to Princeton. Both went well, good crowds, etc. We had a sit-down in Ill. with the finance heavies--Art Wood of Sears, Harold Byron Smith, etc. etc. It's lagging some but I think enough good people are on board now that things should be ginning well by the end of the month.

Much of the problem has accrued to adjustment to the new law. Some of the big guns just aren't used to that \$1,000 limit and going at things differently, more direct mail, etc. The old days are over, that is unless Buckley can win that suit.

I saw Hemingway's letter to you about my bluefish. He's just mad because I told him word had drifted down to D.C. about the tennis match and that reports had initially spread on it from the club car to Greenwich. Hell, he's just jealous. Whitney and I have been informed by old timers up in K'port that those were the largest in memory.. I think Uncle Herbie is still out at the buoy trying to top 'em.

Ooops...slight delay...Baker with three of his wieners just dropped in. He's really doing well. Lots of good comments about him--unsolicited. How unusual--he and I were just talkn' GB future--he thinks you shud disregard the Clements urging, stay put, see what happens. I agree. Enuff said.

I won't get too personal in this letter--you know me, never totally trusting the hands through which it may pass, although in this case it certainly started in nice looking ones...Hmmm....Beginning to sound sort of Polk-ish...

Things have been pretty damn busy...and the pace quickens. Rummy has been pushing a lot my way..been writing some, lots of meetings, etc. etc. Had lunch at Sans Souci last week with Walter Cronkite. Big ego trip. Only wish I'd seen some girl I know. Walter, as you know, is from Houston and is a longtime friend of my dad and my uncle. They gave him his first job on the old Houston Press. My Uncle helped Walter interview Bonnie and Clyde along with another Press reporter named Harry McCormick. The good ole days of Houston journalism. Sorely missed. Walter said he'd probably be coming on the China trip. He was interested in your future (as well as subtly trying to ply me about some of the campaign stuff--nice try, fella).

I can't wait to hear about your meeting with Mao. Viva George! It would never be appreciated in Woodville. Great, great accomplishment. I am soooo proud of you and Bar. Just trying to pick up drift from the NSCers who were over, they all seemed to confirm that HAK thinks you've done great there.

Bake said he'd picked up the rumor that they're trying to figure a way to bring you back. That keeps floating around, surfaces at least once a week either inside the building or via the press. I'm laying low. Let it ride. By the way, Mashek said to tell you the feedback on the U.S. News session was very positive. They appreciated your frankness John said.

Nothing lately out of Seattle. I told you about Russ McCurdy but all quiet from Big Della. I'd better call her soon. Joan S. hanging in. I'm afraid there's not enuff to keep a lass occupied in Lemmon, S. Dak. Polk, this is where you enter. Janelle checks in every ten days or so. She's p~~lay~~ing lots of tennis and staying away from politics for awhile. Things are pretty much on track for Kay Bailey to go for Casey's seat once he bails--if that happens. The one hang-up is they can't get Ron Paul out of it. As you may recall, he weighed in with about 20% against Bob last time. If he keeps out of it I think Kay's got a darn good chance. Did I mention: she and Ray Hutchison are a serious item (shades of Maxine).

Griffin Smith of Texas Monthly is hot to make the trip. I'm trying to help. He'll do a story on you if he makes the cut. Twud be good, me thinks. A straight shooter. Rita Hauser surfacing with regularity--lots of advice on what we shud be doing in the campaign. I hear that Ken Rietz and Mike Curb are working for Reagan. Can you believe it? Yes, I can. Also, you'll be pleased to know Jan Norris has saddled up with Reagan. How lucky can a guy be, I ask. No word from Kellerman. But Barnee Breeskin sends his best.

Good golly, I really had a pang of nostalgia for ~~our~~ travel days when I was in Illinois with Rummy this last time. At the dinner, they had him do the "through the goal posts, center aisle bit"--those same drills you've gone through 10,000 times. Also, the "if you could just stop by our room afterwards, we're having a few folks in, etc. etc." - Incidentally, Don Adams said to tell you hello. Also, Dave Brown, good guy out there--you spoke at the New Trier Township Lincoln Day dinner he put on. Remember? He's big on you but not as close as Johnny Garcia.

Dropped by to see RZ the other day. She's ok. Has a great looking girl working for her there but engaged. Went to dinner at Mary & Karl Raether's recently. Now that I've been around him, really like the guy. Good sense of humor.

George, I've really tried to help Pres on ~~XXX~~ this USGA thing. It's gotten the full run on consideration and even Arnold Palmer is into the act. Apparently, though, the legal eyes here saw a ~~XXX~~ potential flaw (swing in same) in the President being involved even though it is

non ~~XXXXX~~ profit. I think also they were afraid it would bring on a deluge of requests from similar type groups. I really feel ~~XXX~~ bad about it cause Pres has been great and patient and really understanding. Damn, I'd like to make it happen but I'm just about ~~played~~ out. We've gone back for one final look-see, though, so maybe yet it'll jell. Hope so.

I'm sure Clements didn't dribble it out for consumption but Wally Mears of the Detroit News called and said he had picked up that GB for Senate '76 with Connally pushing rumor. I sed veddy interesting, tried to get a feel for where he got it, but let it die there for lack of a second. In fact, I killed it. Said nix. He could forget that one and go check with Steelman. We've got a meeting worked up for Alan with the President, to come in and update him about his plans for the race. Sort of reminded me of the first time I ever came to the WH--that day with you in fall of '69 when you came to see RN for the same ~~pr~~pose.

Burch is all into fixing up his new house and the property on which it sits. I'm gonna help but so far I would have to say my contribution has been zip. Not what GB would call a groundswell of enthusiasm. I'm better at uprooting trees on Palisade Lane.

I'll sign off here. My folks send their best and love to you and Bar. Dad just turned 78 and seems to be ok while yet remaining the world's largest hypochondriac. Physically, though, I think he's in pretty good shape. Mom's fine--writes about you constantly. I've told her to write you from time to time--I think it's good therapy for her and keeps the mind active.

What are your Xmas plans? Just about everyone here will be in Vail from Dec. 23 through the first. Guess I'll go ~~XX~~ to Houston, maybe wedge in a side trip somewhere else. Needless to say, I'll be ~~curious~~ to see what comes of your discussions with the President during the visit. I'm rootin' for a big GB/BB success on this one as I know it will be.

Love to Bar. Oh yes, Joy should also be bringing you a package with goodies for C. Fred.

Hang in,

11/17/75

Dear Geo,

A quick, quick note - Jack Marsh
+ I descending on Homer Luther w/
gratuitous advice for you.

Just talked to Striger - he's
concerned said he called you re same.
I think Marsh's memo to you is on
the nose, solid analysis w/o being
too negative or too euphoric.

I know you won't but Don't
RULE OUT POLITICS POST-CIA or
commit to such a statement on VP.
Rummy said "presumptuous for me
to rule out something that hadn't
been offered me."

I told Rummy today I wasn't
going to DOD w/ him. I feel sort of
empty in pit of the stomach abt it
but I think it was rite for me. He
said I shud stay ensconced
here for now to help U during hearings.
They're rushing me - gotta sign Pete

February 27, 1976

Dear John,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful card
and the enclosed newspaper clipping.

The new job is a tough one, but I am
most enthusiastic about it and looking
forward to giving it my all.

Thank you again,

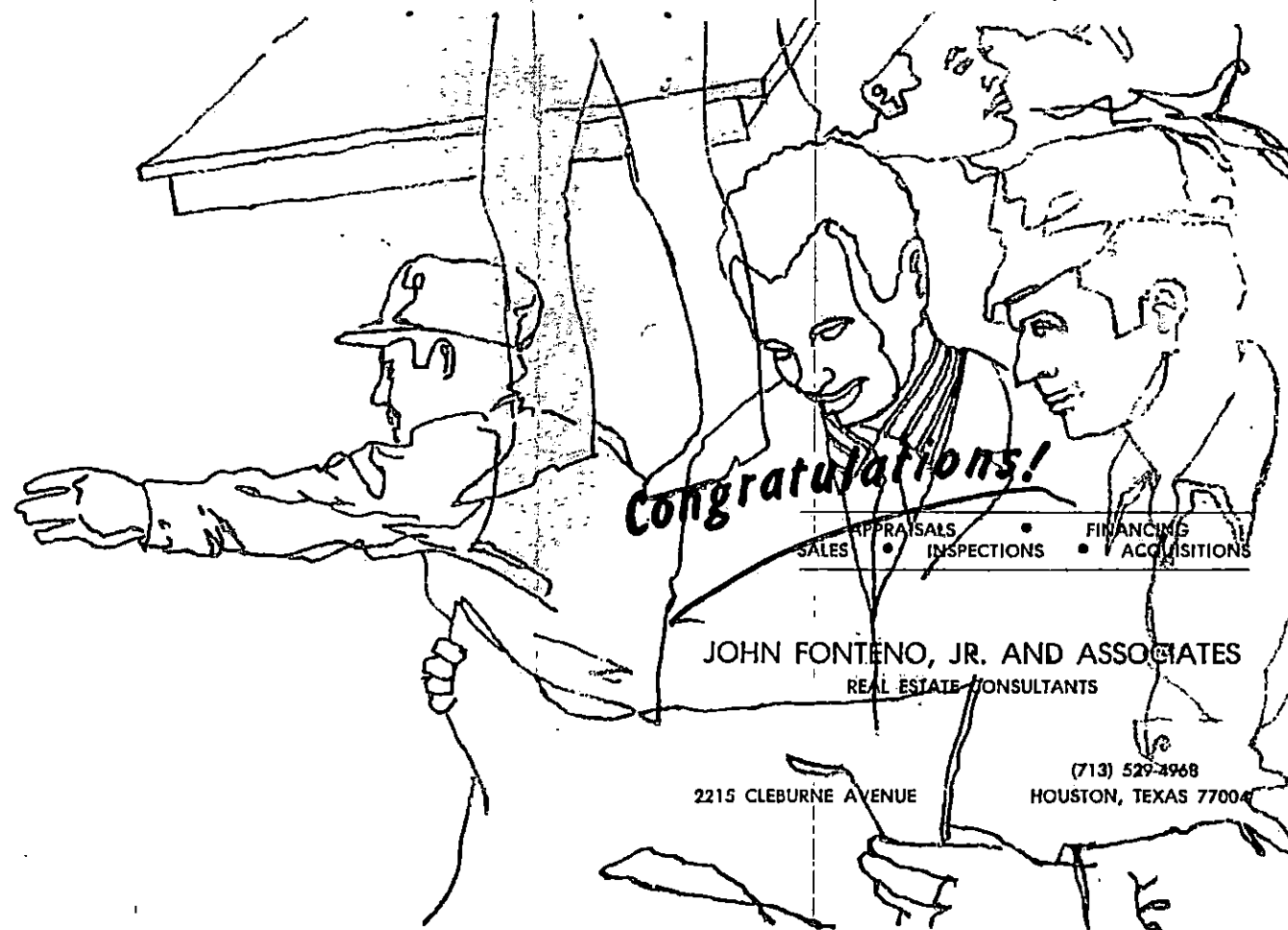
Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. John Fonteno, Jr.
John Fonteno, Jr. and Associates
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News break

George Bush has begun his new career as director of the Central Intelligence Agency with a sound decision. Acting on a recommendation of the now-defunct House Intelligence Committee, Bush is removing all journalists, both full- and part-time, from the CIA payroll. News people had no business being in the hire of the intelligence agency in the first place. It was bad for the profession, bad for the government and bad for the public.

Such an association, if it becomes public knowledge, jeopardizes the journalist's credibility. Beyond that, it raises questions about the reporter's professional integrity. What's wrong, some may ask, with newsmen and women giving the government information they feel may be important to this country's security? Nothing at all, so long as they do it voluntarily—no strings attached.

To bring the issue closer to home, reporters covering the police beat are as opposed to crime as any other citizen. And they are as bound by the obligation to uphold the law as any other citizen. But they should not be on the police department payroll.

The journalist should not put himself in a position of divided responsibilities. The reporter who agrees to be a paid informant of the CIA or any other agency—possibly even without the knowledge or consent of his employer—may be able to avoid a conflict of interest. But it is doubtful. At the very least, such arrangements create suspicions of protective bias by the reporter toward his secondary benefactor.

These suspicions taint not only the journalists who engage in such activities, but their colleagues in the profession as well. This, in turn, damages the news media's believability and their ability to gather information. George Bush has done journalism a big favor.



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Mr. George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agent
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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November 6, 1975

Mr. Henry Ford II,
Dearborn, Michigan.

Dear Henry:

I realize I'm walking into a real hornet's nest, but I am convinced this new assignment is as important and sensitive an assignment as there is in the Federal Government.

We hate to leave China because both Bar and I have been very happy here. But we are now setting our sights forward, and in spite of all the controversy swirling around the CIA I am looking forward to tackling this new job.

I won't see you in China, I guess, But am looking forward to seeing you in the U.S.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH CHIEF UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
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AM DELIGHTED AT YOUR NOMINATION TO HEAD THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. IT IS CLEAR RECOGNITION
OF YOUR ABILITY TO HANDLE A DIFFICULT AND
SENSITIVE JOB IN WHICH ALL AMERICANS HAVE A VITAL STAKE.
YOUR SKILL AND IMAGINATION WILL BE TREMENDOUS

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ASSETS TO A

RESPECTED ROLE IN OUR COUNTRY'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW
TASK.

HENRY FORD II

November 12, 1975

Mr. Don Forse,
Jasper, Texas.

Dear Don:

Just a quick note to thank you for
that thoughtful cable about my new job.
It will be a tough one, but we must stay
strong, and I believe it's well worth the
controversy that I will be walking into.

Hope all's going well with you.

We've loved our stay in China, but
now it's time to come back.

Yours very truly,

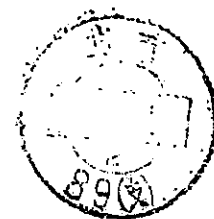
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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
AMERICAN LEGION OFFICE
PEKING (CHINA)

DEAR GEORGE CONGRATULATIONS HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON
DON FORSE



March 2, 1976

Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of February 25th. It was great hearing from you!

The new job is a tough one, but I am most enthusiastic about it and looking forward to giving it my all.

Thanks again, and I do hope our paths cross in the not too distant future.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

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February 25, 1976

Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear George:

Congratulations on your confirmation as head of the CIA.

You manage to come up with most interesting assignments such as National Party Chairman during Watergate, first envoy to China, and now CIA amidst much discussion and investigation of that activity. We admire you for the grace with which you carry these assignments

~~I hope that sometime in the near future I might have a chance to visit with you in Washington.~~

In the meantime, best wishes to both you and Mrs. Bush from Mrs. Forsythe and myself.. With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bob Forsythe

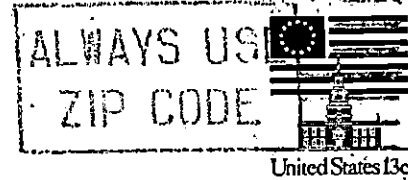
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*Dear Bob,
Thank you
Hope our paths
do cross
in the not-too
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Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

November 18, 1975

Mr. David S. Foster
240 Girard Park Drive
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Dave:

Many thanks for your letter. It was good getting
all caught up on you and your family.

We are looking forward to returning to the U.S.
and tackling the tough new job.

Sincerely,

David S. Foster

November 10, 1975

Honorable George Bush
c/o State Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

Although I may be a bit premature as we don't know at this time whether you will or will not be confirmed, and I assume that a confirmation by the powers to be in Washington is a necessity, I do want to extend to you our congratulations (Malise and myself) on your recent appointment by President Ford as Director of the CIA.

Although I think that it was a great appointment as you will certainly be a great man at the job, in a way I regret that you will be taken out of your post in China. I feel that the latter post over the years could become one of the most important spots in the world as China begins to emerge as not only a political power but an economic power. In any event, we appreciate and extend to you and your family our sincere thanks for the sacrifices and services that you all have extended on behalf of our country.

On occasions I reminisce a bit over my stopping off in Midland when I first met you and your family and I still remember the kindness of the Bush family. I was there but a short time, but you were always a very generous group and for a wandering Yankee wastrel that meant a lot.

--Since that time I have progressed a little having gone back to school in 1961 and securing a law degree, which led me into about 7 years of trial work with a firm and then for the past five years practicing on my own which led into a little international law practice as well as some teaching at night school here in Lafayette.

Also and certainly not incidentally I have acquired a great wife and three very fine children, the latter of whom must have been taking growing pills as they suddenly have left childhood and are springing out in the world. One is a Freshman at LSU, one a Senior in high school who is incidentally looking at Rice University, and one still a youngster and Freshman in high school.

Again, our congratulations and rest assured that our thoughts and prayers will ride with you. If we can be of any help to you, don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,



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Mr. George Bush
c/o State Department
Washington, D. C.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
New Delhi, India

November 4, 1975

Dear Ambassador Bush,

I don't know whether to congratulate you or commiserate with you on your nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

In any event the President has picked a good man.

Rots of ruck!

Sincerely,

John P. Foster
First Secretary (Press)

JPF:jf

TOM D. FOWLER

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MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

November 5, 1975

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Dear Bar and George:

It was with some surprise that we learned, via the tube, your latest appointment. Liz and I heard same over the NBC Today Show on Monday a.m.

George, Jr. dropped by the office about 8 a.m., he had heard same via TV late Sunday nite, and we had quite a discussion. He had gone to the field on Sunday with Bobbie Holt and myself and we had discussed the possibility of your return to the states in time for some exposure before convention time but it was not expected so soon. All are happy over your return anyway. Hewgley called Tuesday and said, "Well this blows any trip for you to China."

The President stressed several times, in his press conference that you, Rumsfeldt and Kissinger would meet at least once a week, together. There came to mind an afternoon in Herbie's house on Walker's Point in August 1974, when a statement was made in re who would be the molder of foreign policy in the event events evented as they have. Perhaps the boss is bridled if not hobbled.

Our congratulations on your return to a high post.

Georgie is doing great here. He has already gotten some good ideas about what he wants to do in regards to future action in the business world and expects to remain here for some time until he can begin to get such a venture started.

The best to you both,

Tom

November 18, 1975

Mr. James B. Francis, Jr.
4635 Lorraine
Dallas, Texas 75209

Dear Jim:

Thanks for the clippings and the kind words. The new one is going to be fascinating. We have been happy here, as you know, but now it's time to move on. I have had a couple of great letters from Pete.

Thanks for your letter. Love to Debby.

Hastily but with best ever,

JAMES B. FRANCIS, JR.

November 6, 1975

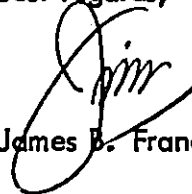
Dear George:

Congratulations on your new assignment. Needless to say all of your old friends are thrilled that you are going to be back in the States soon.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some of the press clippings from the Dallas papers. Clearly you have a tremendous friend in Felix McKnight. It is one of the finest editorials I have ever read --- and of course, 100% deserved.

I hope the Presidential visit to Peking goes well and wish you Godspeed back to the country.

Best regards,



James B. Francis, Jr.

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Ambassador George Bush
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November 27, 1975

Max L. Friedersdorf, Esq.,
Assistant to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

Thanks a million for your thoughtful
note.

We'll be back there in mid-December.
It looks like I am walking into the midst
of a real whirlwind, but all I know to do
is to give it my all and be direct with
the Committee. Any thoughts you have on
all this would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1975

Dear George:

I want to be among the first of the well-wishers on your nomination by the President as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This is certainly a compliment to your service to President Ford and his Administration.

I am looking forward to seeing you upon your return to Washington; hope you will let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

In the meanwhile, my heartiest congratulations.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,



Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

Honorable George Bush
Chief
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of China

November 27, 1975

Mr. Jerry W. Friedheim,
General Manager,
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Dear Jerry:

Thanks for that thoughtful note. I do appreciate your vote of confidence. The job won't be easy, but I think it's darn important.

We have loved our stay in China, but now it's time to go, and we are already shifting gears. We hope to be back before Christmas.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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November 6, 1975

The Honorable George Bush
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Dear George:

It is most comforting that you are available and willing to undertake the new responsibilities for the President and the nation. No doubt the confirmation process will be lengthened somewhat by the pre-primary atmosphere on the Hill, but let it simply be said that the town needs your leavening influences.

Sincerely,


Jerry W. Friedheim
General Manager

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February 10, 1976

Dear Harriet,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of January 31st. This job is complicated in these tough times, but the CIA is full of dedicated and able people and I'm darn lucky to be in this new assignment.

Our best to Abe. Thanks again for thinking of us.

Sincerely,

/s/ George
George Bush
Director

Mrs. Abe J. Friedman
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Mrs. Abe J. Friedman

311 Fifty-first Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

January 31, 1976.

Honorable George Bush, Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C. 20505.

Dear Harriet

Dear George:-

My entire family, and I, were delighted, and pleased to learn of your induction as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is just another trust which proves your loyalty, faithfulness, and dedication to our Country.

We have followed you these last few years with interest, and great admiration, and know how deserving you are of all great honors.

Abe joins me in congratulations on this very special distinction.

Our very best wishes to you, and Barbara.

Sincerely,

Harriet

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Mr. Saul Friedman
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Dear Saul:

Thanks for your congratulations of 30 January.
It's a tough job but I'm liking it.

I think I'll be able to work in some interviews
in a couple of weeks and certainly would want to chat
with you. Perhaps you would call my assistant, Angus
Thuermer on 351-7676, and work out something.

Thanks especially for the clipping from 1964. It
recalls the good old days, doesn't it? I am tucking
away the clipping in my files.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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30 January

George:

Congratulations!

Came across the enclosed and thought you might
be amused by it.

May I make a bid now for an interview whenever
you begin doing such things?

Regards to Barbara.

Sincerely,

Saul

Saul Friedman

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to Thurman*

*Thank you
for clipping from
the press.*

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PROFILE OF A CANDIDATE

Bush's Trail: War To School to Texas

April 20, 1964

(This is one in a series of profiles on the candidates seeking nomination to the U.S. Senate from Texas. The first articles will deal with Republican primary candidates.)

BY SAUL FRIEDMAN

Chronicle Reporter

In the more politically conventional provinces of the nation—almost anywhere but Texas—George Bush would certainly have all the accouterments for success in politics.

But accouterments—his personal and political battle dress—is a rather Easternish, martini- and-caviar word which seems out of place in the beer-and-barbecue vocabulary of Texas politics.

And that, in a nutshell, is Bush's problem as he campaigns to join John Tower as the second Republican senator from Texas since Reconstruction.

Massachusetts Native

George Herbert Walker Bush, born in Milton, Mass., on June 12, 1924, was named for his maternal grandfather, a colorful St. Louis addition to the Robber Baron era and the man who donated the famed Walker Cup in golf.

Bush's father, Prescott Bush, came from a substantial Ohio manufacturing family, went east to join a venerable banking firm, and became U.S. Senator from Connecticut—a Yankee Republican.

Such was the rich background on which George Bush dined before he went to Phillips Academy, Andover.

On his 18th birthday Bush went off to World War II. He won his wings as a navy aviator before he was 19, became a carrier pilot, and won the Distinguished Flying Cross for his attack on the enemy before his dive bomber went down in flames.

Both gunners in his airplane were lost, but Bush was snatched from the sea by a submarine and went through 30 days of depth bombing and undersea warfare before rejoining his unit.

Bush returned from battle to the halls and playing fields of Yale.

Baseball Captain

On the playing fields he was

of Yale's eastern NCAA baseball champions.

In the halls he won a Phi Beta Kappa key and, in under three years, a bachelor's degree in economics.

Between the war's end and his enrollment at Yale, Bush married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Pierce, of Rye, N. Y., whose father was president of the McCall (magazine) Corp.

Today the Bushes, who live at 5525 Briar Dr. in Tanglewood, have five children, four sons and a daughter.

Because he fervently wished to strike out on his own, because he could not see himself following his father into the banking business, and because he fell in love with Texas while stationed in Corpus Christi, Bush in 1948 came to Texas.

Except for a brief sojourn in California, he worked the oil fields around Midland-Odessa, selling drilling supplies for Dresser Industries.

By 1951, Bush figured he had learned some of the tricks of the oil business and he formed a company to buy and sell royalties and leases.

Organized Oil Firm

In 1953 he and a friend organized Zapata Petroleum Corp., and later Zapata Off-Shore Co. The former company has since merged with Pennzoil and is worth about \$16 million.

Bush still heads Zapata Off-Shore, which he moved from Midland to Houston in 1959. It is worth about \$10 million, and has drilled in eight countries including Kuwait, Malaysia, Trinidad and Mexico.

Rounding out the background of candidate Bush are his other political, civic and business activities:

He was a founder and director of the Midland YMCA; chairman of the Midland County Cancer Crusade; a director of the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Midland; a director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce; one of the Texas Jaycees' "outstanding young Texans" in 1956; finance chairman in Midland for the Eisenhower campaigns in 1952 and 1956; he is a trustee of Hedgecroft Hospital and Holly Hall



GEORGE BUSH
Image Is a Problem

came to Texas in a covered wagon.

"Gee! I wish mine had," Bush said. And he brought down the house.

When at a political meeting he senses anti-egghead animosity, he says something like: "I'm from Yale, but that's not as bad as Harvard. And after all, John Tower went to the more liberal London School of Economics and that hasn't hurt him."

Equally as often, Bush finds himself defending his father's 10-year record in the Senate; his Taftian, rock-ribbed New England conservatism is not conservative enough.

Prescott Bush is with Brown Brothers, Harriman.

From this firm have come Robert Lovett, former secretary of defense; and Averill Harriman, former New York governor and now under secretary of state.

Has Warred With Dad

Bush, however, showed independence of his father when he came to Texas. And since coming here he has warred with his dad on many an issue.

"I was opposed to his stand on the Harris Gas bill," Bush said. "And when he was in the Senate and I went to Washington, I would very rarely go to him on political issues."

"He served Connecticut," Bush added, "and there are too many people who put liberal-conservative labels on issues on which they don't belong."

Bush is an avid supporter of Sen. Barry Goldwater, and stands ideologically opposed to

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Baseball Captain

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Chamber of Commerce; one of the Texas Jaycees' "outstanding young Texans" in 1956; finance chairman in Midland for the Eisenhower campaigns in 1952 and 1956; he is a trustee of Hedgescroft Hospital and Holly Hall here, and of Phillips Academy, and until his candidacy, was chairman of the Harris County GOP.

Yet for all of this, Bush finds himself making artful apologies for his background.

No Covered Wagon

In Dallas recently he was on a program following a folk singer who told how his father

Bush added, "and there are too many people who put liberal-conservative labels on issues on which they don't belong."

Bush is an avid supporter of Sen. Barry Goldwater, and stands ideologically opposed to the so-called Eastern Republicanism of Nelson Rockefeller or William Scranton.

But he is a party man as well as a conservative, and he sees the Republican Party, not any one man, as the hope for conservatism.

He is impatient with people who clutch for panaceas, simple, sweeping solutions to all the problems confronting the nation.

When the talk at a political rally turns to getting the United States out of the United Nations and getting Chief Justice Earl Warren impeached, and getting the Marines into Cuba without delay, and withdrawing recognition from all Communist, Socialist, or Communist-leaning nations, and abolishing the in-

come taxes while at the same time stepping up the arms race, Bush likes to talk of reason and political realism.

"Zealots . . . Finish Second"

"Zealots without political maturity finish second at election time," he has said.

"It's easy to campaign on simple solutions," says Bush. "They get applause, and it's easy to give an audience everything it wants."

But, says Bush, "I don't see the world in blacks and whites."

Bush has a sharp awareness of his own good fortune in life.

This awareness was driven home by the one great tragedy that darkened his family's life.

Bush's second child, a daughter, died at the age of four after a tortuous six-month struggle with leukemia.

"This was a great leveller for me, to watch that little girl die," he said. "And as a result it frightens me to know that other than that, life has been so damned good to us."

Although he finds compassion for the sick, and helpless and poverty-stricken in this nation and throughout the world (he has visited the nations in which his company does business), he honestly believes that helping the world cannot be this nation's financial burden.

"Can't Remake World"

He is willing to admit that poverty and the waste of human resources elsewhere is a moral burden for every man, but he is firm in his belief that "we can't remake the world in our image."

"We can't plan away eco-

nomie distress," he said, "nor can we bring equality."

"Inequality," he said, "is a necessary consequence of liberty. And if we try to bring equality or equality of opportunity to the world, we will not provide equality of opportunity for our own people."

Although Bush steers a course somewhere between the so-called far right and the Republicanism of Rockefeller, he wants a clear confrontation between the ideological liberal and conservative.

Yet Bush does not want to stamp out liberalism.

Liberals have a role to play, he says: "to prick the conscience of the conservatives, so that we do not go back to the days of the Robber Barons."

February 4, 1976

Dear Owen,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter and for sending along the newspaper items.

I am delighted to be in this new job and it's a wonderful challenge.

Thanks for taking the time to wish me well.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

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February 2, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

Just a short note to congratulate you on being confirmed as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It has been quite a while since I have had the opportunity of working with you in Congress or at the United Nations, but I do see a good deal of your successor, Bill Archer.

I trust your tour of duty in China was stimulating and somewhat unique, but I will bet you are glad to be back in Washington.

Enclosed is one of the better columns in the press in defense of the CIA and a cartoon from Sunday's New York Daily News, which I thought you might enjoy.

Sincerely,


Owen V. Frisby

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Russia Spying More On U.S., Colby Says

• This is the final article in a series of four based on an exclusive interview with ex-CIA Director William E. Colby.

By KINGSBURY SMITH
National Editor
The Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Far behind the United States in the most important aspects of nuclear age intelligence — technology and analysis, the Soviet Union still devotes a lot of attention to trying to steal American secrets.

There have been 400 known attempts to recruit Americans abroad during the past five years.

This was disclosed by ex-CIA Director William E. Colby in an exclusive interview with The Hearst Newspapers.

While some members of Congress and a few Washington commentators, apparently blind to the reality of the global political and ideological conflict Russia is waging against the free world, want the CIA to abandon covert intelligence operations, the Soviets are intensifying their clandestine activities.

"The Russians are spending a lot

Commentary

more on secret intelligence than we are," Colby said. "Their operations in the clandestine field are more than ours. They have 40-odd ships around the world constantly shadowing our fleets. Tracking along right on the horizon. They usually have gone off Cape Canaveral when we have important space launchings. Last year they had one of their intelligence ships operating off the California coast near the Navy's Pacific firing range, where its newest submarine missiles were being tested.

"In the foreign intelligence field, they are still doing some foolish clandestine stuff — offering those they are trying to recruit \$10,000 in a bar."

Colby, who had told the writer, the "fantastic" surveillance techniques developed by the CIA made it possible to tell how many nuclear missiles the Soviets possess and exactly where they are.

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Colby Says Russians Spying More

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located, was asked about the Soviets' technological capabilities.

"They have some, but in most areas they are not up to us," he replied. "There are certain things about which they have interesting ideas. They are certainly interested in the technological aspect of intelligence, but they are basically behind us in technology."

Q — How are they on the assessment of intelligence?

A — "They used to be terrible. Their attitude was that if you didn't steal it, it wasn't true. If it appeared in the New York Times, it was part of the great industrial plot to mislead the world. Today, however, they have become more sophisticated."

"In 1967 they set up the Institute for the Study of the U.S.A. This corresponds to our World Revolution Institute at Stanford, which was set up in the '40s. The Russians did not set up such centers of analysis until the late 1960s."

"They are learning that there is an awful lot of information that has to be analyzed. I think that is a good thing. The more they understand us, the less will be the danger of miscalculation."

"When I was introduced to Mr. Brezhnev in 1973, I said: 'The more we know about each other, the safer we all will be.' He didn't answer, but it is true. Wars start because of misunderstandings."

Colby said the Soviet KGB's efforts to recruit American spies "goes all the way from the subtle approach to the more ham-handed one."

"The 400 attempts to recruit Americans abroad in the past five years are the ones we know about. There probably were others that were not brought to our attention. There are people in jail today who were recruited by the Soviets, and there doubtless will be more of those who continue to work for them."

November 27, 1975

Mr. Edward P. Furlow,
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Dear Ed:

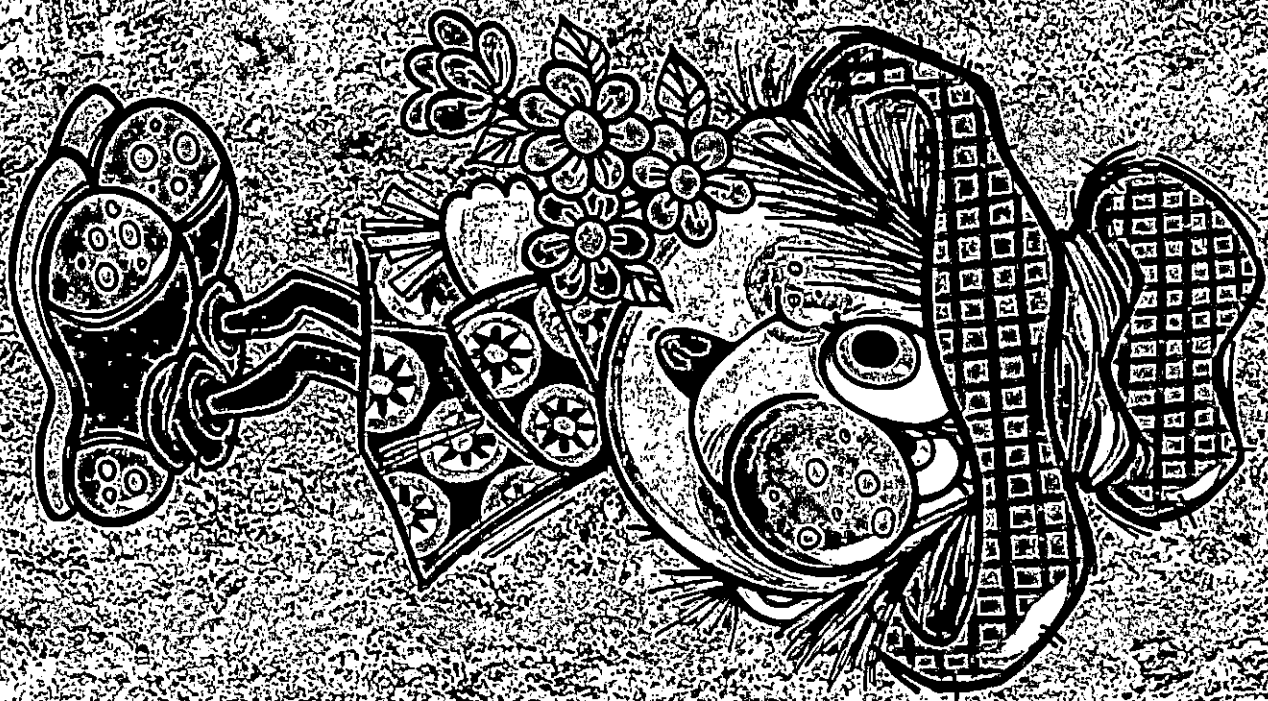
Just a quickie to thank you for the card. The new job is going to be a tough one - highly controversial, as you know, but I think it's important work and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

You are a thoughtful guy.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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Best wishes
and lots of luck!
Ed Furlow

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