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February 12, 1976

Dear Dick,

Thanks for that thoughtful letter of January 31st. You and Ming are great friends and it means a lot to Barbara and me. Though we miss China enormously I am pleased to be in this new job. Incidentally, when we left China both Barbara and I were invited to return-- something that I am most hopeful that we will be able to do.

Thanks again for writing. I do appreciate your kind words of support.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

Mr. F. Richard Hsu
1915 Winding Brook Way
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F. RICHARD HSU
1915 WINDING BROOK WAY, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090

January 31, 1976

Dear George,

On this Chinese New Year day, Ming joins me in wishing you, Barbara and all members of your family a most happy and prosperous New Year.

It hardly seems possible that it has been almost a year and a half ago that you were on your way to Peking. As I told you then, you would love the Chinese and they would love you, all politics aside. Now I can congratulate myself for my foresight and you for your most successful mission. During the past year, we have heard nothing but praise for you and Barbara for carrying out such an important but unusual diplomatic mission in your typical unassuming way and yet with such aplomb. As Chinese Americans, we are grateful and as friends we are proud -- and we want you to know that.

Now you are assuming a different and difficult position which, I believe, is in this juncture of our history, one of the most important and critical. I agree with President Ford that this is a position that only someone with your personal integrity and extraordinary ability can assume with success. We congratulate you and salute you. We only hope that this monumental task will leave you with some free time so that we can occasionally get a chance to see something of each

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other -- no politics, of course.

With very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Dick

FRH:fz

The Honorable George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

March 3, 1976

Dear Lee,

Just a quickie to say thanks for your thoughtful letter of February 27th. The new job is full and fascinating and I love every minute of it.

Thanks again for your good wishes. Love to Nancy.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Lee Hudgins
1600 West Washington
Sherman, Texas 75090

Your friend
Lee

Dear George, I have thought the most terrible matter is
for weeks, it has been like men in a jail, it
just doesn't happen. I have read with interest the news
concerning you and your new challenge and
know you will do every job to the best of
your ability. You can overcome it. I believe
it is an amazing confidence in you and think the
I have every confidence in you.
Country very fortunate.
Many thanks to Barbara. Hope
and in best regards to Maddam for the
we can see George in Maddam and give you all
occasion to get up the way and give you all.

February 27, 1976

LEE HUDGINS
1600 WEST WASHINGTON
SHERMAN, TEXAS 75080

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LEE HUDGINS
1600 WEST WASHINGTON
SHERMAN, TEXAS 75090



Mr. George Bush X-RAYED
5161 Palisade Lane NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

February 4, 1976

Dear Mike,

Thanks ever so much for that thoughtful note. Though we love China, we are glad to be home and I'm happy to be in this new job. It is a real challenge--understatement of the year.

I hope our paths cross before too long.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. R. Michael Huffington, Jr.
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January 29, 1976

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

Dear George:

Welcome back to America and congratulations on your new assignment!

I would certainly enjoy seeing you again if you are in Houston with a few free moments.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Mike

R. Michael Huffington, Jr.
Vice President

RMH:jsa

Dear Mike,

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February 20, 1976

Dear Bill,

Great hearing from you! Please tell Jim Field to give me a call when he gets to Washington. There is a great tennis court right there at the White House and there are several good doubles players around. Maybe not in his class, but hackers like me.

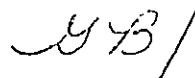
I feel that I know George Isham very well indeed. His dad and mine were the closest of friends, so we would love to see the Fields and make them feel at home in Washington.

I got to play a lot of tennis in China; but since returning have had very little action. If you ever get to Washington, give us a call. We would love to see you and Joan. It's been too darn long.

The new job is fantastically challenging. It's not easy, but it is a lot of fun, and I have that great inner feeling of serenity that comes from knowing that it's important work.

It was wonderful hearing from you. Best regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. William F. Howe, Jr.
56 Alumni Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

WILLIAM F. HOWE, JR.
56 ALUMNI AVENUE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02906

Dear George -

Just want to congratulate on your CIA
job.

But also want to say I am just looking
my tennis doubles partner up here. to your boss
who has lived him away from his Rhode Island
Republican Chairman job to come down there
to be Assoc. Director of White House Personal
Office. His name is Jim Field and
he's good - got a great wife too - ^{Janet} - Joan's
paddle tennis partner as well as a serious golfer
his father George Tshau gave '44 Chicago (banker?)

Ray has thought you might like to
have a good doubles player in morning.

Mr. Bush for son Charles card card
Come see us at the house

Bob

to Washington - been coming to your's
see the best for you and Barbara -

February 2, 1976

Dear Jean,

Those beautiful linen handkerchiefs, all monogrammed, are my pride and joy. How kind of you. I am glad you don't know any other "G.B." Friday was swearing-in day here and the ceremony was most impressive. There is a great spirit in this place in spite of the awful attacks and I am lucky to be here.

Barbara and I really got a kick out of seeing you two and Eleuthera. Warmest regards to John and thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
George Bush

George Bush

Mrs. John Humes
Frost Mill Road
Mill Neck, New York 11765



LOCUST VALLEY, L.I.



FROST MILL ROAD



MILL NECK, NEW YORK, 11765



(516) ORIOLE 6-2194



Dear George,
 These are the handkerchiefs
 I mentioned to you. I found
 them in the attic of my family's
 house and don't know an other

C. B. S.

We enjoyed so much seeing
 you and Barbara on Flee there
 and were sorry the wind and
 seas prevented us from meeting
 you for the picnic on Little Sandal.
 The course for the last 9 miles

was so uncomfortable we turned
back.

Best wishes to you both.

Aff

Jean

Sun. Jan 25th

FROM

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FROST MILL ROAD

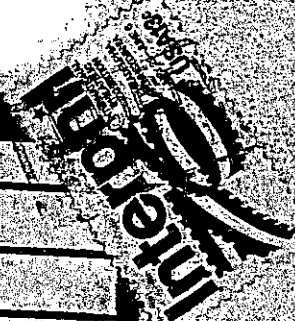
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TO

THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH

5161 PALISADE LANE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016



November 27, 1975

Lynn N. Hughes, Esq.,
Howard & Hughes,
4605 Post Oak Place,
Suite 210,
Houston, Texas 77027.

Dear Lynn:

I have found that life is not easy. I recognize that the Agency spells an end to my political career.

The other side of the question, however, is that I feel an ingrained sense of duty that compels me to undertake this controversial difficult new job. The challenge is enormous, the political flack will be high, but there is an overriding need to get the Agency straightened out, to get it off the front page, and to keep it strong.

Thank you for your words of support and your interest in my welfare. Sometimes in life, though, Lynn, we have to do things we might not have selected if everything was coming up roses.

Sincerely,

George Bush

LAW OFFICES
HOWARD & HUGHES
4605 POST OAK PLACE, SUITE 210
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

VANE E. HOWARD
LYNN N. HUGHES
ROY L. WARDELL

TELEPHONE
629-9100
AREA CODE 713

November 6, 1975

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, United States Liaison Office
17 Guang Ghua Road
Peking,
People's Republic of China

Dear George,

The President's selection of you to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is a tactical error for the Administration and a strategic error for you.

First, under the current circumstances, President Ford has put you into one of the two posts in which your past chairmanship of a political party would be a liability. The other organization would be the Internal Revenue Service. This is meant of course as no adverse reflection on you and certainly not as an approval of Senator's Church's sentiments, but rather it is merely an appraisal of the practical political considerations.

Secondly, even distinguished service in the CIA seems to be a uniquely unsuitable background for furtherance of your career. In referring to your career, I do not mean bare ambition, but I fear a tour of duty in the intelligence establishment will destroy your usefulness to a party and a country that sorely need your ability.

The role of the Agency is such that you cannot take credit for what is done well and that you may bear the blame for mistakes not of your making; Mr. Colby is hardly the culprit in the CIA's woes today, nor was Mr. Dulles responsible for the Bay of Pigs.

The Honorable George Bush
November 6, 1975
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Your selection seems to indicate that you have the confidence of both President Ford and Secretary Kissinger. I assume they expect your ability and honor to be readily perceived by everyone; unfortunately, however, they overestimate the perception of the opposition, or they overestimate the intellectual and political honesty of the opposition.

If at this juncture it is impossible for you to decline, then there is one approach that may minimize the negative consequences. It is legitimate political policy to have a partisan administration member restructure an agency; therefore, during the confirmation hearings you could announce your intention to serve a limited time (six to nine months) solely for the purposes of implementing a reorganization of the agency to restore its integrity and effectiveness and of selecting several people for recommendation to the President as the director to succeed you. This approach to the job would necessarily have to be acknowledged publicly.

George, you have suffered from President Nixon's trading on your integrity in the tragic closing months of his presidency. Your response to the call of duty then was of immense help to the party. This new task will consume you politically with no concomitant benefit for the government; the folly is clear, the call of duty is not.

Having felt compelled to say that, all that remains is for me to reiterate, needlessly I hope, that you have my continued support whatever your decision.

With best wishes to Barbara,

Yours faithfully,



Lynn N. Hughes

LNH:sf
Copy: 5161 Palisade Lane
Washington, D. C. 20016

February 12, 1976

Dear Floyd,

Thank you for that thoughtful and most provocative letter. I recognize that we have enormous problems here and I'm going to do my level best to cope.

It will not be easy to solve some of the problems you outline in your letter, but I'm going to try, buoyed I might add, by some of the plain common sense that you taught me quite a few years ago at Andover.

Warm regards, in which Barbara joins me.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Floyd T. Humphries
160 Third Avenue South
Naples, Florida 33940

FLOYD T. HUMPHRIES
160 Third Avenue South
Naples, Florida 33940

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Dear Poppy:

When it was customary for Sunday School kids of years past to study and learn the catechism, I parroted, among other brain exercises, "to honour and obey the civil authority; to submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters" etc.

Writing as a staunch Independent-Democrat, I have found serious fault with much civil authority over recent years. None will my conscience, for example, forgive Mr. Ford for pardoning Nixon before impeachment, which would have forbidden pardon, constitutionally.

Therefore, I have renounced part of the catechism many times over. On the other hand, Ford's appointment of G. H. W. Bush as Chief of the CIA draws applause.

Yet the CIA, to my mind, still engages in blatant extra-legal activities. It is still *imperium in imperio*. It has, without the knowledge of Congress, interfered in the internal affairs of Chile, Cuba, Italy,

and now, in contrast with the scrutiny of state appears
to be unnecessarily focusing up relations with Russia by
messing in Angola. The CIA spends taxpayers' money in
ways that reveal the worth of millions of citizens. The Party
as their worship, seems still to be within the bounds of that
world. In Mitterrand's address, complaining and concealing the German
seems to imitate. Recall that Carter's speech regarded
Mitterrand as a political hooligan. "Lobbying con-
placated of his 'unimpeachable superiority.' Says Adams,
when French Ambassador at Vienna, remarks that he issued to
himself the privilege of non-trump word. Kissinger all over
again, with the same trick accent, censoring in the informal
through the CIA, as a misanthrope, in the informal
affairs of foreign countries.

Right now, I am reminded of Springs, pretty much
followers of my former's interests. The mundanity of the
principles of construction, Springs appears to be the
viewability and the perpetual change of being. For my
part, I see see perfect harmony in the principle.
Angthon, to wind up the long picture, there should
never be a political apparatus without popular belief

FLOYD T. HUMPHRIES

160 Third Avenue South

Naples, Florida 33940

in his word. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs! Well, every
American I know or know of believes in the
immutability of your absolute honesty and candor.
Moreover, you have already demonstrated versatile ad-
aptation to changes in important governmental posts.
Americans have faith in your changing the character of
the CIA to regain their support of the Institution.

My firm handshake to you on your appointment
by President Ford and subsequent Senatorial
confirmation to become Chief of the CIA.

Sincerely,
Floyd.

February 2, 1976

Dear John,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful cable. I am very pleased to be in this new job, surrounded as I am with excellent people.

I am sure you are missed at the Embassy and I hope all is going well with you there.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

Mr. John G. Hurd
P.O. Box 499
Laredo, Texas 78040

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GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR

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WASHINGTON DC

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSUMING THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE CIA. I KNOW YOU WILL DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITION TO OUR COUNTRY.

JOHN G HURD PO BOX 499 LOREDO TX 78040

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February 23, 1976

Dear Gene,

It was great hearing from you again.
Your letter brought back many happy memories.

Please give my best to Nancy, and thank
you so much for your thoughtful words of
encouragement. The job is tough, but I agree
with you as to its importance, and I'm going
to give it my all.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Robert E. Imel
Vice President
Citizens Bank and Trust Company
Pampa, Texas

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CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO.

PAMPA, TEXAS,

ROBERT E. IMEL
VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER

FEBRUARY 5, 1976

GEORGE BUSH
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20013

DEAR GEORGE:

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU THE
VERY BEST ON YOUR NEW JOB UNDERTAKING. I HOPE YOU
AND BARBARA WILL BE HAPPY LIVING IN WASHINGTON AGAIN.
PERHAPS I WAS A BIT PESSIMISTIC, BUT I CERTAINLY DID
NOT ENVY YOU YOUR LAST ASSIGNMENT AND I ENVY YOU
EVEN LESS ON YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL
THE BARRACUDAS FROM WITHIN AND ON THE OUTSIDE WHO
WILL WANT TO GRAB HOLD WHERE IT HURTS THE MOST!

I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE AT LEAST THE SECOND MOST SENSI-
TIVE JOB IN WHOLE UNITED STATES IF NOT THE MOST
IMPORTANT JOB. IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS ANYTHING
UNDER THE SUN THAT I CAN DO TO HELP YOU, PLEASE DO
NOT HESITATE TO ASK, AS I FEEL THAT YOU ARE THE MOST
QUALIFIED PERSON IN THIS COUNTRY TO HANDLE THIS JOB.

WE HAVE RECENTLY SOLD THIS BANK. HOPEFULLY, NANCY
AND I WILL BE ABLE TO BRING THE KIDS TO THE NEW ENGLAND
AREA FOR SOME OF THE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES. NANCY
AND I WOULD CERTAINLY ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY OF TAKING
YOU AND BARBARA TO DINNER SOME EVENING OR AT LEAST
ENJOY A FAST CUP OF COFFEE IF YOUR TIME WILL PERMIT.

MOST SINCERELY YOURS,


R. E. IMEL
VICE PRESIDENT

REI/DE

March 4, 1976

Dear Mrs. Irwin,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 25th.

The country needs a vital CIA and I'm proud to be working here.

Thanks again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mrs. L. E. Irwin
65 West Westfield Blvd.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

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Indianapolis Ind.
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Mr. Geo. Bush.
Director of C.I.A.
Washington - D.C.
Dear Mr. Bush's

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It is difficult to know
whether to congratulate you or
offer condolences. For my part
I am grateful that you are at
the helm but with all the
"blabber mouths" there are in
Congress you certainly have
a job cut out for you.

Very definitely I approve
of the C.I.A. and F.B.I. and the
more the merrier.

While you were in China
I wanted to write and tell
you I was glad you were
there looking after our

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interests because you had the ability and personal charm to make friends for our country - At this time I am also glad that Ex Pres Nixon is in China doing the same thing - His knowledge of foreign policy is second to none -

The Rep. Natl Comm. hasn't been the same since you left but I still belong to the Sustaining Fund and hope for the best.

Just wanted you to know I am wishing you well -

Sincerely -
Linda E Irwin

MRS. L. E. IRWIN
65 West Westfield Blvd.,
Indianapolis, Ind. 46208

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MRS. L. E. IRWIN
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Mr. Geo. Bush
Director of CIA
Washington - D. C.

February 17, 1976

Dear John,

I was so pleased to get that warm letter you wrote me dated January 29th. It was a great pleasure seeing you at the White House mess with Bill Seidman.

In spite of what seemed an interminable program, I enjoyed the Touchdown Club evening, particularly because I had a chance to visit with Coach Krueger. He was quite a guy and, I must say, if he can turn around his won and lost record in just one year as dramatically as he did, perhaps we can have the same results at the CIA.

I do appreciate your words of support for this Agency. There will be changes made, of course, and there should be; but I have been delighted to find here in the CIA, in the short time I've been here, a tremendous corps of able, dedicated, patriotic people who simply want to serve their country. We must not let this capability be destroyed.

Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,


George Bush

Dr. John X. Jamrich
President
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Bush:

First let me say that it was a very pleasant surprise for Mrs. Jamrich and me to meet you when we were having lunch with Bill Seidman. We have seen you on television many times and reminisced about having you as our very special guest at Northern Michigan University.

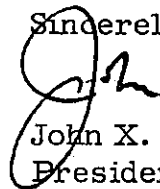
The day we met you we were on our way to the Finnish Embassy where I received the Order of the Lion of Finland. Then, I was present at the very elaborate program of the Washington Touchdown Club. It happened that our Coach Krueger sat right next to you at the head table. I'm sure you will agree that it was some evening.

Second, I want to extend my personal congratulations and good wishes on your appointment and recent confirmation as head of the CIA. You have taken on a most difficult but critically important assignment. In my opinion, the CIA has been the target of actions which have been very detrimental to its vital role in our international relations scene. There may have been certain undesirable activities of the agency, but unfortunately some of our zealots have gone too far in what could very well be a weakening of the agency's potential.

I have been a student of the foreign scene and have traveled considerably, including countries like Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. I happen to have lived in Czechoslovakia as a boy and still have the language ability. It is possible to sense the kinds of problems which confront our nation in the philosophy and plans of countries such as these Soviet satellites. We cannot afford to have anything but a strong and effective intelligence agency in the critical years which lie ahead for our country.

If I can be of any assistance in any way, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,



John X. Jamrich
President

The Honorable George H. W. Bush
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

November 28, 1975

The Hon. Peter Jankowitsch,
Austrian Mission to the
United Nations,
809 United Nations Plaza,
New York, N.Y. 10017.

Dear Peter:

Just a quick note to thank you
for your very thoughtful letter,

I know it's going to be contro-
versial, and I know it's going to be
difficult, but the work is very im-
portant.

One happy thought: Bar and I
will get to see more of you and Odette.
That will be great.

Thanks again, my friend.

Warmest regards from Peking,

George Bush

*The Representative of Austria
to the United Nations*

New York, November 19, 1975

Dear George,

It was with immense pleasure that Odette and myself learned of the proposal of President Ford to name you to one of the highest, most important and sensitive posts of your Government.

We have come to know, appreciate and admire the unmistakable talent and skill with which you have performed previous tasks: your successful and unimitable style at the United Nations where your many friends still fondly remember your and Barbara's presence.

Your untiring work at the Republican National Committee in Washington during a period of trial and challenge.

And finally, the contribution you made to the shaping of a relationship whose importance on a global scale far transcends the realm of bilateral interests.

We trust therefore that you will fill your new assignment with the same qualities that have characterized your career in the public service of your country and we wish you much success.

Although your future duties will make claims stronger than any before on your time and energy we harbour the (selfish) hope that your return to Washington will perhaps provide a chance - ever now and then - to see Barbara and yourself again.

With every good wish to Barbara and yourself, in which Odette joins me,

I remain very truly yours

Alte Herrschaft

H.E.
Ambassador George Bush
United States Liaison Office
P e k i n g

AUSTRIAN MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
809 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

February 27, 1976

Dear Ken,

Great hearing from you! Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter and your kind words about my recent television appearance.

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

I'm glad to hear that Joyce is still active. I'm totally out of politics now--properly so--but I do miss my friends.

I hope our paths cross in the not too distant future.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Love to Joyce

Mr. K. L. Jarratt
The Mauritz Company
Drawer M
Ganado, Texas 77962

The Mauritz

K
Company

TEXACO PRODUCTS
J. I. CASE FARM MACHINERY
HARDWARE

DRAWER M
GANADO, TEXAS 77962

February 16, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director of CIA
Langley, Virginia 23365

Dear George:

Just a few lines to say that Joyce and I are glad you're
back home.

I just had to write and tell you how pleased we were in
the manner you handled the interview on television (60 minutes)
concerning CIA.

George, stay in this and do a good job for this country is
in bad shape and, if we don't have people like yourself in
places of responsibility, the future is dim.

If you ever decide to run for any office anywhere you have
the support of Joyce and myself. Thank you for your efforts
and faith in our country's future.

Your Friend

Wanna letter
Shen Jarratt
K. L. Jarratt

KLJ:gtb

P. S. Joyce is still very active in politics and will be at
the National Convention if Ford wins the Texas Primary.

*Dear Ken
Glad to have Joyce
is still active
I'm totally
out of politics
but to do
what I do
wins in
politics*

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JACOB K. JAVITS
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 17, 1975

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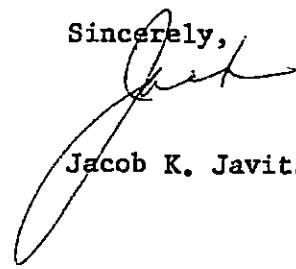
Dear George:

The position for which you have been designated is, of course, one of the most sensitive in our government during a period fraught with difficulties.

Marion and I hope very much it works out to your satisfaction and success.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Jacob K. Javits

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

Best to Barbara

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February 10, 1976

Dear Howard and Elaine,

Just a quick note to thank you for your very thoughtful telegram.

I am pleased to be in this tough new job. This place is full of able and dedicated people and that is a tremendous help.

Thanks again for your good wishes. I hope our paths cross before too long.

Sincerely,

/s/ George

George Bush
Director

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Apartment 1101
Kensington, Maryland 20795

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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON DC 20505

"AND I SOUGHT FOR A MAN AMONG THEM THAT SHOULD MAKE UP THE HEDGE AND
STAND IN THE GAP BEFORE ME FOR THE LAND, - AND FOUND NONE" EZEKIEL
22130

BUT, THE PRESIDENT WAS MORE FORTUNATE HE FOUND ONE, CONGRATULATIONS AND
GOD BLESS

HOWARD JENKINS
MEMBER OF N.L.R.B. AND WIFE ELAINE

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1. Dear Howard & Elaine
Thanks - warm -
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February 23, 1976

Dear Wayne,

It was good hearing from you. Thanks for your kind words about my job. The CIA is a great institution and I'm proud to be working here.

Hope our paths cross in the future.

Yours very truly,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Wayne A. Johnson
P. O. Box 19177
Houston, Texas 77024

Feb. 17, 1976

PERSONAL

Mr. George Bush, Director
CIA
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

Or maybe I should address you as Mr. Chairman or Mr. Ambassador.

I hope you recall me as owner of Corrosion Rectifying Company when you were the head of Zapata Offshore Co.

You've traveled a long way since that time and I am proud to say that I have been privileged to support you most of the way.

I'm still in the anti-corrosion field, have a small gas gathering firm (Poco Gas) and dabble with some of my own real estate.

I want to wish you well in your new position, and to congratulate you. I know America can trust you to look after her best interests. With you in the CIA I know I can sleep at night and not worry about us being sold-out to our enemies.

Good luck,

Wayne

Wayne A. Johnson

P. O. Box 19177

Houston, Texas 77024

February 4, 1976

Dear Cliff,

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I'm very happy to be back home and feel lucky to be in this new job--controversial though it may be.

I do appreciate your very generous offer of support. Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Clifford L. Jones
President
Pennsylvanians for Effective Government
227 State Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

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January 30, 1976

Mr. George Bush
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

Glad to see you back in the states. I am
not so sure I envy you in your new position at the
CIA.

In any case, Good Luck and if ever I can
be of help, please call.

Sincerely,



Clifford L. Jones
President

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CLJ

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February 19, 1976

Dear Dave,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful note of February 9th. I believe in the need for a strong CIA and I'm going to do my level best to be a part in providing that.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

General David C. Jones, USAF
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington, D.C. 20301

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20331

9 FEB 1976

Dave
Thank you

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

Dear Mr. Director

Welcome aboard. We look forward to working
with you and an opportunity to discuss, at
your convenience, some Air Force programs
that I am sure will be of interest to you.

Sincerely



DAVID C. JONES, General, USAF
Chief of Staff

February 11, 1976

Dear Rudy,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter and the enclosed newspaper clipping. I enjoy reading favorable comments in these tough times.

I am looking forward to the immense challenge. This place is full of able and dedicated people and that is a tremendous help.

Thank you again for your kind words.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. R. F. Juedeman
Suite 300
First National Bank Building
Odessa, Texas 79761

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February 2, 1976

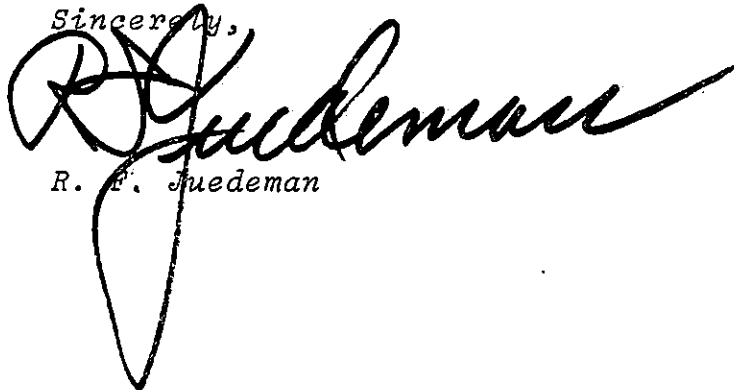
Honorable George Bush
Director C.I.A.
5161 Palisades Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear George,

My sincere congratulations! I am enclosing an editorial published in the San Angelo Standard Newspaper. I agree with it wholeheartedly. I thought you might like an additional copy -- am sure many from here are sending these to you.

My best to you and Barbara.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. F. Juedeman'. The signature is written over the printed name 'R. F. Juedeman'.

R. F. Juedeman

RFJ/pr

Enclosure

Dean Rudy

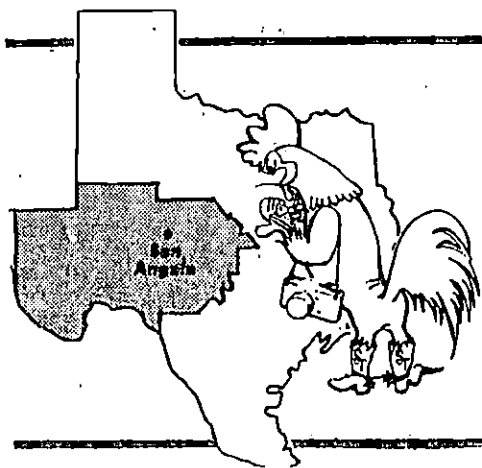
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SAN ANGELO STANDARD
San Angelo, Texas, Monday Morning, February 2, 1976



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... reporter to see the consolidated House payroll, which includes the salaries of representatives' secretaries and aides.

Such a requirement is alarming on its face, for requiring a grant of permission implies that per-

... can't imagine why, unless the speaker's real intent was to discourage members of the press and public from seeking to view public records.

In any other context, the requirement just doesn't make sense.

Washington M

Bush Has Strengths

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It's time that something was said in favor of George Bush, confirmed Tuesday as the new director of central intelligence:

Bush has been denigrated as "too political" a person to hold the sensitive DCI post, particularly in an era when the CIA and allied intelligence agencies are under withering fire for past abuses of their powers. Morale within the American intelligence establishment is said not to have been aided by the appointment of a man more political than any in the CIA's history, rather than the professional the other professionals had hoped for.

There is the possibility, though, that Bush's political background, for which he is so roundly chastised; may be an asset to both him and the intelligence establishment.

Since its creation in the post-World War II cold war, the CIA has been headed by professionals — men trained and grown to maturity within the intelligence establishment. These men have virtually been born to a world of secrecy, anonymity and non-accountability. They operated, lived and died in a gray world very infrequently to the innermost secrets.

The club's inbreeding was perhaps its undoing. Insulating themselves from the outside, they also insulated themselves to the outside. Output from the establishment was proscribed and conversely input from the outside was proscribed.

They believed themselves acting in the American interest though. Their view of the American interest was untempered by outside influence, at times leading to tunnel vision that blinded them to all except their own gray world.

The political nature of George Bush can perhaps change that. Bush, as a political animal, knows a political risk when he sees it. He has an intuitive grasp of what is acceptable, what is questionable and what is unforgiveable to the American psyche. Bush knows of the real world's potentialities and pitfalls, rather than just those at Langley.

The dangers of having the CIA used for political ends within the United States can be minimized if the CIA is confined to its statutory scope — affairs outside American boundaries.

Much the same as maintaining civilian control of the military, the CIA can benefit by having outside leadership — leadership that knows more of the world than the shadowy happenings in intelligence.

The appointment is also a challenge to Bush, to see if from chaos he can mold an agency that is effective and worthy of carrying our banner, an agency of which we can be proud and which other nations will respect, if not love.

George Bush as CIA director could prove to be one of President Ford's more judicious appointments.

WASHINGTON — As seem, the sons of sheiks in be wearing the Smokey highway patrolmen and be radios.

It's all part of a secret lion-dollar deal, which w with a complete highway the Arizona, California a

This transplanted intended to police camel to guard the wide- marauders. At stake is a deposit, a fabulous fortune lies under the Saudi sands.

Across the Persian Gulf, be looking covetously up riches. He is living beyond own oil reserves are expected to last a decade or two.

The Shaw is also building force which could take valuable but vulnerable re ambitious Shah but Ara attempt to capture the Saudi more than 600 tough, discl have moved into South Y another Angola adventure southern flank.

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Massage Parlors Eyed

WASHINGTON — Washington, D.C., is now discussing a new bill which would open the opening of massage one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. It is now estimated that there are more massage parlors in the country than McDonald's hamburger stands



Art Schwald

had back trouble, 20 percent...

Capital Talk

D.D.C.

February 11, 1976

Dear Jake,

Just a quick note to thank you for your very thoughtful letter. 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 kind words.
Our best to Nina.

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

Mr. Jake Kamin
2625 Louisiana
Houston, Texas 77006

January 30, 1976

The Honorable George E. Bush
310 First Street S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Congratualtions on your becoming head of the C.I.A.. I feel our country is especially fortunate to have a man of your caliber, integrity, and ability head this very important operation with its awesome responsibilities. We are very proud of our friendship with you over these many years and know that with men like you in government service there is nothing wrong with the U.S.A.

Nina joins me in extending again our congratulations on your new position and best wishes for your continued good health.

Sincerely,



Jake Kamin

JK:dmb

Dear Jake



The Honorable George E. Bush
310 First Street S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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29 April 1976

Dear Ambassador Katapadis,

The attached letter from Mr. Bush, dated February 20th, was returned to this office today because the address was incorrect.

I am going to try again, this time sending it via our State Department. I hope you receive it.

I'm sorry for the delay.

Sincerely,

Karen G. Tillotson
Secretary for Mr. Bush

February 20, 1976

Dear Nick,

Great getting your letter of January 29th! The new job is, as you say, "important and difficult," but it is fascinating and I am delighted to be working with the high quality people that are here at CIA. I believe the Agency will emerge strong from the hearings. There is a great determination to continue the work that is so important to our national security.

The excesses of the past, I think, have been all cleaned up and, although intelligence is not an easy business, we are still a strong, effective Agency--effective for peace, I might add.

We miss Peking, with all its tranquility, but Barbara and I are in our house here in Washington and we are happy. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to have you stick your head in when you get to Washington.

Warmest regards from your old Peking neighbors,

Sincerely,

George
George Bush
Director

The Honorable Nicholas Katapadis
Embassy of Greece
Mexico City, Mexico

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The Ambassador of Greece

México City, January 29, 1976.

Dear George

I was pleased to read of your confirmation as Director of the C.I.A. by Congress.

Please accept my sincerest congratulations upon taking up this important and difficult job, which I am sure you will carry out with your usual efficacy, sense of diplomacy and respect of human values.

Warmest greetings to Barbara from both of us.

Yours ever
Nicholas
Katapodis

Mr. George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.
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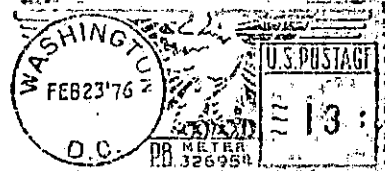
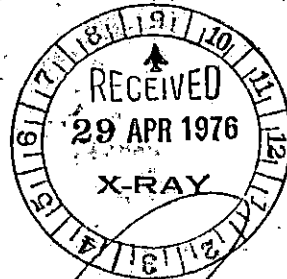
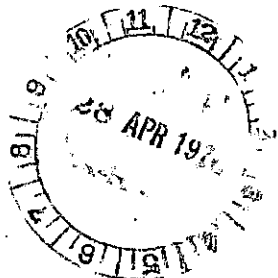
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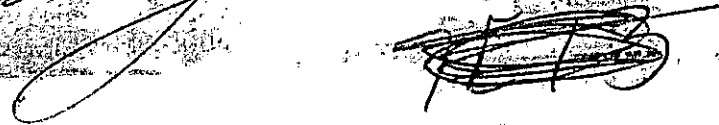
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The Honorable Nicholas Katapadis
Embassy of Greece
Mexico City, Mexico

Director



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Dear Mr. Kearns,

Thank you for your kind letter of January 28th. Though this new job will not be an easy one, I am eagerly looking forward to the challenge.

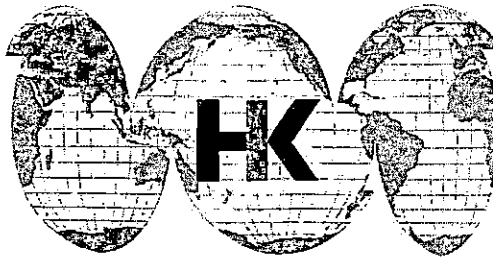
Thanks again for writing; I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Henry Kearns
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
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155 Sansome Street
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The Honorable
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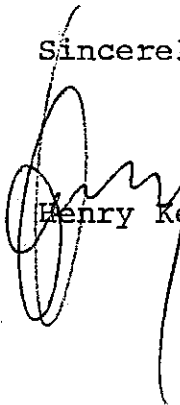
Dear George:

Congratulations upon your confirmation as Director. This is but another step in an illustrious career of government service.

As one citizen who has observed your many useful activities, I want to express my appreciation and admiration for the many things that you have done.

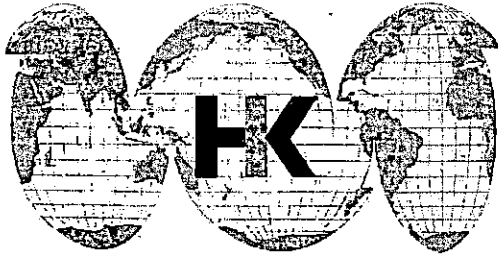
My very best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Kearns

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J OSEPH RAND . . . Diplomat, commercial officer and banker, he has served almost twenty years in the Far East and Europe. His background includes service at The White House as Secretary of the Council on Foreign Economic Policy, at the Executive Office in charge of a tax amortization appeals function, and as a lawyer at the Department of Justice and the Pentagon.

R OBERT D. LADD . . . An international management consultant and entrepreneur with wide experience in the high technology industries providing financial planning and marketing studies. He has occupied the distinguished position of Executive Secretary, Office of the Vice President of the United States.

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P AULL L. GOMORY, JR. . . . has worked as Assistant to the Director of the White House Council on International Economic Policy, for the President's Commission on International Trade and Investment Policy, for the International Monetary Fund, and for PICA, a Singapore merchant bank. He graduated from Amherst College (economics) and from Stanford University Graduate School of Business (Business Administration), and attended the Graduate School of International Studies in Geneva.

L AURA K. GOLDHAR . . . International Financial Specialist, Assistant Manager Foreign Credit Insurance Association (FCIA) . . . Assistant Treasurer, Connecticut Bank and Trust Company . . . Assistant Vice President, Connecticut Bank International . . . Financial Economist, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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December 3, 1975

Mr. William J. Keating,
President,
The Cincinnati Enquirer,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Bill:

What a thoughtful guy!

Barbara and I have been extremely happy in China, but now it's time to come back to a very difficult job.

Incidentally, I saw an editorial from your paper that cheered me immensely.

After all the hearings are over and the bleeding has stopped, I hope you will come by to pay me a good long visit. Certainly I will do the same if I am in Cincinnati.

The CIA is a vital institution. It must be protected against wanton attacks, and I am going to give it my all.

Warm regards,

George Bush

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WILLIAM J. KEATING
PRESIDENT

November 11, 1975

The Honorable George H. Bush
Ambassador to China
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear George:

Congratulations on your selection to head
the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is a very sensitive area, and I am
sure you bring to it responsibility and integrity.

It is important that the CIA continues to
function in the interests of the country, and it
appears to be in jeopardy at the moment.

Hope to see you again soon.

Best regards,



WILLIAM J. KEATING
President

jr

November 20, 1975

Mrs. James M. Keegan
822 Old Lake Road
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mary:

Thanks for your thoughtful note. The new job is a real challenge, far different than the assignment in China that we have loved.

Thanks again for your letter. It was great seeing you here.

Sincerely,

mrs. james m. keegan
822 old lake road
houston, texas 77027


Dear Barbara and George,

I thoroughly enjoyed the lovely party that you arranged for the Delegation for Friendship Among Women. Your efforts were especially appreciated in light of the pressures of the upcoming Kennedy visit.

In my message to Houston audiences I must convey the sense of pride at having had the Bushs representing the United States in the People's Republic. Congratulations on your new appointment. None could do the job better!

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

November Sixth
Mary  17 17

February 10, 1976

Dear Clarence,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful February 2nd letter wishing me well in this new job. One of the things that appeals to me is the fact that I'll have an opportunity to work closely with you and your associates. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,



George Bush
Director

The Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535



CLARENCE M. KELLEY
DIRECTOR

February 2, 1976

PERSONAL

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

Dear George:

On behalf of my associates in the FBI,
I extend hearty congratulations on your being
sworn in as Director of the Central Intelligence
Agency.

We look forward to a continuation of
the fine spirit of cooperation which has long
existed between our organizations. Please let
us know at any time you feel the FBI can be of
assistance in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Clarence

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Honorable George Bush
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Washington, D. C. 20505

March 1, 1976

Dear Larry,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter.
I am delighted to know about your OSS background
and I'll certainly keep in mind your offer to
be of service.

I hope to get to Houston before too long.

Yours very truly,



George Bush

Mr. Lawrence J. Kelley
919 Americana Bldg.
Houston, Texas 77002

LAWRENCE J. KELLEY
919 AMERICANA BLDG.
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

July 25, 1976

Dear George,

Your appointment as Director of
the Central Intelligence Agency was
certainly good news to hear. Please
accept my sincere congratulations. I
know that you will meet this awesome
personal challenge with integrity, vigor,
and dedication.

During World War II I served in the
O.S.S. so I have a clear understanding
of what monumental tasks confront you
of war & can be of service to
you & assure you I am readily
available. What ever talents are left
they are at your call.

My best wishes and my prayers
go with you for a happy and successful
tenure in this sensitive important role
Sincerely, Larry

February 4, 1976

Dear Ken,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful cable. I am very pleased to be in this new job, surrounded as I am with excellent people.

I often think of our days working together on matters "offshore."

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Ken Kendrick
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*Dear Ken
I often think of our
days working together
on matters "offshore"*

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February 2, 1976

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful telegram about my new job. I am glad to be in it, and I'm going to work hard to earn the confidence of the people here and to help restore confidence in the Agency all across the United States.

Many thanks for your thoughtful wire,

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

John M. Kent
84-25 118th Street
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▶ GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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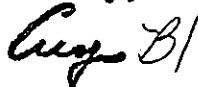
Dear Irene,

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

I am very pleased to be in this new job, surrounded as I am with excellent people.

Thanks again for taking the time to wish me well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Bush".

George Bush

Ms. Irene Kerr
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Houston, Texas 77098

Mr. George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear George,

Congratulations - I think - on your appointment as Director. I know the CIA is in good hands.

I sincerely regret that I couldn't arrange a trip to Peking while you and Barbara were in residence, but maybe next time...

Things are beginning to perk up here on the home front. Last Sunday, I participated in the Ford Delegate Selection Committee festivities and ran into lots and lots of old friends. There were folks there I hadn't seen since the day Nancy assumed the chair. It may be the beginning of a new day for Harris County politics.

Would you believe that ten years have passed since we were all running around the County looking for Republican votes. I don't feel a day older.

If I might be allowed a personal observation, I am saddened by the knowledge that the President had to rule you out of the running for the present for elective office as I have always known that your address will one day be that house across the street from Lafayette Park.

I'm sure you will do well in this position as in all others.

Sincerely,



Ms. Irene Kerr
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X
short, responsive
reply -
Bar sends
love



Lynn Ashby

Need a spy?

Post
2-15-76

The Hon. George Bush
Director, CIA
Langley, Va.
Dear George:

I note in the newspapers that you are looking for voluntary assistance from members of the news media to aid the CIA in its multitudinous tasks. My first instinct, of course, was that of any other red-blooded American: the leftists, pinko, gay, commiesymp press is lying as usual.

Then it occurred to me that this is exactly what I am supposed to think. But what you really mean is that you don't want voluntary assistance at all. You said it but you don't mean it. But then, if you know the press is going to lie, then you deliberately meant what you said, knowing full well that the press — totally controlled, as it is, by the Eastern Establishment — would lie about your lies, except in September, which has 30.

Are you still with me? So, knowing all of this, what you really meant when you said that you welcome voluntary assistance from reporters is that you welcome voluntary assistance from reporters. You sneaky devil, you. How quickly you are adapting to your new post.

Therefore, I am now volunteering for spookistry. Please don't eat this letter until you hear me out. First of all, my credentials are impeccable. I am totally dishonest. I have seen every James Bond movie made. (See? You already caught me, didn't you? Knowing that I am dishonest, you also know that I haven't really seen "Diamonds Are Forever." I only said that I had. There, I already passed the first test.)

My other qualifications are that I look terrific in a putty nose and red wig. I can hobnob at the proper Georgetown cocktail parties, telling everyone that I am with the U.S. Bureau of Roads, just like a real spook. I like to travel first class. I like Cuban cigars. And I know nothing, whatsoever about Angola, the Middle East, the troop strength of the North Vietnamese and the Bill of Rights. Now wouldn't I fit into the CIA perfectly?

OK, at this point you are probably wondering just what good I could possibly be to the CIA, seeing how I am openly seeking a job. That's just the point. You see, everyone thinks this, and therefore puts me down at the very bottom of possible CIA agents. I am the very last person they would suspect, see? So you give me a badge and a false passport and a calling card: "Central Intelligence Agency, Houston Franchise, Please Speak Directly Into My Lapel. Then I get a listing in the Yellow Pages under "Secret, Top." For the final touch, you page me at the next Rockets game: "Would the local CIA agent please report to the ticket-tay booth-bay, if he can find it?" That should make my cover absolutely impenetrable.

In answer to your next question, yes, I know all sorts of secret goodies and would be of immense help to the Company. Here are just a few decoded crumbs to whet your appetite:

What park in what large southwestern city is reputedly being drilled for oil when, in reality, the whole thing is a cover for the Summa Corp. which is trying to retrieve a Soviet satellite which went down in what bayou?

What mysterious man (code name: The Judge) in what large southwestern city is actually the mayor of that same city, under an assumed name?

What governor of what large southwestern state thinks he's the trombone section of the Waco symphony orchestra?

Whatever happened to Herman Short?

What motorists in what unnamed city loudly complain about increasing lawlessness and crime in the streets, then plunk down more than \$100 to buy a citizens band radio for the express intention of circumventing the speed laws?

Why is it that the Soviet Olympic hockey team can get that good when they only practice every other Saturday morning just for the fun of it?

There, Mr. Bush, you get an idea of some of the secrets I have in my dossier. I'll bet you're halfway to the Scramble Phone right now, trying to enlist me in your ranks. But wait, for I have more:

Why is it that O.P. Carrillo, Sam Phillips and Joe Perino cannot explain their exact whereabouts just prior to the Guatemalan earthquake?

Why does the March of Dimes accept nickels?

Whatever happened to Baby Jane?
Fifty-four forty or fight?

Does your chewing gum lose its flavor on the bedpost overnight?

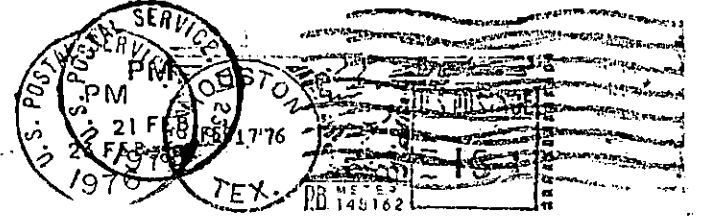
Well, Mr. Bush (if, indeed, that is your real name), as you can see, I have a bottomless pit of international tidbits. They are all yours for the asking, plus, of course, a price. I mean, this patriotism bit only goes so far, right? In return for my endless flow of top-secret secrets, I would like nothing more than expense money. Perhaps, shall we say, \$1,000 a week? You can cleverly disguise it as bribes to Northrop or Gulf. For a government agency which somehow gets a \$10 billion budget through Congress hidden so that no one knows about it, my small stip-end should pose no difficulty at all.

I realize, of course, that if I am captured, you will disavow all knowledge of me. I, on the other hand, shall yell like a stuck pig and reveal that you're a sucker for a cross-court shot to the base line.

Yr Ob't Sr'vt

Lynn
PS: Why did the chicken cross the road?

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Mr. George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
~~Washington~~, Virginia

McLeag

February 12, 1976

Dear Glen,

What a friend! I don't know what
Bar and I would do without you and Tom.
Thank you for that very thoughtful note
you wrote me on February 3rd. We love
you.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

Mrs. Tom Kleppe
9609 Hillridge Drive
Kensington, Maryland 20795

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February 3, 1976

Dear Barbara and George,
My deepest congratulations to you
in this new post. I am indeed
proud of you. You have so much
to offer any important spot you
fill and will surely bring honor
and integrity to this job also.
How varied your experiences are
now, George and you too, Ber!
We, in our thinking, believe that
we are where we are in the structure
of authority because of men or a man
and in a sense it is true, but
Psalm 75: 6-7 tells us: "promotion
comes neither from the east nor from

the west nor from the south. But God is
the judge: he putteth down one and
setteth up another." And praise the

Lord, God never makes a mistake.
So, George, you are put where you
are by God Almighty and it is an
awesome thing to think about.

I pray God's continued blessings
on you in this task, may he give
you health, strength and wisdom beyond
your own as you call on him.

With love to two dear friends,
Glen

November 20, 1975

Dear Baine:

Thanks for your letter of November 12. I wish I had had a chance to talk to you about the new job before accepting.

There are no good politics in this for me; in fact, there is already a lot of controversy. But the work is substantive and important and I am looking forward to it.

I was glad to get your views and Connally's on the Senate race but the decision is made and I must now give it my all.

My love to Mildred.

Sincerely,

BAINES P. KERR

11-12-75

Mildred

Dear George,

Recently I had an occasion for a fairly extensive private talk with John Connally. As you know, he has been making a series of talks all over the country, particularly to business and civic groups. He has been in New Hampshire, New York, Florida, Michigan, California and elsewhere. He has visited with Republican leaders in all of these areas. For what it's worth, here are some of his comments in which you may be particularly interested:

1. Ford's campaign may be in serious difficulty, particularly if he loses the

BAINES P. KERR

New Hampshire and Florida primaries. Connally thinks he will lose in N.H. and may well lose in Florida.

2. He (Connally) wishes you had talked to "some of us" before you made your decision to accept this new assignment.

3. He (C.) thinks you could win the race for the Senate in Texas in 1976 (I'm sure you have heard that he is privately bitter with Dentson over the latter's refusal to be a character witness for C.).

4. He believes you will be required to depoliticize yourself — at least through the ~~the~~ 1976 election (Fower's

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speech yesterday seems to confirm this).

I do think Reutson has disenchanted his moderate, business support, and has no great ideological rapport with the left. If the presidential candidate (Rep.) is extremely popular in Texas and the Dem. nominee is not, and if you received C's active support, I think you might pull off the Senate race.

While it might be difficult to take this course at this time, I think it could be done. Whether you would try the race could depend on your own eval-

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uation of the situation
after your return.

I hope to see you soon -
Baine

February 11, 1976

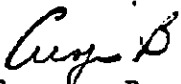
Dear Charles,

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

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 in spite of the complexities.

Thanks again for your kind words.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

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January 29, 1976

Dear George,

Congratulations from Esther
myself & our family. Seems
you have one of the most
fascinating but tough jobs
in Washington. Our best wishes
with the hope that it goes well.
We are pulling for you,

Sincerely

Charles Kerr

Dear Charles

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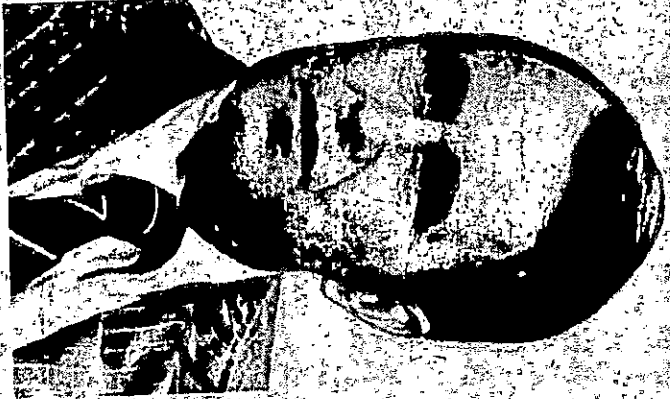
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New CIA Chief

George Bush, former Republican Party chairman, was confirmed yesterday as CIA director in a 64-to-27 Senate vote. He will replace career intelligence officer William Colby. Story on Page 6B. (AP Wirephoto)

Bush Wins Approval Of Senate

To Follow Colby As CIA Leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, ignoring the arguments of liberal Democrats, yesterday confirmed former Republican Party Chairman George Bush as the fourth man in three years to head the CIA.

Bush, selected by President Ford to succeed career intelligence officer William Colby, was confirmed by a 64-to-27 vote. Only one Republican, Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, voted against him.

The six Democratic members of the Senate intelligence committee, which has spent almost a year investigating the CIA, all opposed Bush. Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., said he could not vote to confirm a man of Bush's political past to head such a sensitive agency, and voted present.

Senate intelligence chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho, Bush's most vocal opponent, argued that "the strongly partisan, political background of George Bush should eliminate his candidacy" and warned of "the harm this appointment will cause the whole effort to reform and strengthen the Central Intelligence Agency."

(Arizona's two senators, Paul Fannin and Barry Goldwater, both Republicans, voted for confirmation.)

Bush's two immediate predecessors — Colby and former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger — were ousted in last November's administration shake-up. Richard Helms, who headed the agency until 1973, is now under investigation by the Justice Dept.

Helms, now ambassador to Iran, told the Senate Government Operations Committee yesterday that members of Congress sometimes did not wish to be told about the CIA's "dirty tricks."

"On occasion, they really didn't want to know all that

"On occasion, they really didn't want to know all that much about it because it could be embarrassing to them politically" if exposed, Helms told the Senate Government Operations Committee.

Senate approval of Bush came nearly three months after he was nominated. Several Democratic senators had said that Bush's political past should disqualify him from holding the highly sensitive post.

Before the vote, Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield told reporters the Bush nomination would be approved easily, although "there will be a decided number of votes against him."

One administration official had estimated there would be 20 to 25 votes against Bush.

In an effort to quiet concerns that Bush's political ambitions would further injure public confidence in the CIA, President Ford has ruled Bush out as a possible vice presidential running mate in 1976.

Mansfield said he was "not concerned about a politician being named to that office" and said he believes Bush will rise above politics once he takes on the job.

Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre, D-N.H., one of four members of the Senate Armed Services Committee who opposed the nomination even after Bush was removed from vice presidential consideration, argued that "appointment of so clearly perceived a political figure" was "certain to insure skepticism."

Armed Services Chairman John C. Stennis, D-Miss., said he was supporting Bush "on the basis of the character and integrity and proven ability and judgment of this nominee."

In addition to heading the Republican Party during the second administration of Richard M. Nixon, Bush, a former two-term congressman, also has served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and chief American representative in Peking.

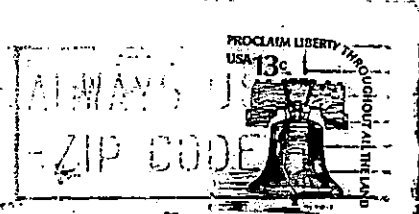
He was picked by Ford as part of last November's administration shake-up.

The White House said there has been no date set yet for

The White House said there has been no date set yet for Bush's swearing in, but a CIA spokesman said Colby would "pick up his pencils and go home" as soon as the vote is taken.

The House intelligence committee, meanwhile, approved a recommendation that the lump-sum cost of each intelligence agency be publicly disclosed in future.

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November 27, 1975

Mr. Sam Kinch, Sr.,
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Dear Sam:

Great letter!

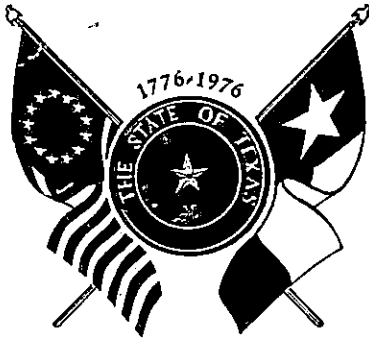
Opal and I were thrilled to hear from
you.

I feel like Mohammed Ali's punching
bag, sitting out here in China trying to
do a job in anticipation of the President's
visit and then getting a lot of squibs from
columnists and a few Senators raising hell
with me. Perhaps it's not too good an idea
to participate in two-party politics these
days. In any event, we're up to the challenge.
And we are looking forward to coming home,
although we have loved every minute of our
stay here and I really wasn't ready to return
just yet.

Love to Totsy and to Sam Jr. One happy
thought: maybe we'll get to see more of the
Kinchs.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



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Nov. 9, 1975

Hon. George Bush
US Liaison Office
Peking

Dear George:

I think I'm going to sleep better after you're confirmed. Am not sure it will because I prefer friends to strangers opening my mail or because of the Dalmane I'm taking these nights.

Anyway, it will be good to get you back into the country and the picture.

Have heard a lot of good comment on your selection--and some bad. Am sure you've been keeping up with the way Senator Jackson helps make you a household word (four-letter, come to think of it.)

Don't know much new. Think Totsy notified you we sold our home and ~~we~~ bought a townhouse at 6477 Hart Lane, Austin, 78731. That's in case you get this way.

I've retired, largely because my bout with cancer cut down on income-producing work. As you can see by the letterhead, though, I have a nearly full-time, non-paying job, and we enjoy a lot of running around the state.

Will be looking forward to seeing you and Opal and any of the kids I remember. If you need my testimony at your hearings, let me know. I'll go either way, for or against

best regards

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February 5, 1976

File
no reply

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 1976. My absence from Denver has delayed this reply.

My sincere ~~congratulations~~ on your final confirmation for your position. I expressed in my prior letter the importance of the CIA in protecting this country and my condemnation of those within who have affected in a negative manner the image of this most important agency. I wonder if you are not faced with the same problem you had of holding together the National Committee and which you succeeded in accomplishing by your trips around the country exhibiting the depth of your personality. If anyone can restore the image of the CIA and have the people understand its extreme value to the future of this country, it is you. If you plan such a trip around the USA for this purpose and Denver is included, I will be pleased to assist with any local arrangements, such as a speech before a local service club, or the International Institute of Education, or the Foreign Service Foundation of Denver University with full exposure by our largest regional newspaper, "The Denver Post", with the TV media falling into line. This is not meant to intrude in your own way of handling such a mission. I had a close association with the European head of your Agency at the Embassy in London and found him terrifically competent and sincerely dedicated in carrying out his mission.

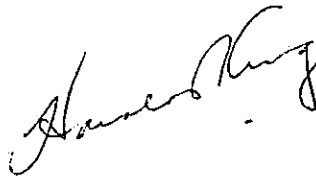
Just a word in regard to my letter of November 24, 1975. This resulted from the recommendations of the Deputy Chiefs of Mission with whom I was associated at the Embassies in Dublin and London, particularly the latter, the Hon. Earle D. Sohm, who was Minister and actually the Ambassador in London during my nearly two months there, due to the absence of Ambassador Annenberg with whom I had a one day visit just before his leaving for this country. My letter to you was a 1000 to 1 shot on my part, predicated only on the slight possibility the President might wish to appoint someone removed from the political arena of Washington and shift to the Mountain West and, in my instance, the only excuse would be due to my

prior experience at the Embassy. You may be assured there was a great deal of hesitation on my part before forwarding the letter. You were my only means of contact with the White House under the present regime.

I think the President's appointment to the United Kingdom was excellent, and I am pleased that Rosemary Ginn is to be Ambassadress to Luxembourg. I have worked with Rosemary on UNESCO affairs. (I had been Chairman of the U. S. Delegation to UNESCO in 1970 in Paris.) She is a most competent individual, and her long service in politics in Missouri make this honor well deserved.

Again, it was most thoughtful of you to write--I cannot fully express my appreciation. I, too, hope our paths will cross in this most important year of 1976.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alexander Haig".

Hon. George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia