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December 3, 1975

William Pannill, Esq.,  
Attorney at Law,  
1100 Milam Building,  
Houston, Texas 77002.

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of November 11, which I just received in Peking. And thank you also for enclosing that copy of the Charles Bartlett column. I appreciate your support as I return to the toughest job of my life.

We have loved our year in China, but now it is time to go back, and despite the controversy surrounding the job, I am looking forward to doing my best.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

WILLIAM PANNILL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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*Thanks*

November 11, 1975

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I was pleased to read that the President intends to nominate you as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. It may not be the most pleasant appointment for you, but it will be of great benefit to the agency and the country.

I am enclosing a copy of a column that you may not have seen by Charles Bartlett that expresses my sentiments almost exactly, and I wish you the very best in taking on this critical job and Senator Church.

Sincerely,

*Bill Pannill*

William Pannill

The Honorable George H. W. Bush,  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
to the People's Republic of China,  
United States Department of State,  
2201 "C" Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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# Dems ruining CIA with their political games

By Charles Bartlett

IT IS IRONIC to hear Democrats say George Bush is too political to head the CIA after their abusive use of the agency as a political punching bag.

President Ford's abrupt decision to bring Bush back from China, where he is ably performing an important job, is wholly hinged to an urgent need to rebuild the nation's intelligence capacity from the risky tatters in which congressional investigators have left it. If it were not for these probes, the present director, an able professional, would have more than sufficed.

The CIA, after 25 years of operating in isolation, needed outside scrutiny, but the Senate and House inquiries have utilized the Watergate atmosphere and the candor of the director, William Colby, to stage running horror shows. Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, has amassed a staff of 120 people working to point public attention at mistakes which were fully corrected two years ago.

The best hope that these horror shows will end in early winter lies in the prospect that Church and the House chairman, Otis Pike, D-N.Y., will drift off to run for higher offices on the strength of the fame they acquired from these hearings. Meanwhile, the public's view of the CIA has been so soured that those senators and representatives regularly briefed through the years on CIA activities feel disinclined to speak up. Barry Goldwater is almost alone in attempting to keep the agency's work in perspective.

The political tenor of these inquiries is illustrated by the Senate committee's probe into the assassination plots. Church leapt on the issue after Nelson Rockefeller reported that his commission had lacked time

to explore it fully. Avowing "We won't duck it" and describing the CIA as "a rogue elephant," Church set off to prove that some bad little fellows conspired on their own to kill off foreign leaders.

He promised a full report by Aug. 1, but it is nowhere in sight because Church's researchers found that the little fellows' conspiracies were sanctioned by Democratic and Republican presidents. Goldwater is accurate in saying that the Church committee is "locked in a tug-of-war between those who want to tell the truth and those who want to protect the Kennedys." The Democrats are maneuvering to use their dominance to focus the disclosures on Nixon plots against Chile's Salvador Allende.

Few citizens will be pleased to learn that assassination has been considered in the highest circles as an instrument of foreign policy. The Justice Department is examining the allegations, and if the conspirators took overt acts to implement their plans, indictments for "conspiracy to commit murder" may result. But humiliation and a probable resolution of censure by the U.N. General Assembly will be apt to follow a formal confession of these sins by the Senate.

Church and Pike are catering to purists who insist that the cleansing effect of disclosure justifies a national humiliation. But the disclosures and leaks are eating away the good along with the bad. They have chewed up Colby's career. They have dried up intelligence sources, exploded some sensitive situations, and caused foreign governments, private companies and even U.S. agencies to shrink from collaboration with American intelligence.

No intelligence professional can manage the huge repair job so long as bitter political winds are blowing. The hostile climate may make the repair job impossible for any director. But Democrats who oppose Bush can combine to block the best chance to get a fast, effective start on a crucial task.

Bush has made no political race for five years. The respect and affection

he kindled in Congress have lifted him into a series of demanding tasks. The grace and character with which he presided over the Republican National Committee through the agonies of Watergate cannot be counted a liability in facing the shambles left by the Church-Pike probes. Bush's readiness to take on the task is a certain assurance that he does not have in mind any imminent bid for elective office.

Instead of indulging in further showmanship, the CIA probers should seize upon the Bush nomination as a chance to build character and good sense into a revived intelligence system. It is time to put aside the punching bag.

*Bartlett, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter on national affairs, writes a syndicated column from Washington.*

February 25, 1976

Dear Nick,

Just a short note to thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 12th. I am grateful to you for taking the time to wish me well.

I am delighted to be in this new job. There are many great people in this Agency and I'm going to work my heart out to earn their confidence.

I still remember with pleasure our visit two or three years ago, and I hope our paths cross again in the future.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

The Honorable Nicholas A. Panuzio  
Commissioner  
General Services Administration  
Public Buildings Service  
Washington, D.C. 20405

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service  
Washington, DC 20405



FEB 12 1976

Honorable George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear George:

I want to send you a note of congratulations on your official appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I believe, despite some of the local criticism, that the President has made an extremely wise choice.

Having recently come to Washington after serving two terms as Mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, I was delighted to see another native Connecticut Yankee take over the reins of the agency at such a difficult time.

I'm sure your knowledge of congressional activities and your Government work will bring to the Central Intelligence Agency the kind of credibility it needs at this time.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

NICHOLAS A. PANUZIO  
Commissioner

*K*  
*Thank him*  
*"I still remember*  
*with pleasure*  
*our visit*  
*2 or 3 years*  
*ago"*

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November 27, 1975

David N. Parker, Esq.,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Tourism,  
U.S. Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dear Dave:

I really do appreciate your good letter. I agree, there is no good politics in all of this, in fact, no politics at all as far as I'm concerned. I didn't seek the job, but I will do my very best out of a sense of duty to country, which I recognize some no longer think is important.

In any event, maybe I'll get to see you more from time to time. That would be good.'

Yours very truly,

George Bush



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Assistant Secretary for Tourism**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

November 3, 1975

Honorable George Bush  
Chief, U. S. Liaison  
People's Republic of China  
Peking, China

Dear George:

Are you crazy? Why the supreme sacrifice was demonstrated by you when you took the Republican National Committee job post-Watergate -- now you are going back???

Beyond any question, there is no one of higher integrity who can handle the job better than you, but ???

Best of luck in your new assignment.

Personal regards,

David N. Parker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tourism

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February 10, 1976

Dear Mr. Parker,

Thank you for that thoughtful letter written on February 2nd. This new job has to be the most challenging assignment I've ever had. I have been very pleased with the quality of the people I find here at CIA. One big part of the job is to help restore confidence in this vital agency. Perhaps things are turning around now. Some of the severest critics seem to be presenting a little more balanced point of view. In any event, I will do my level best to keep a strong intelligence capability for this country. It's vital to our security--absolutely vital.

Thanks so much for writing.

Sincerely,

/s/ George  
George Bush  
Director

Mr. S. A. Parker  
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February 2, 1976

The Honorable George Bush, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Langley, Va.

Dear Mr. Bush:

We in Longview join with your other friends everywhere in extending you congratulations on your appointment by President Ford as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Having closely followed your brilliant career, we are confident that the CIA will gain added stature under your administration.

Your service to your country has been, and will continue to be, outstanding.

Sincerely yours,

  
S. A. Parker

SAP/nt

February 10, 1976

Dear Mr. Parsells,

It is always good to hear from a friend of my Father's. We still miss him very much.

Thank you for your kind words about my new job. I know it will be difficult but I'm looking forward to it enormously. Please don't worry, on my behalf, about Senator Weicker. Needless to say, I did not agree with his reservations, but I do not take it personally at all.

Thanks again for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush  
George Bush  
Director

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February 5, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

I write to you as a long-term friend of your Father, your Mother and "young Pres" to congratulate you upon being confirmed as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Your Father and I were very good friends when I was Majority Leader in the State Legislature in Connecticut and he was a United States Senator and I have his autographed photograph on my wall. I know that he would have been very proud of you.

I am sorry that Lowell Weicker made the remarks which he did. However, this is not the first time that I have not understood Lowell's actions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

  
Norman K. Parsells

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November 5, 1975

Dear Rolf:

What a friend!

I was just about to sit down and thank you for that very special visit with Chancellor Schmidt when in came your November 5th letter. When I saw you last, I knew nothing whatsoever about this new assignment. In the last few days our lives have gotten extremely complicated.

One happy thought is that someday you and Lilo will be coming through Washington, and it is an absolute must that we see you then.

This isn't farewell. It's simply to thank you for that warm and friendly letter, which meant a great deal to us both.

His Excellency Mr. Rolf Pauls,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary,  
Embassy of the Federal Republic  
of Germany.

THE AMBASSADOR  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Peking, November 5, 1975.

*Dear George,*

This is great and surprising news! We are going to miss you and Barbara very much in Peking. But you can be sure that our feelings of friendship will accompany you back to Washington.

Your assignment, dear George, is a tremendous challenge and particularly at this moment a very crucial one. It is very encouraging indeed that you will command one of the most responsible and important posts in our alliance.

*With best wishes  
and personal regards*

*Anneli*

*My  
belly*

His Excellency  
Mr. George Bush,  
Chief, US-Liaison Office,  
Peking

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February 19, 1976

Dear Mr. Peck,

Just a quick note to thank you for your  
thoughtful letter of February 11th.

This new job is tough, but it is terribly  
important to our national security and I am  
delighted to be here.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Mr. Raymond P. Peck  
5390 Lahser Road  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

5390 Lahser Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

February 11, 1976

*Mr Peck  
Thank you*

Mr. George Bush  
Director C.I.A.  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Congratulations on your recent appointment and my sympathy for taking on what appears to be somewhat of a thankless job of directing activities that are very important to the well being of the United States and the entire world.

The recent exposures of things that have happened in the C.I.A. as well as in other parts of our Federal Government are good because all Federal departments and public servants should be able to stand the light of day. However, I would like you to know that I am personally very upset that we allow other public officials to leak information to the press and expose the United States Government as being stupid in the eyes of the world.

The United States needs strong covert activities just like any other major nation does. Good luck in putting together a team that we can all be very proud of.

Sincerely,

*Raymond P. Peck*  
Raymond P. Peck

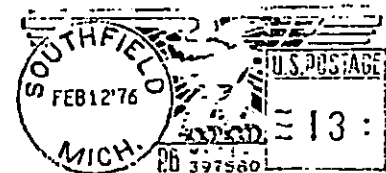
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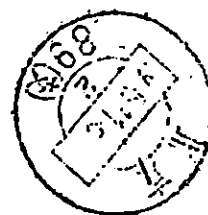
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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME HOME

NED PENDLETON



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 11, 1976

Dear Ned,

Thanks for your thoughtful note. You are right, the challenge is tremendous, but I think it's going to work.

I do appreciate that visit you paid to me a while back.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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

George Bush

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COLUMBIA, S.C.

Dear George -  
Once again, my congratulations.  
The Senate believes in you.  
I assure you the people do.  
Good luck. You have a  
tremendous challenge. Of a  
can do, let me know.

Worms  
Red  
~~Need~~

November 27, 1975

Hon. Charles H. Percy,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D.C. 20510.

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your good letter of October 31. I took the three reports you gave us and passed them out to our own staff. As for future distribution, my suggestion would be that you give them to Ambassador Huang Chen and ask him to convey them to your hosts, to the Foreign Ministry, and to other interested parties. If you would rather have specific names, perhaps your staff could call Oscar Armstrong at the PRCM desk in the State Department. His judgment on this would be as good, if not better, than ours.

We will keep on the lookout for Abe and Jay Pritzker and wives. I will try to engage Jay in a little tennis action at the International Club.

Bar and I are in a turmoil here getting ready for the President's visit, and then getting ready to come back home to a world of controversy. We have loved our year in China, and now we are going to leave this rather tranquil environment for something entirely different. I happen to think the new job is very important, and I have some strong feelings about what needs to be done. I also note that Frank Church has raised the question of politics. I think it is most understandable that the Senators want assurances on the charge that I will "politicize" the Agency. I see no problem in satisfying them on that. Please keep even these bland comments confidential. I send them to you for your own consumption. I have avoided making statements to the journalists, feeling that anything of substance or direction should be discussed first with the Senate Committee.

One happy thought: we'll get to see more of you and Loraine, and hopefully Mark and the others.

Most sincerely,

George Bush

February 4, 1976

Dear Marcella,

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

Needless to say, if you are ever in  
Washington, I would love to see you.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Ms. Marcella D. Perry  
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Houston, Texas 77024

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PMS GEORGE BUSH

CIA HEADQUARTERS

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS  
DIRECTOR OF CIA LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT TIME IN WASHINGTON

MY BEST TO BARBARA

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February 11, 1976

Dear Ruth and Allison,

Thanks ever so much for your thoughtful note and card. We're very happy to be back home and I am very lucky to be in this new job--controversial though it may be.

Thank you again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Peters  
859 West 43rd  
Houston, Texas 77018

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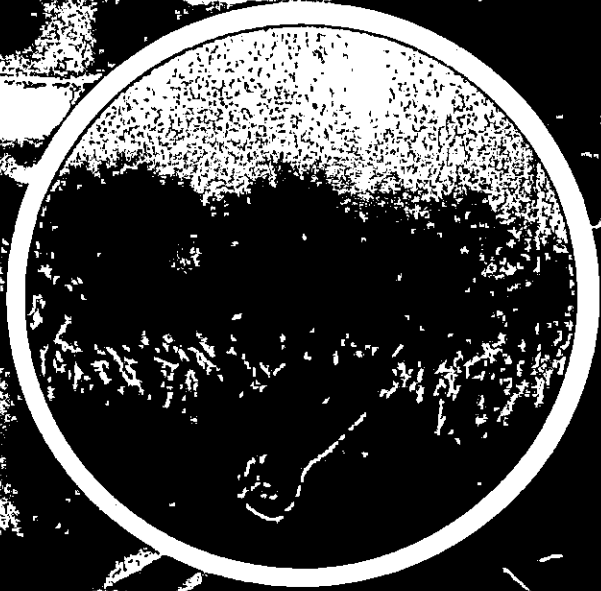


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for a world of  
happiness always!  
Love - Yours  
Dick and Allison  
Pete



March 3, 1976

Dear Pete,

I was very glad to get your letter of February 25th. There is no question that we are up against a tough adversary in Russia. They are strong, strong, strong and we must demonstrate the will to keep this country strong.

I am loving this new job. It is, as you say, "challenging and difficult," but I'm lucky to be here, surrounded as I am by fantastically able people.

Love to all the family,

Sincerely,



George Bush

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February 25, 1976

Mr. George Bush  
5161 Palisades Lane N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear George:

~~Congratulations on your new assignment!~~ It promises to be a very challenging and difficult one and all your friends wish you the best.

It seems to me the hardest part of your job is going to be to create a climate in Washington where the realities of the Russian situation can be examined intelligently. I am particularly frightened with recent developments and I am around to the view that we are very likely (a better than even chance) to be at war with the Russians in five to seven years.

There is absolutely no need for you to reply or to comment on this. What I guess I am saying is what you already know, namely, that the sooner the realities of the relationship with Russia are reduced to terms that the public can understand and recognize, the better off we all are.

There seems to be every indication that we are losing ground to the Russians and that they will aggressively exploit that advantage. When we finally decide that we need to react sharply, they will carefully consider the point at which they reach their point of maximum advantage before allowing things to come into open warfare.

With best personal wishes to you and Bar.

Yours most sincerely,

*Pete*

February 6, 1976

Dear Gregg,

What a thoughtful letter!

I am looking forward immensely to the challenge of this new job. We love China, but now we're back and Bar and I are both very happy.

Thanks so much for wishing us well.  
Love to Fitzie.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Mr. C. Gregg Petersmeyer  
15A Norham Road  
Oxford, England

Dear George,

Warmest congratulations and best

wishes on your confirmation. I thought your

new being held hostage on the Hill and

wondered if it would ever see you again!

I was delighted to learn that you

and Bob spent a week in Eleuthera. This

must be the most challenging time in your

life. I think of you often and wish you well.

Fitzie sends her love to you and

Bob, as of course do I.

George

October  
January 28, 1976

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Mr. George Bush  
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.  
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Don Gregg

15A Norham Rd

Oxford, England  
November 5, 1975

Dear Bar and George,

I just wrote you another letter, George. I am sending it today under separate cover with other photographs. Here I will only repeat my congratulations on your appointment to direct the CIA and my heart felt best wishes to both of you. So many people will be happy to have you back in the United States and so many months sooner than most expected. I am sure that for a while it will be a confusing time. I will think of you both in the weeks ahead.

I thought of putting these pictures in an album for you for Christmas. But with the dramatic change in your plans and because a couple of pictures (those in the last group) should go to people in China, I thought it wisest to send them all along at this time. Hopefully at some point you will find album space for them.

Please be assured that each one of these photographs is a copy. Therefore I am not giving you one at the expense of not having it myself.

Separately, I am sending Jennifer a couple of pictures, and Harry Thayer and Bill Thomas one. All but one are pictures that you have in this enclosed group.

Thank you for both letters concerning the gift which I gave you. I am delighted that it has made you both so happy.

Fitzie is fine and sends her love. Again we will be thinking of you in the weeks ahead and wishing you all good luck,

Affectionately,

*Guss*

*P.S. Congratulations on your  
first grandchild "to be"!*



November 20, 1975

Mrs. Elly M. Peterson  
Charlotte, Michigan 48813

Dear Elly:

Thanks so much 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,

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Nov. 5 - Enroute Wash.

Dear Barbara &amp; George -

The news hit us - with great excitement! Helen, Martha & I were together for a television show yesterday & felt so fortunate we were in China when you were there -

We enjoyed the luncheon - the briefing - and I am green with envy of your Needlework, Barber

I don't personally know what CIA entails but I do know it is a great complement to your combined talents and character - and since I am an old "Bush-watcher" will watch the next phase with interest!

It is amazing the interest generated about China - interviews and speeches will keep me busy until Hawaii - time rolls around.

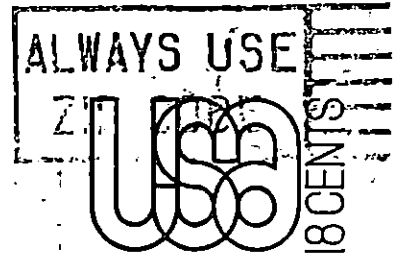
Got a marvelous picture of the two of you & will send along -

Warmest thanks - regards -  
affection

Beey

Elly M. Peterson  
Charlotte Mesh  
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November 4, 1975

Dear George:

Joe never had a pen pal  
who headed the C.I.T. It will be good  
to have you and Barbara home. Please  
try to come to Wisconsin for a visit.  
I like to welcome you to Beloit and  
to Beloit College, a very special place.

Sincerely

Maureen Peterson

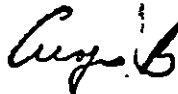
February 17, 1976

Dear Ernie,

Thanks so much for your very thoughtful card and note. You are still very much missed in the Capitol.

I do hope our paths cross soon. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Mr. Ernest S. Petinaud  
4923 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
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**Congratulations**  
and  
**Best Wishes**

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With sincere  
congratulations

and many  
good wishes

Sincerely,  
George Bush  
"George"  
"Bush"  
"Obama"  
My regards to the Bushs and  
the rest of the family. Top well  
Love

For George Bush  
5161 Palmdale Lane 9100  
Washington, D.C. 20016



Ernest S. Petinaud  
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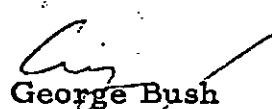
Dear Shirley,

I want to make it official!

Thanks so much for my beautiful swearing-in  
present. I didn't even mention it to you when you  
came over for the hamburger.

Gosh, it's great living next door to you. Stay  
in touch - close touch.

Love,

  
George Bush

The Honorable Shirley N. Pettis  
House of Representatives  
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SHIRLEY N. PETTIS  
CALIFORNIA

January 30, 1976

Dear George,

Missing your swearing-in  
this morning very nearly re-  
duced me to tears.

My next door neighbors  
have brought me many moments  
of great pride.

But most especially, George,  
now with this new, tremendous  
challenge and responsibility  
am I proud - and grateful -  
that you are qualified and  
ready to answer yet another  
Presidential Call.

Fondly,  
Shirley

Memorandum from

GEORGE H. PFAU, JR.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

CIA file G/B

Dear Poppy -

Altho the CIA job is a great compliment - My guess is that it would be political disaster. - Pls count 10 before you take on that one. - Hope the papers are wrong - Hold out for V.P. -

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November 27, 1975

Christopher H. Phillips, Esq.,  
The National Council for US/China Trade,  
1100 17th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20036.

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 13. You are right about "surprising things". This new one came out of a clear blue sky. I did not seek it, but I will give it my best. I recognize we are walking back there into what appears to be a rather controversial meat grinder, but there are times one has to lay aside personal preferences and give his all. That's what I plan to do in this new job.

One happy thought: we'll get to see you and Mabel more.

We've been very happy in China, but now it's time to move on.

Sincerely,

George Bush



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November 13, 1975

The Honorable  
George Bush  
Chief  
Liaison Office of the United States  
Peking,  
People's Republic of China

Dear George:

Last evening I was talking to Han Hsu of the Liaison Office here, and he indicated some curiosity about your latest move, wondering whether or not it came as a surprise to you. I volunteered that I was quite sure it came as a complete surprise to you, as it certainly did to me. But I added that you frequently did surprising things, as for example when you left the U.N. to become Chairman of the Republican National Committee!

I must say that the President's series of announcements left me a bit breathless. I am very glad that you are coming back to Washington at this particular moment of time, and I look forward to talking with you about the difficult and challenging responsibilities you have been asked to assume. I know from first hand experience what a quick learner you are, and I have complete confidence that it will not take you long to master the intricacies of the CIA. And, I am equally confident that you will do much to restore some of the badly shattered morale in the Agency.

Did you read the comment of one columnist about Elliott Richardson - (the greatest cabinet maker since Chippendale)? If you're not careful, you may end up in the same category!

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Phillips

February 4, 1976

Dear Mr. Philpott,

Thanks for your January 28th letter and your kind words. I am delighted to be out here at CIA. There are a lot of great people here and the mission is terribly important to our national security.

We've got some tough problems ahead but I am confident they can be solved because I am confident this country needs a strong CIA.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

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Mr. George Bush, DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

We read with pleasure in the morning newspaper that you have been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the new Director of the C.I.A. We join with millions of other American citizens in congratulating you on your demonstrated patriotism in accepting such a thankless job - in view of the attempts of some of our questionable political "leaders" in the Congress and the media to weaken the efforts of our intelligence community.

I have watched your brilliant performance at the U.N. over the years and your subsequent successes in dealing with the government of mainland China and have concluded that you are indeed a STATESMAN - not a "politician" - a 'plus' for anybody in Washington. Our country is blessed with so few of the former.

It is safe to forecast that your most difficult task in the stewardship of the Agency will be to "resell" the citizenry on **SECRECY** - the most potent weapon in the arsenal of government in a hostile environment - yet, as history demonstrates, "sunshine", though a popular concept, carries with it a cancerous property.

Please be assured of our continuing support.

RJP/m

Cordially,

*Dear Mr. Philpott*  
*Robert J. Philpott*



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ROBERT J. PHILPOTT  
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# International

AMERICA'S WORLD LEADERSHIP IS NEVER QUESTIONED

IF you'd turn off your TV and quit reading the "manufactured" news in the big media - you'd be a lot better off, "worry-wise". The only places we read a "sad tale" about America's fading power are here at home. I travel a lot and you can bet your bottom dollar that "WE" are the "greatest" - to quote a famous draft dodger. The right people overseas who KNOW the world situation are certainly not selling the U.S. - with all its know-how and material resources - short. Jealousy maybe (in some quarters) - but never contempt. They have their OWN profligate politicians and parasites to worry about.

IT ISN'T ALL "GUNS" AND AIRCRAFT - AND MISSILES.

Our American strength is CONSTITUTIONAL - and I'm not talking about a political document. "Constitution" - as in physical "staying power." It's time we took account of our economic resources - both kinetic and potential. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS are our stake in the future! We are in a process where we are dealing with PEOPLE. Therein lies our immense world POWER. PRODUCTION is the key word. Americans PRODUCE more per capita than any other developed country. We must not be afraid to use this "persuader" when the chips are down. We need more salesmen.

INDUSTRIAL SUPERIORITY IS OUR FORTE. ("THE BIG STICK")

The best brains in our country are in our military services - backed up by a tremendous thrust of ECONOMIC POWER. Our "track record" is proven by historical FACT. We can no longer depend on our "statesmen" to hold the line - there are too few and our politicians have already shown their abject poverty in competence as foreign relations "experts." Witness Potsdam, Yalta and a host of other diplomatic failures abroad. All this time (forty or more years) our business men have gone ahead in world trade under the capitalist, free enterprise system and built a reputation for efficiency and PRODUCTION that has the world bug-eyed. America's true role is leadership through innovation and constructive EXAMPLE. We have the tools and the institutions to accomplish WONDERS - right in our modern ARMED FORCES. The Industrial College in Washington has "answers" that have never been called for in just this very situation. A great wealth of material for study gathered from all over the world awaits the dedicated American "business statesman" of whatever calling - to use for the purpose of enhancing U.S. prestige in TRADE abroad. Commerce, State and the Executive could contribute mightily to a successful program of PEACEFUL world stability.

NOW - THE "GUNS" (Fighters make the best "salesmen".)

We must never carry "concealed" weapons. - Way back in 1908, fighting Bob Evans took the Great White Fleet around the world on a peaceful visit to all the then powerful entities - and thus America became a "world power". We all know this (but our politicians unfortunately FORGET it too often). We MUST go on the principle, "If you've got it - flaunt it" to quote Johnnie Carson - and we must never let down on our military strength in a "jungle ambience". In the final analysis our currency is backed up by our military strength. This FACT is quietly accepted by business men abroad - so we can "speak softly". (Even Caesar took fifty troopers with him when he walked in the streets of Rome, at night.) The thing to remember here is that humans RESPECT the GUN - even if it's never used against them. And human nature never changes.

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HO HUM! POLITICS AGAIN!

I dread the coming of the long, repetitive political campaigns like the PLAGUE! So boring. American government is wallowing in its MEDIOCRITY - heading toward almost oblivion - and these self-styled "mechanics" tell us that THEY have the answers to our "problems". The only "tools" they have in their kits are "MONKEY WRENCHES" and we already know what THAT does to "machinery". America needs STATESMEN!

### ROCKEFELLER vs HUMPHREY

That's the way it looks to me, now. Why not dispense with all the "hoopla" and hold the election next week? Let's get it over with! These two, I believe, are the only ones who are "acceptable" to the 'powers that be' who run the show, anyway up there in D.C. The Churches and the Pikes are tearing down our existing institutions for survival in a jungle world, now - and others will join the "rabble" if this thing goes on to November. America can't "afford" that kind of "freedom". I've always thought Mr. Ford was put in there as a 'caretaker' until the next election. Governor Reagan's idea to hack away 90 BILLION from the budget is making enemies for him - so he has an uphill pull. Ol' Scoop Jackson is wooing the Jewish vote but those people are too smart to hold still for that kind of patronage. Birch Bayh and a few others in the Senate are tainted by the "labor union-Mafia" connection. The people are alerted now to that danger since the disappearance of James Hoffa. George Meany is losing face, nationally - on account of union labor's lobbying in Washington. This, together with Frank Fitzsimmons' vow to "clean up the teamsters" (U.S. NEWS) works to erode union's POWER BASE in a free culture. THE AMERICANS ARE ANGRY!

### POLITICIANS HOPE FOR A "MIRACLE"

But America already has its "miracle" - FREE ENTERPRISE! American business, over the years has performed a MIRACLE that even the socialist government in Washington cannot stifle - with all their self-serving inhibitions.

The PROFIT system has put all of us on wheels - given us an abundance of food and given us longer lives to spend in comparative luxury (now - don't give me the dog-eared "welfare" bit!). We're the EXAMPLE of the entire WORLD! No government could ever do it - it takes PRODUCERS, WORKERS and BRAINS! Politics doesn't represent the best MATERIAL of a Constitutional state. We send incompetents to "represent" us in government - people who probably could not "hack" it on the outside. Then the apathetic citizenry cultivates a stance that preaches "the government can do it better". Jillions of studies have proven this to be a false - very expensive - theory. We're BILLIONS in debt. I ask you - "Where's the efficiency in THAT?"

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ROST J. PHILPOTT  
Real Estate Economist



JAN 21 1976

# O P I N I O N S

## Our Wonderful People Form National Rainbow

By HENRY J. TAYLOR

We're so used to hearing about bad people, so hardened against their evils, that millions among us cannot help but wonder whether this is still the America we know and love.

In addition to the media, the American way of life is under vicious, systematic attack by the self-lost champions of the counter-culture with their blown minds, unhappy eyes, sullen mouths. Their favorite charity is themselves.

Yet, the highly publicized samples that breed the doubt are outnumbered ten thousand to one by silent, conscientious people worthy of respect.

This far-larger element of our population gives us a different image of

America. They are a rainbow in our national sky.

Can't we speak now and then of and for the honest, trustworthy, self-reliant people who bear their burdens always, shirk nothing, meet their responsibilities cheerfully and never fail to do their level best?

Watch a few of them pass by:

Here's the mechanic in the factory who oils his tools with a mother's care; craftsmanship is his creed. The farmer who labors around the clock to save the wheat from a blight. The tugboat captain who deserves the loyalty of his crew. The coal miner who lends a willing hand to his working partner, known in mine language as his "buddy". The steeplejack who braves all hazards until, finally, the tree is placed atop the tall building.

Here's the conscientious mailman seldom stopped by anything. The school-bus driver who always treats with enormous diligence the children in his care. The TV repairman who really fixes the set. The hotel keeper never too busy to be helpful and the grocery clerk who helps you with the packages and sees you to the door.

Here's the musician who tries and tries again; the singer who practices for countless hours on end trying to do better, the painter who courageously sweats out the problem, the good writer who revises, revises, revises, the architect who cannot sleep at night until he puts the improved lines on his drawing board.

Here's the selfless minister, priest or rabbi — the shepherd of his flock, always trying to aid and encourage others through the sight of God. The tired doctor who nevertheless responds to every call — gentle, reliable, knowing. The businessman who faces disaster but finally pays all the debts of the firm.

"Dignity" does not consist of possessing honors, but in deserving them," said Aristotle.

With these men march the women. The schoolteacher who has not been late in 10 years. The nurse who will not leave the patient's bedside. The Salvation Army lassie with her faithful tamborine. The stenographer who types on and on in the office until the report is done. The courteous waitress who takes the order correctly. The tattered scrub-woman, who, from her bended knees, looks up and cheerfully says, "How are you?" The seamstress who tells you she will finish the dress in time, and — lo and behold — she does it.

A mother rests, weak and white, on a bed. Her forehead and all her body are wet with agony. But she thinks no longer of that. She has heard her baby's first cry. For every man in a thousand who will risk his life for a cause, there are a thousand mothers in a thousand who will risk their lives for a child, and have done so.

In the dusty streets of a city, in lonesome farmhouses far out on monotonous plains, under the low sun setting on a long, hard day, women dauntlessly take care of children.

When you read what you read, right there in black and white, or listen to TV, it's sickening. The media inevitably focuses our attention on the fast-buck artists, manipulators and mayhem-merchants among us. But the focus notwithstanding, we remain a land of amazingly wonderful people.

We may think this rainbow in our national sky is gone when perhaps we've only stopped looking at it and for it or, distracted, we are merely looking in the wrong direction.

## Letters To The Editor

### Distortions

Editor: The Sun-Sentinel.

Deplorably, our corporations and free-enterprise system have been so maligned and castigated by insidious, anti-establishment demagogues, that a distressingly large, misinformed percentage define "profit" as synonymous with obscenity. Yet, undeniably, our incentive system ensures the highest standard of living ever conceived.

Until a better system has proved itself, let us take pride and improve, rather than cripple that which is so outstandingly successful.

Presently, our solvency and survival are endangered by deficit spending and our dependence on the oil-rich countries to whose unconscionable demands we must accede, because of our energy insufficiency. That, plus union excesses, is responsible for our inflationary problems.

The oil companies are faced with the monumental task of acquiring billions for accelerated exploration and production to promote energy independence, yet officialdom is seriously impeding their ability to cope by drastically reducing profit potential with self-defeating controls that discourage investor interest. Whereas imported oil now costs four times as much, we still buy gasoline for under 58 cents compared to Europe's average cost of \$2—an outstanding example of corporate efficiency. Despite media distortions, 1975 oil company profits were only 1.5 cents per gallon.

Walter A. Arnesen

Lighthouse Point

Editor: The Sun-Sentinel.

There is ample evidence that the problems in Washington have been compounded by congressmen who are too much politicians and too little "statesmen". Even their colleagues admit to their inabilities.

We must use our votes to elect the most competent to such positions of deciding the fate of our country.

Now Washington, D.C. has stepped into Pompano Beach and declared that we are not allowed to hire the best available personnel to run our city.

### Economics

Editor: The Sun-Sentinel.

It is very discomfoting to come to the realization that the rank and file of humanity have so little understanding of the basic laws of well-being. What we misname inflation is only selfishness and ignorance on a rampage. That applies to all segments of society from top to bottom.

The only things that can bring about improved well-being are greater production per man hour and expanded services.

This idiocy of increasing wages thereby enlarging costs necessitating increasing prices is an endless routine that can only culminate in financial disaster and political ruin.

Why have the heads of major manufacturing and service corporations submitted to the demands presented by labor organizations? Of course instead of hewing to the line their easy out was to go through fictitious negotiations, grant increases and of necessity increase prices or cost of services.

Percentage-wise the wage earners are worse off today than ever before in the history of this country. Our material well-being is the direct result of increased production per man hour by expanded mechanization and has no relation to wages paid.

Big business had better wake up very soon or there won't be any big business.

Clarence H. Landsittel  
Deerfield Beach

The top scorers on qualifying tests are not to be considered according to ability. We must hire, based on either sex or color percentages. (We have met this percentage pretty well). In other words, run our city with people, not the best qualified to be in these positions. What a way to run a city! Following Washington directives, our cities will soon be in turmoil similar to that of our nation's capitol.

Observer  
Pompano Beach



## THE STRENGTH OF AMERICA

FREE ENTERPRISE • INCENTIVE • REWARD

MR. DAVID BRINKLEY, reporting on LIFE the other evening for GTE and the Natural Gas people inspired us beyond all bounds on our great American system of CAPITALISM. It was indeed a show to be remembered and shown again and again to the American people.

The interviews with the now aged people who passed through Ellis Island on their way to SUCCESS - under the free enterprise system which built America was a landmark testimonial for the work ethic and incentive to produce. They said it all - the American dream was all they had hoped it would be.

Unfortunately our younger generations - exposed to the corrupted, slanted viewpoints of their school professors during the last forty years - have come up with the sleaziest, most impractical ideas of getting along in the world we've ever heard of. SOCIALISM has been the theme. WELFARE has become dignified. "The world owes me a living" is uppermost in many of their minds. Anti-capitalism is so strong in the public mind as a result of the leftist press and the educational system we've permitted - that America is on the brink of chaos (with NEW YORK leading the parade). PROFIT has become a "dirty word", yet it is a known fact that REWARD for production has been proven throughout history as the best means of appealing to humans to increase the quantity of the better things in life. The "good life" we have known in this great country is rapidly being eroded by apathy. We're losing our nerve - and THAT isn't AMERICAN!

It's time to re-educate ourselves on a few basics - forgotten.

### WHAT IS "CAPITALISM?"

Webster states it is "an economic system based on private property, competition, and the production of goods for PROFIT".

This makes good sense - if you're willing to WORK for a living. Only a SUCKER will try to "get" something for nothing.

KARL MARX - the "father" of COMMUNISM (opposite of capitalism) didn't like CAPITALISM because he didn't have any CAPITAL and he didn't know how to PRODUCE it. He wanted to "spread the wealth" as so many of our American contemporaries do, today. A great many politicians preach "soak the rich" doctrine to the electorate because it gets them re-elected - it's a foolproof weapon against IGNORANT people who don't understand economics OR politics. England is full of them and now NEW YORK shows the wear and tear of "welfarism". We know COMMUNISM doesn't work because the communist countries can't feed their people - they have to buy WHEAT from the United States. People go hungry in a situation where there is no INCENTIVE to produce. If a government STEALS from its producers and workers the people react by apathy and things go from bad to worse. The FALL OF ROME 1500 years ago was directly caused by an overgrown bureaucracy eating up taxes faster than goods could be PRODUCED. It is the same story in every country where the free market idea is displaced by government "controls". If "competition is the life of trade" - regulation is the DEATH OF INCENTIVE.



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ROBT. J. PHULPOTT  
Real Estate Economist



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 11, 1976

Dear Jean,

Your letter of February 6th had me panicked. You, Cy Vance and those other China experts are going to be at the Council on Foreign Relations, and I'm worried sick. I am so busy here at the CIA that I may forget all I ever knew about China.

In any event, I was delighted to get your letter and I look forward to seeing you soon. Our visit to China was all too brief.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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

George Bush

Mrs. Harvey Picker  
Edgewater Point  
Mamaroneck, New York 10543

Jean Picker  
Edgewater Point  
Mamaroneck  
New York 10543

February 6, 1976

Mr. George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
McLean, Virginia

Dear George:

Congratulations to President Ford in convincing you to take  
~~the leadership of the CIA--~~and my admiration to you for taking  
it on!

With only the negative side of its activities being exposed,  
I don't know how anyone can make an objective analysis of the  
Agency's role in gathering information to assist in the making  
of foreign policy decisions.

Harvey and I feel sure that you will raise the standards of  
operations and conduct of the Agency.

// We look forward to hearing you at the Council on Foreign Rela-  
tions on the 23rd. Cy Vance; Harlan Cleveland, and I recently  
did our bit there on "China Reflections."

Best to Barbara,



Jean Picker

How nice that Potter Stewart administered the oath!

November 7, 1975

Mr. Leo Pierre,  
Chase Manhattan Bank,  
Chase Manhattan Plaza,  
New York, N.Y. 10005.

Dear Leo:

Thank you for your thoughtful cable.

My new assignment is bound to be a tremendous challenge, and I look forward to undertaking it.

Barbara and I have been very happy in China, but now it's time to come home.

Thanks again for your message, which made us both very happy.

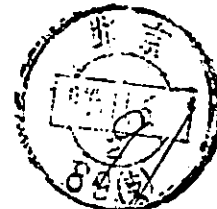
Yours very truly,

George Bush

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HON GEORGE BUSH UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE PEKING

DEAR GEORGE CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND  
BARBARA

LEO PIERRE  
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November 27, 1975

Hon. George S. Pillsbury,  
143 State Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter. The new job is going to be extremely difficult and controversial, and of course it will take me totally out of politics. But that's okay. My three years in foreign affairs has taught me that a strong capability is most important.

I was delighted to hear of your visit to London and Ireland. It surprises me not that Curley is an immediate hit in Ireland. He'll do a fantastic job.

I was disturbed by the reaction of the Minnesota delegation who came here to China. I was also disturbed by a comment in Ed Wilson's letter to you where he said, "I believe he (George Bush) and his staff missed an opportunity to brief and debrief us as well as having left an unpleasant sense of discourtesy in the minds of most members of the delegation." George, I wasn't even in China then. I left a note for Wendell Anderson which was delivered to him telling him that I had to leave for the United States with a congressional delegation.

I would appreciate very much your helping us to set the record straight. I have asked our very able DCM, Harry Thayer, for a rehash on exactly what happened, and here's what he has told me:

First, I cabled Wendell Anderson asking him to call as soon as the delegation got to Peking. They did not do that; and it is almost impossible to know when people are here in Peking if they don't call us.

A person from the Danish Embassy ran into one of the Minnesota delegation at a shop in Peking, and the member of the delegation, who had not called USLO, complained to the Dane about lack of hospitality. The Dane immediately called Harry Thayer and told him that the group was here. Thus Harry located the group at the hotel and immediately sent a letter of welcome down to Governor Anderson.

About an hour later, Governor Anderson called. Harry welcomed him and Anderson said something to the effect that "I'm sorry we didn't call but I was somewhat embarrassed. I didn't want to bother you."

Harry invited the Governor to USLO, and within an hour Governor Anderson and one other man came. They chatted about the issues of the day. Harry invited the delegation for drinks at his house.

(Please bear in mind that Barbara and I were both out of town and the USLO residence was therefore not in action.)

It was not convenient for the delegation to come to Harry's apartment for drinks, so he, Bill Thomas (Chief of our Economic Section), and Lynn Pascoe (Political Officer) went down and joined the delegation for a drink, bearing with them a couple of bottles of gin.

The delegation left the next morning, and Harry took the two-hour round-trip to the airport to see them off.

I would appreciate very much, George, your passing this along to the people who have raised the matter with you.

Incidentally, the date of my cable to the Governor was August 25, and Harry's letter to the Governor, delivered to the hotel, was September 5 -- the same day Anderson came to USLO.

Our people here pride themselves, and I think justifiably so, on being hospitable to visiting Americans, and I am very, very sorry that there is this feeling on the part of the Minnesota delegation that we were discourteous to them.

I do appreciate your raising this with me, because I would like to set the record straight. If the above description of activities does not coincide with the recollections of Mr. Wilson and others, I would really appreciate your letting me know. Harry Thayer is one of the most conscientious men I have ever met and he has an innate sense of what is right or wrong. Perhaps you remember him, although he was behind you at Yale. His Mother was one of the famed Talbot sisters. In any event, I have never known him to be discourteous, and I have always known him, in my years of service with him, to walk the extra mile in trying to be helpful to people. So I really would appreciate your help in this matter.

It's always good hearing from you. I value your friendship and your frankness.

Most sincerely,

George Bush

February 18, 1976

Dear Lewis,

Thank you for your most thoughtful letter of February 11th. It was really great.

I appreciate your frank views on the CIA. I have a quiet, inside feeling that things may be taking a turn for the better. There are enormous problems here, but there are enormous assets also that are fully able to cope.

One happy thought about being back from China is that we will get to see more of the Powells.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
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February 11, 1976

PERSONAL

Dear George,

I want you to know that Jo and I appreciate and admire your willingness to take on the CIA responsibility at this critical time in its history.

A few days after Mr. Nixon was elected in 1968, Lewis Strauss called and inquired whether I was interested in any position in government. As I had no desire to leave the practice of law and Richmond, my interest was entirely negative. But I did say to Lewis that the one post that might tempt me was to head the CIA when Dick Helms retired.

Having spent four years in intelligence during World War II, and followed it generally since, I considered the work of the CIA to be nonpolitical, fascinating and vital to the interest of the United States and indeed the Free World.

My views as to the importance of the CIA have not changed. Its current capacity to function effectively in defense of freedom has been grievously injured. The Agency certainly is subject to appropriate oversight by the Executive and Legislative Branches, but I am afraid there has been more "over-reaction" than responsible oversight.

But the mission of the CIA remains of vast importance. Its effectiveness must be restored, and the recent refusal of the Congress to release the Pike report may indicate some sober second thoughts. In any event, there has never been a time when the Agency needed stronger leadership. I am thankful you are there.

550 N Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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Please do not answer this note. We look forward  
to seeing you and Barbara soon, we hope.

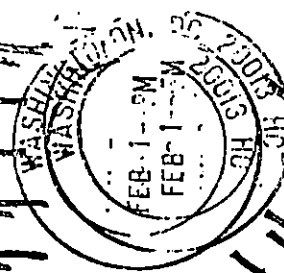
Sincerely,

Hon. George Bush  
5161 Palisade Lane  
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P.S. The enclosed article by Bernard Levin of the  
London Times says things that need to be said more  
frequently.

Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543



PERSONAL

Hon. George Bush  
5161 Palisade Lane  
Washington, D. C. 20016

February 18, 1976

Dear Max and Norma,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful note of February 12th. Thank you also for sending along the newspaper clipping. In these hard times, it's nice to get some favorable comments from the press.

Did you know that our son George is living in Midland? He is vitally interested in politics and a great guy. I hope you get to meet him.

Thanks again for your good wishes.

Sincerely,

*George*  
George Bush  
Director

Mr. and Mrs. Max Preston  
2625 Parkview Drive  
San Angelo, Texas 76901

Feb. 12, 1976

Dear Barbara & George,

I thought you would  
like to see what the  
San Angelo Standard-Journal  
had to say about your  
Congratulations and  
our best wishes -

Max & Norma Preston



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# Opinion Page

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*In Our Opinion*

## Speaker's Position Is Disappointing

It is disappointing to see House Speaker Bill Clayton clinging still to the clouds that obscured state functions before the Open Records Act was passed.

Atty. Gen. John Hill said Wednesday that he never upheld Clayton's rule that requires persons to obtain House member's permission before examining their payroll and expense records.

Clayton himself had sought the ruling to see if his requirements were constitutional. Hill responded that such requirements couldn't be used to deny access and Clayton promptly announced that he didn't see that the attorney general's ruling prohibited him from continuing the practice.

Clayton required the Associated Press last summer to seek written permission from each of the 150 House members before he would allow an AP 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-

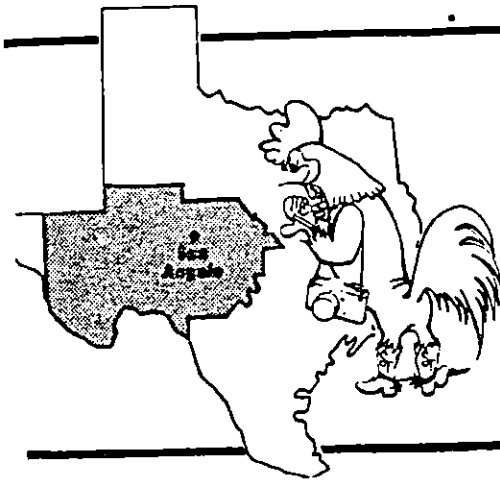
mission can be denied. Even if such records do have to eventually be made available, requiring the procedure of getting written permission from House members is a useless, delaying exercise that can have as its only purpose to make things difficult for newsmen and members of the public who wish to see how tax money is being spent.

The idea of a sunshine law, such as the Open Records Act, is to insure quick, direct and easy access to records that rightfully belong in the public domain. The Open Records Act sets as one standard that records must be "promptly produced."

If Clayton does, as he protests, intend to make a representative's records available, eventually, even though the representative doesn't grant written permission, then why require the written permission in the first place?

We 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.



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# Bush Has Strengths

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.

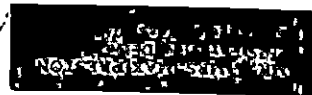
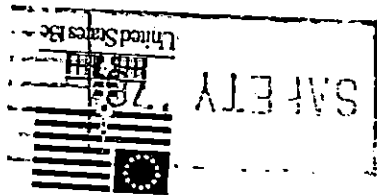
The dangers of having the CIA used for political ends within the United States can be minimized if the CIA is confined to its statutory scope — affairs outside American boundaries.

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.

Mr & Mrs George Bush  
5161 Oakdale Lane, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016





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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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RICHARDSON PREYER  
NORTH CAROLINA

Dear George,

Congratulations!

I'm sorry I can't be there but  
am going to North Carolina to tell them  
how wrong Senator Jesse Helms is.

Have a ball today - or two  
or three - and hope we can play  
tennis soon.

My love to Barbara - and  
good luck.

Rich

And a heartbrinfull of admiration  
and affection for dearest Barbara  
and George on this great day  
(over)



for our country and the  
world — January 30, 1976.

Devotedly,

Both Emlys

a big hug for Dorothy,  
too!

February 2, 1976

Dear Pat and Tom,

Many thanks for your thoughtful note. I am looking forward immensely to the challenge of this new job. We love China, but now we're back and Bar and I are both very happy.

If you get to Washington, please, please give us a call. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush  
George Bush

Pat and Tom Purvis  
4121 Rowan Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

January 27, 1976

Dear Barbara and George,  
We loved your Christmas card and seeing you all and your family - and in a setting that does make your card stand out!

It's good to have you all back, but in certain respects China may be safer. Washington seems to jealously guard its

Abundant supply of reason  
our stupidity. All good  
luck, and I hope you're  
keeping daily records.  
You all are living a  
great book!  
Between crises, come  
to see us - it's been too  
long. People are trying  
to get you. Just keep in  
time for the July 4th cele-  
bration - a formidable job.  
Take care of yourselves -  
Love - Pat and Tom



Mr. and Mrs. George Bush  
5161 Palisade Lane N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
20016



February 19, 1976

Dear Jack,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 12th. I am delighted to be in this new job. There are many great people in this Agency and I'm going to work my heart out to earn their confidence.

I hope to get to Houston sometime in the near future and will give you a call. Thanks again for your kind words.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

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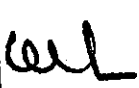
The Honorable George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I want to congratulate you on your appointment and to wish you the very best in your CIA assignment. Certainly these are difficult times for the Agency, but under your leadership, I know that we can regain the ground we have lost within the international intelligence community. Please know that I support your efforts.

Vic and I both are spending an increasing amount of time shuttling back and forth between the Middle East these days, but we look forward to seeing you here or in DC sometime soon.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jack M. Rains

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cc: J. Victor Neuhaus III

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