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February 11, 1976

Dear Sally,

What a thoughtful note!

I am looking forward immensely to this controversial and tough new job, but I know it will be rewarding.

I'm not sure what the President has in mind as far as appointments go, but I think Uncle Duke would be a good choice, don't you?

Thanks again for your kind words.

Sincerely,

*GB*

George Bush  
Director

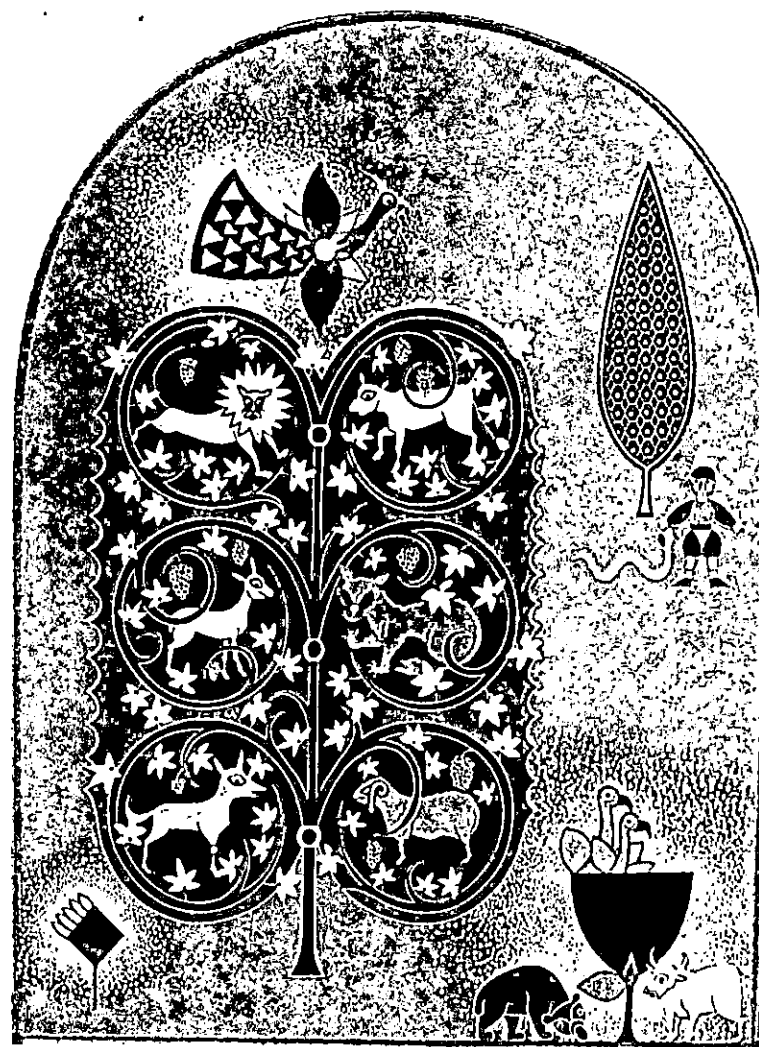
Ms. Sally Werner  
4832 Reservoir Rd., N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20007

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February 2, 1976

P.S. Is it true that when  
you leave the Agency  
the President has  
promised the post  
to your successor in  
Peking, Uncle Duke?

Dear Ambassador Bush,

Congratulations on your  
confirmation as Director  
of the C.I.A. I trust  
that you will find your  
new post as rewarding  
as your other jobs in  
government service.

Best wishes,

Sally Warner

Dear Sally

Worner  
4832 Reservoir Rd, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20007



Ambassador George Bush  
5161 Palisades Lane  
Washington, D.C.  
20016

March 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Wetzler,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful note  
of February 22nd.

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

Thanks again,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Bob Wetzler  
AMSI  
2614 Nicollet  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408

NOTE  
from

Bob Wetzler

22 Feb 76

Mr. George Bush, Director  
C.I.A.  
Washington DC 20000

Dear Mr. Bush:

I remember your kind reply to a letter of inquiry I wrote to you when you were at the United Nations. (You had been on a TV program, taped, relating to Dick Hughes and his care for the boys in Vietnam. I wrote to ask you for his address. Your reply showed you to be a man who sympathized with compassionate work, and I have not forgotten.)

Since that time, I have taken note when I hear your name mentioned. This note is merely to wish you well in your new "assignment". It will be a tough job, but your presence makes me, for one, feel pretty good about the C.I.A. again.

With best wishes!

*Bob Wetzler*

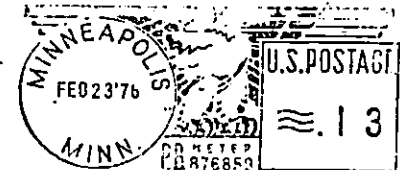
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2614 NICOLLET  
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*Thank him*

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Mr. George Bush, Director  
The C.I.A.  
Washington DC 20000

W  
January 12, 1976

Mr. William K. Whiteford  
1075 Humboldt  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for your December 16th letter and the clipping which brought joy to my heart.

I'm in for a tough new assignment but I am really looking forward to it. I have been involved in briefings over the last few weeks and the work is unbelievably interesting. So inspite of all the turmoil I am anxiously looking forward to the Senate coming back, and hopefully, acting affirmatively on the nomination so I can get to work.

It was good hearing from you again. Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

George Bush

WILLIAM K. WHITEFORD

December 16, 1975

Dear George:

Here's a rare item -- for these days: a favorable press for your appointment to head the C.I.A. Thought you might be heartened to see it.

We see your old Midland buddies from time to time. Spent a great weekend in Woodside with the Hilliards about a month ago.

Of all your many far-flung adventures, I can't help but envy you the most for the incredible times you must have enjoyed in China. My wife, a Swede, used to get terrific letters from her brother, who was attached to the Swedish embassy in Peking for seven years.

Whatever happens, I hope you have lots of fun because I've enjoyed -- rather vicariously -- your career over the years. I guess the last time I saw you was on the tennis court at River Oaks, about 15 years ago!

Best regards and Season's Greetings,

*Bill Whiteford*

William K. Whiteford

WKW:sbm  
Enclosure

Mr. George Bush  
c/o U. S. Department of State  
U. S. Mission to Peking, China  
Washington, D. C.

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## Bush and the CIA

WHEN PRESIDENT FORD recently nominated George Bush to head the CIA, it didn't take long for both well-meaning and political opposition to surface.

Several major newspapers and at least two senators, Democrats Frank Church and William Proxmire, came out against Bush, now U.S. envoy to China, long before he could come home and testify on his own behalf.

The objections to Bush boil down to two. He is a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, and he has no professional background in intelligence work.

To be facetious for a moment, one could say that a head of the national committee under Richard Nixon who didn't get indicted must be very honorable or very stealthy, both useful qualities in a CIA boss.

More seriously, however, Bush's detractors assume that because of his G.O.P. background he would "politicize" the CIA and would not refuse if a Republican president asked him to do something dirty on behalf of the party.

Such suspicions are most unfair to Bush,

who has a record of integrity, and to the trade of politician, which is often followed by decent people.

As to Bush's not being an intelligence insider, all one can say is bravo. For most of its history the CIA was led by professionals, such as Allen Dulles and Richard Helms, and the country is still reeling about disclosures about the agency's illegal domestic snooping and its bizarre plots to kill foreign leaders.

If the CIA is to be reformed, live under its charter and give up stunts like trying to make Fidel Castro's beard fall out, it will take the efforts of a talented outsider, not one with close links to the spook network which brought the agency into disrepute.

Bush has been a naval aviator, successful businessman, two-term congressman from Texas, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, head of the U.S. mission in Peking, as well as chairman of the GOP's national committee.

That varied background should entitle him to a fair hearing on his qualifications to head the CIA — not the premature cloak-and-dagger job some are trying to do on his nomination.

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1. Thanks for your cable. It meant a lot to Barbara and me.  
We hate to leave China, but the new assignment has got to be  
interesting (understatement of the year). Warm regards. XBXMX

BUSH

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March 3, 1976

Dear Eunice,

Thanks for your thoughtful note of February 26th. I miss politics, but I am totally out of it now and this new job is full and fascinating. I do appreciate your kind words and I have many happy memories stored away of the times we were working together on problems very different from the ones I'm working on now.

I hope our paths cross before too long.

Sincerely yours,



George Bush

Mrs. Eunice B. Whittlesey  
State Headquarters  
315 State Street  
Albany, New York 12210



New York  
Republican  
State Committee.

EUNICE B. WHITTLESEY  
Vice Chairman - Party Organization

February 26, 1976

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

Dear George:

I would like to add my congratulations and best wishes to the many I know you have received from your wide circle of friends and admirers.

I feel a renewed confidence in the operation which you will direct because of the caliber of the person who heads it.

The political activity continues and hopefully, produces. I expect to give my all to the campaign in the Fall.

If at any time I can be helpful to you, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Again, my sincere congratulations. May you find your work rewarding and certainly, most successful.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eunice B. Whittlesey  
Vice Chairman-Party Organization

EBW:pb

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March 1, 1976

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your good letter of February 26th, and thank you for sending me Bill Butera's suggestion.

I understand Bill's point completely, but I don't agree with his suggestion. The CIA is a proud organization. There were some mistakes, but there have been enormous accomplishments, and I don't think that we ought to succumb to the inordinate pressures (some of which seem to be subsiding, incidentally) just to put a new veneer on things. We are going to take substantive steps to guard against abuses and I'm going to do my level best to make the American people understand what this Agency is all about.

I appreciate your sending me Bill's suggestion and I'll send a copy of this letter to him. Though he and I are totally together in the need for a strong intelligence capability, I just find a difference with him over this question of a name change.

It was great seeing you the other night. Love to Peggy.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

cc Mr. William V. Butera

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February 26, 1976

WILLIAM G. WHYTE  
VICE PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:

It was great seeing you and Barbara last night at the Iranian Embassy Dinner. Ardeshir certainly knows how to do it first class.

All kinds of ideas come to me as one of the President's "advisors" and this one falls into your area. Bill Butera is the Membership Vice President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and quite a super salesman, by the way.

Sincerely,

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VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

William V. Butera  
1231 Meyer Court  
McLean, Virginia 22101

January 21, 1976

Mr. William G. Whyte  
Vice President - Washington  
United States Steel Corporation  
1625 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Bill:

Emerson Schmidt, formerly chief economist of the National Chamber, believes it would be a good idea to change the name of the Central Intelligence Agency. I agree with him.

Even the critics admit that continued collection of intelligence is vital to our national security.

Changing the name would blunt some of the attacks upon the CIA and even confuse some of the critics - all for a good purpose.

If you agree, we wish you would make this recommendation to President Ford. Would you let us know if you do so.

Sincerely,

*W. V. Butera*

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

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February 26, 1976

Dear Wayne,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter  
of February 18th.

This new job is tough and challenging,  
but it is important for our national security  
and I'm glad to be here.

I hope our paths cross soon.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Wayne G. Wickman  
President  
Galleria Bank  
5051 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77027

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Wayne G. Wickman  
President

February 18, 1976

Dear George:

I was extremely proud of what President Ford said about you last night, and I must say - - - "I feel very good about where you are" - - - and you looked great on the "Today Show" this morning.

Washington and the country's gain is Houston's loss, but hopefully you will find time to visit before too long.

Again, George, I could not be more pleased or proud of you and feel confident, like the President, that you will do your usual outstanding job.

Nina joins me in sending you and Barbara our very best.

Sincerely,



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

February 20, 1976

Dear Marilyn,

What a thoughtful telegram!

Though we loved 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!

Thanks so much again for your kind words and be sure to give everyone at Wilhelm School my best.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Ms. Marilyn Wilhelm  
3611 Cummins  
Houston, Texas 77027

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▶ GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON DC 20505

*Dear Marilyn  
Fehr*

THE TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE WILHELM SCHOOL JOIN ME IN  
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR  
COUNTRY.

MARILYN WILHELM  
3611 CUMMINS  
HOUSTON TEXAS 77027

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Mr. James Russell Wiggins  
The Ellsworth American  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Dear Russ,

Thanks for the  
great note - and the  
kind words -

The new job may  
not be easy, but it is  
a tremendous challenge  
and I have a feeling  
it's going to work out  
OK. Hope our paths  
cross soon. Sincerely,  
Cruz

Dear Russ,

Thanks for the great note-and the kind  
words.

The new job may not be easy, but it is  
a tremendous challenge and I have a feeling  
it's going to work out OK. Hope our paths  
cross soon.

Sincerely,

The Ellsworth American

ELLSWORTH, MAINE 04805

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February 26, 1976

Honorable George Bush  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Congratulations on the Senate confirmation on your  
appointment and best wishes for success in a very difficult  
endeavor.

You were so very successful at your assignment at the United Nations for which I helped brief you that I have been waiting to hear from you for a briefing at your new post.

On the other hand, maybe you thought the job would last longer if I didn't brief you.

Regards to your lady and best wishes for success in the job that no man in his right mind would ever undertake unless he were motivated by the highest instincts of patriotism.

Sincerely,

James Russell Wiggins

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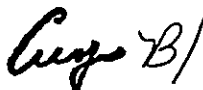
March 1, 1976

Dear Alice,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 20th. I was glad to get all caught up on you and your family. I do see your son Gene from time to time. My new job is tremendously interesting. I've never been busier in my life, but I am very happy in this work.

We loved China, but now we're back, and I hope our paths cross in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George B.", written in dark ink.

George Bush  
Director

Mrs. L. S. Willard, Jr.  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21210

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Mrs. LeBaron S. Willard, Jr.

~~4000 North Charles Street~~ 4 ROLAND MEWS  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218 21216

Feb. 20, 1975

Dear George

I want to congratulate you  
on your new appointment. I know  
you will serve your country well  
and as efficiently and splendidly  
as you always have. My son,  
Eugene Lawson in Washington, State  
Dept - Keeps me well posted.

Last summer near Watch Hill  
at Weetapaug Inn, your Aunt  
gave an interesting talk with  
Colored slides of her trip to China.  
We enjoyed it so much. My husband

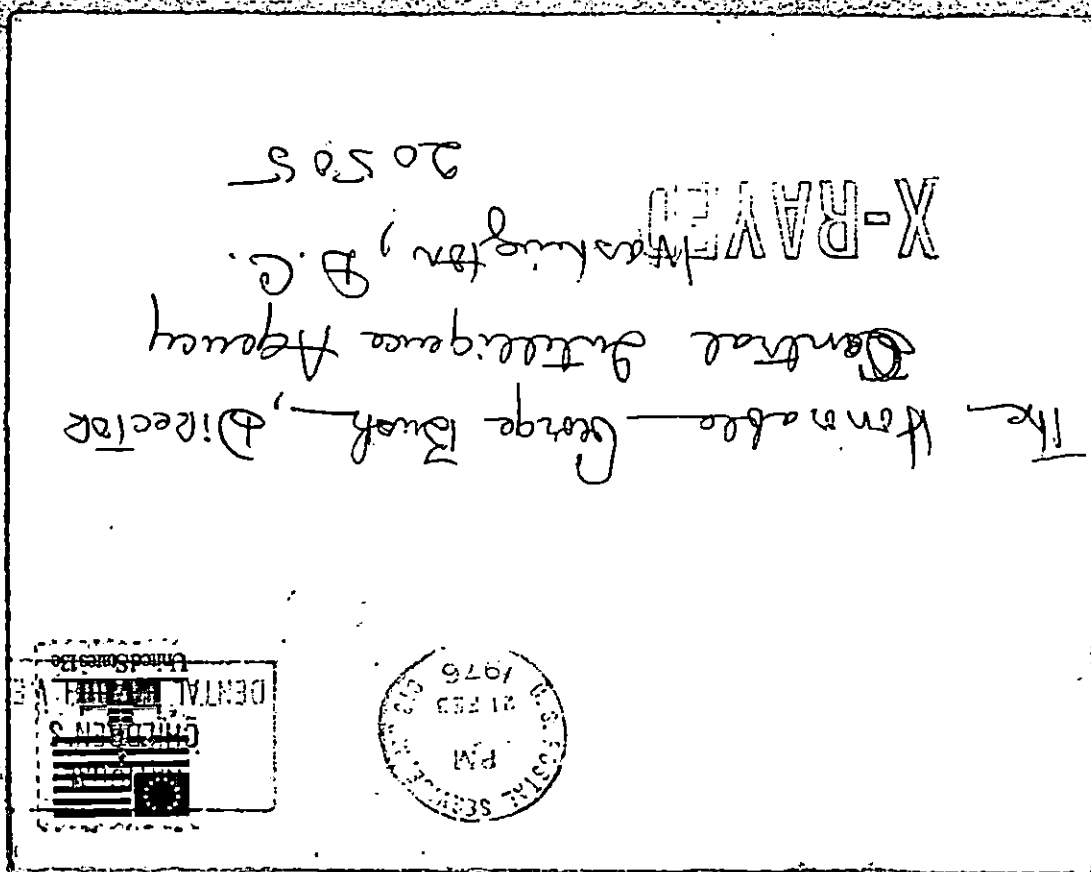
And I am among the many  
Americans, I'm sure, who would like  
to go to Peking. What should we do  
first to try to work out the trip?  
We all realize how busy you are  
and will continue to be but  
perhaps your secretary could give us  
some suggestions.

I do hope you and Barbara have  
been well and avoided the flu  
epidemic. My Tricia Lawson Gow is  
still enjoying Houston as is my  
other son Edward Lawson Jr. in Tulsa.

Best wishes to you & your family as  
<sup>in which my husband & I join me</sup>  
always, and may the Lord bless  
you & guide you in all your endeavors.

Affectionately

Alice Lawson Willard



MRS. L. S. Willard, JR.

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Baltimore, Md.

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George Willeford, Jr

2-10-76



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear George -

Great letter. Thanks  
too for the editorial.

We do see the  
Babers here and that  
to a great extent. They  
are new by.

The new job is  
tremendously interesting.

The minefield is out  
there, but maybe I  
can tip toe through  
it -

There are <sup>many</sup> great  
people here at CIA.

Love to all the  
wonderful Willifords. We  
miss you a lot -

Gay

GEORGE WILLEFORD, JR., M. D.  
1404 GASTON AVENUE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78703

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Dear George & Barbara -

There is a letter welcome  
home - Ann & I have thought of  
you often but knew you were  
too involved for ordinary commu-

nation.

We have been following your

progress and have much enjoyed

about your present situation.

On the one hand we are proud

of your appointment & confidence

and we are truly glad the CBA

is in good hands - on the other

hand we would like to see

you back in Texas.

I am sure you have enjoyed  
the Jim Barker - Tell him

hello and much love  
well.

Enclosed is an editorial  
from the Austin Paper - In  
some you can't help but be a  
bit pleased with a paper  
as democratic oriented well  
you have a partner like an  
two.

I guess much hope you  
have this way we would  
love to see you.

Best to your family -  
Keep us happy

Ho -

February 17, 1976

Dear Anna,

I love the clipping and the picture was terrific also. Thank you for that most supportive interview.

Bar and I were both sorry to hear that Jim has not improved.

I had a letter from Juanita McBride from Midland out of the clear blue sky.

The new job is fantastically challenging.

Hastily, but with warm regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

Mrs. James Williams  
Gilmer Public Schools  
P. O. Drawer 40  
Gilmer, Texas 75644

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# Gilmer Public Schools

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W. W. WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT

TELEPHONE 843-2525

J. M. MARSHALL, BUSINESS MANAGER  
TAX COLLECTOR

2/10/76

Dear Barbara & George,

Are you settled in your new position yet? We enjoyed your Christmas card so much and look forward to it each year. I didn't get around to sending cards this year. We are fine other than Jim. He seems to get progressively worse. I thought you might enjoy the enclosed article that was written by one of my former journalism students. Give our love to each of the bunch.

Our best to you,  
Anna

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January 29, 1976

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## He'll Go 'much higher'

# CIA's new chief wins Gilmer kudos

By PHILLIP WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

**GILMER** — At least one East Texan thinks George Bush will do just fine as the new head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

She is Mrs. Sue Williams, a Gilmer High School teacher, who was Bush's secretary for several years during the 1950s when he owned interest in a Midland oil company.

Mrs. Williams, who still corresponds with her former boss, portrays Bush as an energetic, athletic man devoted to his family.

"I think he would make a good head of anything," she said. "Only I look forward to him being at a much higher thing than this."

Mrs. Williams first met Bush in the early 50s while doing community service volunteer work. She was sent to his office to assist him with a fund-raising drive for the American Cancer Society.

"I was most impressed," she recalls remembering Bush as being highly intelligent and cordial at that first meeting.

Bush had an extra office where Mrs. Williams typed letters for the fund drive. Then she learned he needed a secretary.

What kind of boss was Bush?

"He is a person that will look you straight in the eyes and tell you exactly what he wants done. And he expects you to do it. (But) He's very patient and kind."

She describes the new agency head as a "go-getter"

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The Senate confirmed George Bush as director of the Central Intelligence Agency despite contentions his political past will further jeopardize public confidence in the intelligence community. The nomination was confirmed 64-27. Bush won praise from supporters and opponents for his honesty, integrity and distinguished public career as a congressman from Texas, ambassador to the United Nations and the U.S. liaison to the People's Republic of China.

who can even type quickly with only two fingers.

"He's up early and goes all day long — fast and hard," says Mrs. Williams, who last saw Bush in 1970.

"He is certainly a person to admire. He is one of the finest Christian men I've ever known."

A television commentator suggested recently that Bush might need to be a bit ruthless to run the agency. Does Mrs. Williams think he is that way?

"No, I don't, but (he has) complete honesty. I think he would treat everyone just as fair as could be."

Mrs. Williams first noticed Bush's interest in politics when he became one of the first members of the president's Council on Physical Fitness.

She was impressed by the fact Bush even went out to a local high school and asked the coaches what they thought the minimum standards for physical fitness should be.

Recalling Bushes' lifestyle, Mrs. Williams remembers him as a man interested in swimming and playing touch football with his family.

She says he was generous to charity and active in community service.

Mrs. Williams expresses great admiration for Bush's wife and family as well.

She describes Barbara Bush as "a jewel" who is "a family person."

"And he's very definitely a family person. They have a family-oriented life. The children come first and foremost."

What was the one thing that impressed Mrs. Williams most about Bush?

"I guess I never really saw that he had any faults whatsoever."



Staff photo

**MRS. WILLIAMS REMEMBERS BUSH**  
She Thinks He'll Do OK At CIA

February 10, 1976

Dear Mr. Witalis,

Thank you for your good letter. The CIA must operate within the law in this country and I can assure you we will do just exactly that. Nevertheless, I do understand your concern about certain groups that are, as you say, "bent on destroying this organization." There are a lot of dedicated people out here working hard for their country and I can assure you this organization will not be destroyed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush  
Director

Mr. William Witalis  
135 Cityview Avenue  
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606

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135 Citizens Ave.  
Bridgeport, Conn. 06606

I would like to congratulate you on your new post. It is one of the most important and demanding

positions in our government.

I sincerely hope that you can put a stop

to the anti-American groups that are bent on

destroying your organization. I wish that there

were some way that a fifty year old, veteran of

WW II, America first citizen, could be of assistance.

Best Luck.

Sincerely,

William (Mike)

Mr. George Bush  
CIA Director  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Bush,



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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Dear Bill,

Thanks ever so much for your letter of January 29th. We loved China, but I am very happy to be back here in this new assignment. I am delighted to know you are in Tucson. If you ever meet Jack Greenway, who is the owner of the Arizona Inn, go up and tell him we're friends. I don't think it will kill you off. Jack is a life-long friend of mine--one of my very closest.

It was great hearing from you again.  
Thank you for your very thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. William J. Woestendiek  
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WILLIAM J. WOESTENDIEK  
Executive Editor

January 29, 1976

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

Dear George:

Congratulations on your confirmation and your new job. I'm not sure but what you won't need more than just congratulations going into that spot but I'm sure that you will find it interesting, exciting and challenging as well as controversial.

I'm in a new spot myself, as you can see from the letterhead. I became executive editor of the Star the first of the year and am now living in Tucson. This, as you know, is a delightful spot in which to live and, while some people groan about the summer heat, I'm sure those years in Houston will prove to have been good training for it.

Again, congratulations in the new job. Welcome back from China. I hope that we'll get a chance to get together sometime soon. With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill

William J. Woestendiek

WJW:dp

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November 6, 1975

Dr. Chung-ming Wong,  
50 Guy Court,  
Rockville, Md. 20850.

Dear Dr. Wong:

Thank you for your thoughtful cable.

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

We have been very happy during our stay in China, but now it is time to return home.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH

US AMBASSY

PEKING (CHINA)

DEAR AMBASSADOR BUSH

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT THE PRESIDENT CANNOT  
FIND A BETTER MAN FOR THIS MOST IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT I AM CONFIDENT  
THAT YOU CAN IMPART YOUR VALUABLE SKILL TO THIS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE  
POST I OFFER YOU MY SUPPORT AND DEDICATION PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO  
CALL UPON ME 2023438421 RESPECTFULLY

DR CHUNG-MING WONG 50 GUY COURT ROCKVILLE MD 20850

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November 27, 1975

Admiral Jerauld Wright, USN (Ret),  
2706 36th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20007.

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for sending me the story on the Alibi. I expect when I walk into this whirlwind back in Washington I will long for the privacy and tranquility of Alibi.

The new job is going to be tough, but you and I both know it's darn important, and I will give it my all.

Warm regards, and thanks for writing.

George Bush

ADMIRAL JERAULD WRIGHT, U.S.N. (RET.)  
2706 36th STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

NW 1015

Dear George:  
Enclosed a bit of un-solicited  
but harmless publicity on a joint you  
know well of.

We read much of you in  
the papers. We'd much prefer calling  
you "Invader".

What Janet brings back  
glowing accounts of her visit with you.

Come back soon and bring this  
album & mementos of your cruise in China.

Yours  
Jura

# City's 'Club of Clubs'

## Limits Members to 50

By Stephen Klaidman  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Back in 1884 seven members of the elite Metropolitan Club broke away from that bastion of the Establishment to form a smaller and even more exclusive group, never to exceed 50 members.

Today, despite the fact that its closely guarded membership list includes a clutch of ambassadors, a former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and the scions of Washington-area families so old that their names are on everything from high schools to counties, its existence is barely known outside the tight little circle from which its membership is drawn.

Regardless, it is one of the city's premier clubs. In a city where the most important and confidential business of government and industry is frequently conducted in the hushed dining rooms and libraries of clubs such as the Metropolitan and the Cosmos, where the Senate of the United States is referred to as a club, the Alibi is the club of clubs.

Its telephone number is unlisted, the small identification plate on the clubhouse door at 1806 I Street N.W. is covered with the same dark green paint that coats the door so that it is impossible to read it from more than a few feet and a call to the Green Book, as the Washington social listing is known, drew this response from Virginia de Pugh:

"Is it a new club?"

Betty Beale, who chronicles Washington society for The Washington Star, characterized it as "a small, informal, masculine club with quite a prominent membership." Other Washington journalists used to moving at the highest levels of society and government were unfamiliar with it.

The Alibi Club, so called tradition has it because a member showed up at the door one day desperately in need of one, includes on its roster retired Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former chairman of the joint chiefs, and Richard Helms, former director of the CIA.

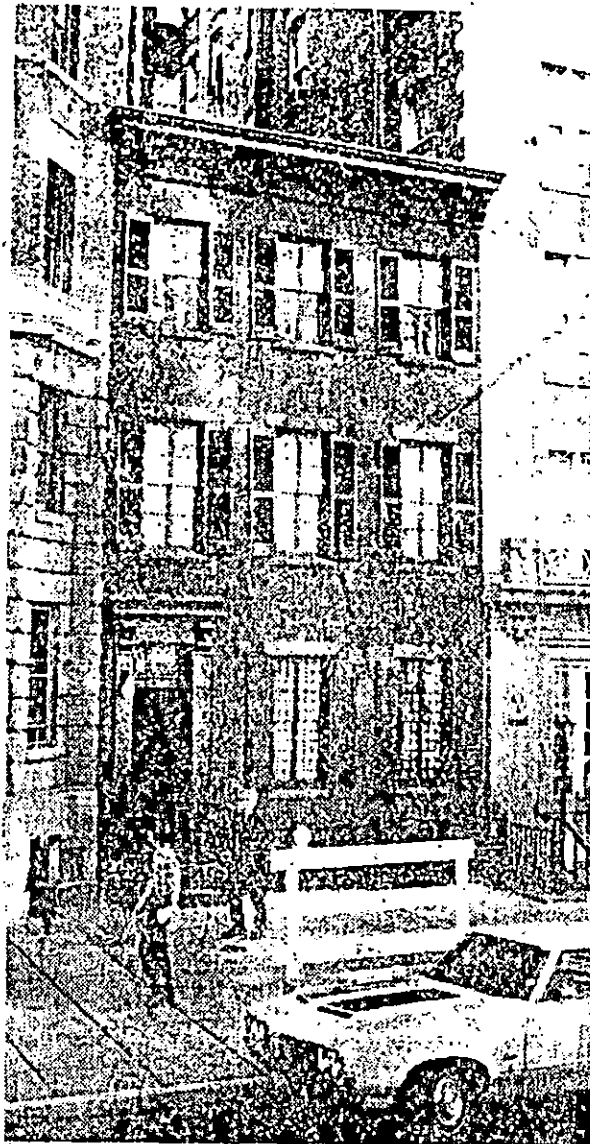
William McChesney Martin, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is a member, as is Livingston T. Merchant, former under-secretary of state for political affairs. Gerard C. Smith, former chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, also belongs.

S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, is in and so is Gordon Gray, former secretary of the army and assistant to the President for national security affairs. Gen. Alfred Gruenther, former supreme Allied commander in Europe, is a member, too.

E. Brooke Lee, who grew up in the Blair House and controlled Democratic politics in Maryland for three generations, is in, as are other sons of Washington-area society such as Dr. Montgomery Blair and Cuthbert and Middleton Train. Nelson Hartson of the Washington law firm of Hogan & Hartson belongs.

The late George C. Marshall, former secretary of state and father of the Marshall Plan was a member as was Allen W. Dulles, former director of the CIA, and Llewelyn Thompson, former

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The Alibi Club headquarters at 1806 I St. NW.

# Alibi Club Guards Secrecy

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U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union.

At least 30 of the current members are listed in the Social Register and at least that many are in Who's Who in America. They regard the club as just a gathering place for good friends.

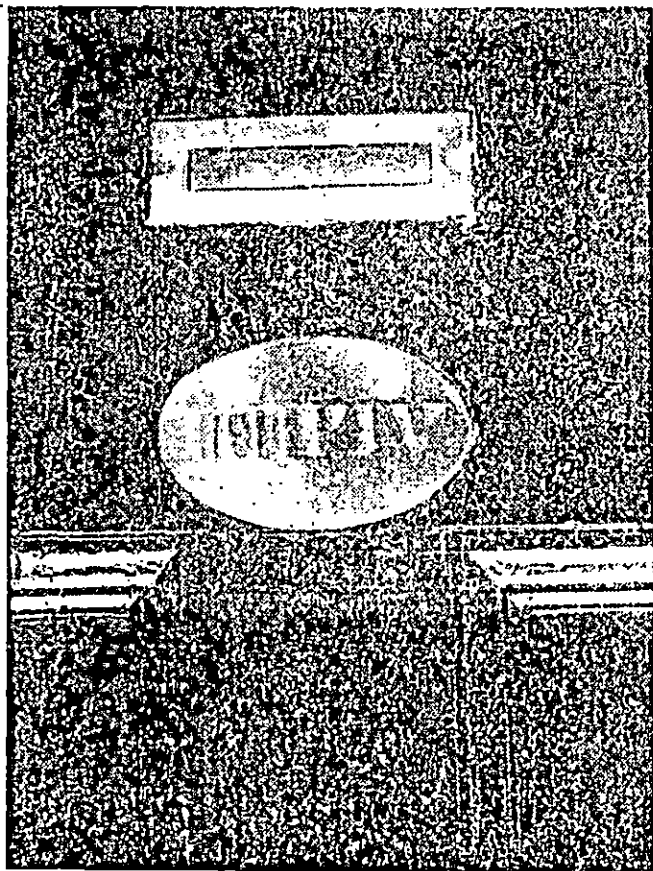
Adm. Jerauld Wright, current proctor (the club's term for presiding officer) and former commander of the Atlantic fleet, said over lunch at the Metropolitan Club that he "never thought of the (Alibi) club as a gathering place for prominent or influential people."

"The only qualification for membership," he said, "is that a man be well known to all of the members. A new member must be approved by all of the existing members."

Beyond that, Adm. Wright was not willing to discuss the membership, past, current or future, except to provide a list of the founders. Nor would he divulge the club's dues.

There are no women in the club and the question of their admission, Wright said, has never come up. When asked whether the club had any black or Jewish members, Wright said, "I'm sure you understand that I'm not free to discuss the membership, but all it takes to become a member is to be good friends with current members."

Since 1886 the Alibi Club has occupied a three-story, pre-war red brick town house, which is now sand-



Plaque on front door identifies Washington's Alibi Club.  
By Larry Morris — The Washington Post

wiched between a medical office building and a residential hotel. Behind the plain green door is another door with a small brass plate that says "Alibi Club." Behind that door, in a carefully preserved 1890s atmosphere, is a jumble of

It was a portrait of a young Londoner, Ireland, which he himself bought in the club's most prized pieces. He showed a visitor one of collectively priceless, "in-characterized as 'in-memorabilia' that Wright characterized as 'in-

the last 10 years. The No. 2 man in the club hierarchy, currently Alexander, is known as the bulldog, although the admiral is not sure why. (One thing the admiral is sure of, however, is that if the club has prominent or influential members it is "strictly confidential.")

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It is a nonprofit club with a bottle-club license. The staff consists of a married couple, the wife serving as cook, the husband as steward. Wright has been proctor for the last 10 years. The No. 2 man in the club hierarchy, currently Alexander, is known as the bulldog, although the admiral is not sure why. (One thing the admiral is sure of, however, is that if the club has prominent or influential members it is "strictly confidential.")

The club, which members lovingly call "the joint," is only open Fridays, except when a member has reserved it for a private party, at which time, Wright said, it becomes his home and other members are welcome only if invited. Women may be invited to these private parties, but they are not admitted to the club any other time. It is a nonprofit club with a bottle-club license. The staff consists of a married couple, the wife serving as cook, the husband as steward. Wright has been proctor for the last 10 years. The No. 2 man in the club hierarchy, currently Alexander, is known as the bulldog, although the admiral is not sure why. (One thing the admiral is sure of, however, is that if the club has prominent or influential members it is "strictly confidential.")

24 FEB 1976

Dear Bill,

The new address is Director of Central Intelligence, Washington, D. C., 20505 and my phone number is (703) 351-6363. It was good hearing from you. Perhaps I'll be in Dallas one of these days before too long.

Sincerely,



George Bush

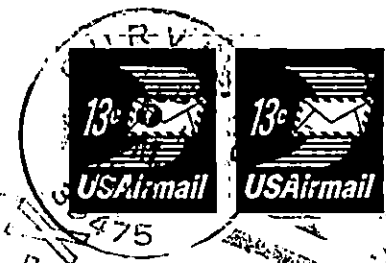
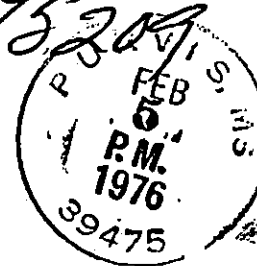
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Personal

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



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JOHN W. WYDLER  
FIFTH DISTRICT  
NEW YORK

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hand

November 5, 1975

Dear Poppy:

I heard the President's announcement of your new appointment as Head of the CIA with a great deal of happiness.

I wish you every success in your new position, and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wydler  
Member of Congress

Honorable George Bush  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20520

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GEORGE BUSH  
5161 PALISADE LANE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

February 17, 1976

Dear Qasim,

Thank you very much for your congratulatory cable. Barbara and I were both so pleased to hear from you and Madriah.

This new job is fascinating in every way.

We miss Peking. We enjoyed our life there, as I think you know. Someday I hope our paths cross again for you and Madriah will always have a warm place in our hearts. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Qasim Al Yagout  
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MR GEORGE BUSH

CHIEF OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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OUR WARMEST PERSONAL CONGRATULATION ON YOUR  
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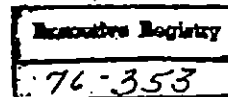
Dear Joy:

Many thanks for the thoughtful letter. Your good wishes and supportive sentiments are much appreciated, as was the fine work on my behalf during the Senate race.

It is welcome news that you are enjoying the many chores that fall your way in the Houston school system. Good luck and keep up the fine work.

Sincerely,

  
George Bush



December 19, 1975

*CIA answer*  
*Nice thank you*  
*file*

Hon. George Bush  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

I have watched your career with much interest and want to congratulate you on your latest appointment (at least it seems assured, at this point). Perhaps it makes up for the disappointment years ago of the senate race which we lost. (I say we, since I did my little part in working for your candidacy.)

*Thank her*

I did write you a congratulatory note and best wishes for the New Year when you were appointed U.N. ambassador for the United States and though I'm sure you do not remember, you called my house on New Years eve to thank me. You were in Washington and your wife had returned to Houston for the holidays. I think you talked to my whole family over long distance that evening. It made quite an impression on them all.

I am still working for the school system in Houston and things are going well. I am secretary to an area superintendent and still enjoying school work. Remember how I disliked the busing, not the integration, but the forced busing of the paired schools. It raised quite a stir. Things have changed a lot since then. The P.T.A.'s and the teacher and secretary organizations have wonderful race relations. I myself work for a fine black administrator.

Well, just wanted to say welcome back to U.S. soil and best wishes for the New Year. I certainly wish I had written to you during your stay in China, I would now have a Chinese stamp from your return letter. Anyhow, you did a good job as you do with each job. The varied experience will stand you in good stead when you attain for a higher office -- possibly the presidency someday, as you are still young enough that you can pass up the coming race or two and still be in the running.

Happiness in your new work, and don't let it get you down.

Sincerely,

*Joy Yawn*

Mrs. J. A. Yawn

November 27, 1975

Mr. Bill Ylvisaker,  
Chairman, Gould, Inc.,  
8550 Bryn Mawr Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill. 60631.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your thoughtful cable.

We have been very happy in China,  
but now it's time to come back and take  
on a tough new job.

I hope we get to see you in the  
not too distant future.

Warmest personal regards from China,

George Bush

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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH  
5161 PALISADE LN  
WASHINGTON DC 20016

I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT CONGRATULATIONS AND THE  
BEST OF LUCK

BILL YLVISKER

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MGMW8HT HSB

*Chairman  
Gould, Inc  
8550 Bryn Mawr Ave.  
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My Dear Ambassador Bush,

I've been meaning to write this letter to you for weeks. Unfortunately, I can't say things have been hectic - only that I'm busy. While the cost of living increases

perhaps why seeking, inflation is hitting everyone, New York is working on a continued deficit - - and, my personal deficit is keeping a good pace with New York. After three years of complete and total happiness and bliss, my finances have plummeted to \$3.67. Said three dollars and sixty-seven cents will not buy an airline ticket to anywhere.

Once, again, I'm genuinely employed - - helping the Republican cause, I hope. In the monthly trips Office at the Capitol, is where I shall be spending my days now. I'm trying to get a sabbatum and pool put in that I don't seem to have the same conviction

as the President. <sup>-2-</sup> I suppose it will be good for me to work again.

Had I written this letter last week I planned on saying "George Bush won't you come home, run for President and straighten this country out again."

Now, all I can say is -- I have taken my trench coat out of moth balls and acquired several new dark pairs of sun glasses! Won't the CIA need a spy ~~in~~ on some tropical island where SCUBA diving and water sports are abundant? It seems that's all I qualify for -- other than skiing in the mountains.

I do wish you good fortune and am ecstatic that you and Mrs. Bush will be returning to the states.

My best to you and Mrs. Bush.

Kindest regards,

Pam Young

Ambassador George Bush  
Peking, China

Pam Young  
9001/Captains Rd.  
Alexandria, Virginia  
22308

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February 2, 1976

Dear Ambassador Zahedi,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful letter. The new challenge is enormous but I'm delighted to be in this job.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

His Excellency Ardeshir Zahedi  
Imperial Embassy of Iran  
3003 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
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28 January, 1976

*The Ambassador*

*Dear Ambassador Bush*

I was so pleased to learn of your confirmation as new Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. As you have distinguished yourself so very well in all your previous posts, I have no doubt that you will bring to this new challenge all the intelligence and sensitivity which it demands. You most certainly have my very best wishes for success as you address yourself to the complex responsibilities involved.

Congratulations and warmest personal regards to both you and Mrs. Bush.

*Very Sincerely yours  
Abbas Ghassemlou*

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

February 5, 1976

Dear Phil,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful card and note. I am looking forward immensely to this controversial and tough new job, but I know it will be rewarding. The country needs a vital CIA and I'm proud to be working here.

It was good hearing from you. Thank you again for your kind wishes.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Phillip E. Zegarelli  
120 Gory Brook Road  
North Tarrytown, New York 10591

Wishing  
You  
SUCCESS

Dear Phil



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Mr. Philip E. Zegarelli  
120 Gory Brook Road  
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With best wishes  
for your success  
in the future.

Congrats on your Confir-  
mation by The Senate  
and best of wishes  
in your role as The  
new Director -

Warm Regards -  
Phil Zegarelli