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TELEPHONE (202) 296-5820

December 27, 1976

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[Signature]

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

Dear George:

Since we are entering the season for leave taking, I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a remarkable job you've done in the year you have served as Director. With what at least initially appeared to be a stacked deck against you, you came into the Agency and won over the hearts and minds of the nations finest. You did an outstanding job in bringing a sense of purpose to a troubled and misunderstood agency. The American public as well as the Agency are in your debt. From my own vantage point, I was pleased to watch you at work and proud to be associated with you.

I hope in the years to come that you will maintain more than a passing interest in public affairs and that the big state of Texas just doesn't swallow you up. If and when you need a friend in this city, just give me a call. Sheila joins me in wishing you, Barbara and your family the very best for 1977.

Thanks for the tie! Although Nathan Hale may not have been a most effective spy, its a great remembrance!

Cheers,

[Signature]

Mitchell Rogovin

December 3, 1976

Dear Scotty,

What a neat letter! I can't tell you how much it meant to me.

This job at CIA, in spite of the controversy, has been the greatest experience of my varied life. The people here are unbelievably dedicated and unselfish. On the analytical side, it's almost like a gigantic university with all our PhD's and MA's.

I'll tell Bar of your kind comments on her slide presentation. She loves China and I think it shows through when she gives her talk. I hope we'll see you on our next visit to PA. In the meantime, thanks again for being so darn considerate.

Yours very truly,



George Bush

Mr. H. Schuyler Royce, Jr.
Old Campus Road
Andover, Massachusetts 01810

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25 November 1976

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*Dink
Dictate*

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

Dear George:

On reading this morning of your decision to leave the the CIA on
on 20 January, I felt it only right to drop a note to thank you for
the job you have done for our country. While I can disagree with
~~SOME~~ many of your political views, I can extend nothing but admiration
for you willingness to serve under what I am certain must have
been trying circumstances. Not the least of these I can guess
were the circumstances that denied you the nomination as the
Republican Party's Vice President of the United States. In retro-
spect, I am convinced that a Ford-Bush ticket would have taken the day.

Again, George, my thanks. Not incidentally, Barbra's lecture-slide
on Peking was a dandy. My kids - the ~~EEEE~~ acid text - thought that she
was great.

*Cordially
Scottie Royce*

H. Schuyler Royce, Jr.
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Mr. George Bush
Director
The Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.



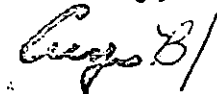
January 24, 1977

Dear Mrs. Rudh,

Aren't you a thoughtful person! I have loved my job at CIA. In fact, it was the greatest I have ever had in private or public life, but now it's time to go back to Houston (5838 Indian Trail, Houston 77057). I do want to save some time for national politics and foreign affairs, but I don't know what I am going to be doing in Texas.

I was looking through some Brown Brothers Harriman papers the other day (trying to throw some things out before moving on) and your name kept cropping up. Thanks again for your most thoughtful note.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mrs. Paul H. Rudh
59 Shepherd Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11208

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59 Shepherd Ave.
Brooklyn, New York 11208

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

I was very sorry that President Ford lost the election but
I was sad to hear that you were leaving the CIA.

However, you have the consolation that you did a good job
of restoring integrity and confidence in the CIA, and I hope that you
will seek some government office again soon, so I can vote for you!

With best wishes to you in whatever field you go, I am

Sincerely yours,

Flource W. Rudh
Mrs. Paul H. Rudh



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

JAN 19 1977

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear George:

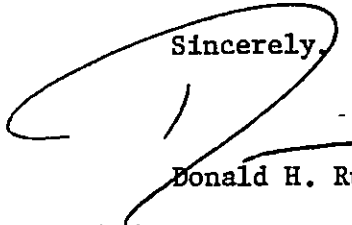
You have my admiration for the job you have done at CIA and my appreciation for your many outstanding contributions to our country.

Those of us in President Ford's Administration have been privileged to serve during one of the most challenging and important periods in the nation's history.

As I reflect on my time in Washington, I will count the opportunity to work with you as one of the most pleasant and rewarding experiences.

I look forward to our continued association in the future.

Sincerely,


Donald H. Rumsfeld

December 7, 1976

Dear Mr. Sapp,

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of November 28th. I have enjoyed my 10 years of government service, but now it is time to do something different. I don't know for sure what the future holds, but I probably will be back in Houston. Starting all over has kind of a challenging ring to it.

My assignment at CIA has been a fantastic one. This place is a tremendous national asset. It is operating within the law and it is so different than some of the sensational reports would have one believe.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Carl Sapp
2810 Westerland Drive
Houston, Texas 77063

Nov 28, 1976

Dear Mr Bush,

Dwight
McGuire

The news media says you are leaving your job as Director of the C.I.A. if so that's their loss and should you return to Texas our gain.

I recall when you left private business, and ran for public office here in Texas (you had my vote then & now) then directed the Republican party, became America's U.N. representative, our ambassador to China and finally to the C.I.A. It is my belief you should be credited with bringing honesty and hard work to each of those activities and to leaving all with a greater mark of respect.

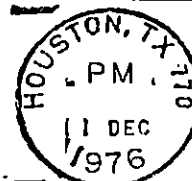
What a shame it is that a change of political leaders brings about the loss of a good man from government, but as I said, their loss & hopefully our gain.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Very Truly Yours
Carl Lopp
Houston, Texas

Carl App
2010 Westerland
Houston, Texas 77063

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PLEASE MAIL
EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS



Mr George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D.C 20500

Personal

11-29-76
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Dear Hal,

Thanks for the
note. I have really
enjoyed working with
you.

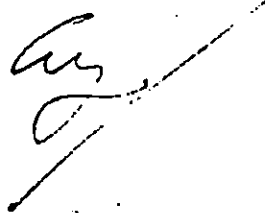
I will miss this
job. In spite of the
problems I have loved it

I have an uneasy
feeling of work unfinished
but it is proper that
Mr. Carter, given this
ruthy climate, have

someone as DCI
who, from the
inception of his Presidency,
will have his full confidence.

Thanks again
Hal for your kind
words -

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

Britto

November 24, 1976

Dear George,

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in telling us promptly of your decision not to remain as DCI after the change in Administration. You have been good for the Agency and for the Intelligence Community at a hard time in their lives, and I know many who respect your dedication and effective work in strengthening them and in improving public understanding of the need for what they do. I am among them and would only add that our work together has also been most pleasant--an important dimension to professional relationships not as often present as it should be in our capital.

Sincerely,

Hal

Harold H. Saunders

The Honorable
George Bush,
Director of
Central Intelligence.

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Bonn, 1 December 1976

Chief of the Office
of the Bundeskanzler
State Secretary Dr. Manfred Schueler

Mr. George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington
USA

Dear Mr. Bush:

Mr. Carver, your representative in Bonn, transmitted to me your message of 29 November in connection with the announcement of your resignation effective 20 January. Thank you cordially for this message.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your agency for its good cooperation with German Government offices. I am certain that this cooperation will continue and further grow in the future. The very high priority which we place here on good and close relations with the U.S. Government needs, I believe, no elaboration.

I have passed on your good wishes for Chancellor Schmidt and would like to thank you in his name.

With best wishes for your personal future.

Yours,

/S/ Manfred Schueler

5300 BONN 12. den 1. Dezember 1976

Herrn
George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence

Washington
U.S.A.

Sehr geehrter Herr Bush,

Ihr Beauftragter in Bonn, Herr Carver, übermittelte mir anlässlich der Ankündigung Ihres Rücktritts zum 20. Januar 1977 Ihre Botschaft vom 29. November 1976, für die ich herzlich danke.

Gleichzeitig möchte ich Ihnen und Ihrer Behörde für die gute Zusammenarbeit mit deutschen Dienststellen danken. Ich bin sicher, daß sich diese Zusammenarbeit auch künftig fortsetzen und weiterentwickeln wird. Der hervorragende Rang, der hier guten und engen Beziehungen zur Regierung der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika beigemessen wird, bedarf - glaube ich - keiner Erläuterung.

Ihre guten Wünsche für Bundeskanzler Schmidt habe ich weitergeleitet; ich darf Ihnen in seinem Namen hierfür danken.

Mit den besten Wünschen für Ihre persönliche Zukunft

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Manfred Schuler

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January 24, 1977

Dear Bill,

I just got your neat letter of January 14th. We will miss you and Carol. Our paths haven't crossed near as much as we would have liked, but now that we are private citizens, maybe it will work out for the better.

We will be back in Houston (5838 Indian Trail, Houston 77057) after February 15th, so if you are ever down that way, please drop in.

I know life will be full and challenging for you and that is the way it should be.

Barbara sends her love.

Sincerely,


George Bush

The Honorable William E. Simon
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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
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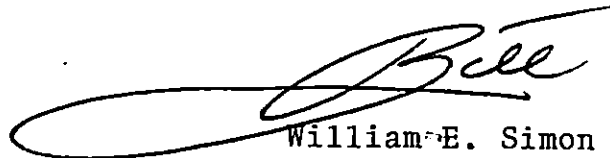
Dear George:

As we both prepare to leave Washington I want to take a minute to tell you what a rare privilege it has been to serve with you. This has been a difficult economic and political time, but I think we can take pride in the accomplishments of this Administration. Treasury and the Central Intelligence Agency have never been closer and much of the credit is due to your personal leadership.

On a more personal note, George, Carol and I have thoroughly enjoyed yours and Barbara's friendship during the time we have spent together in Washington. As our careers take us in different directions, I hope you feel as I do that we have shared too much, both personally and professionally, to allow that friendship to die. We look back on our association with great pleasure and look forward to seeing you often in the years ahead.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



William E. Simon

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

December 10, 1976

Dear Betty,

The only picture I have around the office is this official CIA photo. I will tell Barbara you would like to have one of us together and see if she can come up with something.

Thanks for your kind words. I have loved this job, but now it's time to move on.

I hope our paths cross after we get back to Texas.

Warm personal regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

Mrs. U. C. Sterquell, Jr.
5501 Everett
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Mr. W. C. Sturgill Jr
5501 Brent
Amarillo, Texas
79106



Dear George,

At this season of the year when we reflect on the year almost past we remember the Bicentennial Renewal of pride in America, the disappointment in the election and the unrest in our state party. However, one of the "plus" things is always the way you and Barbara have served our country. We do so sincerely thank you. You are still my choice for President and should the elect become reality... Count us in!

Since I am no longer in party office I have been putting my papers in order for that "Someday in the future". There was always so much work to do the mechanics and passed the sentimentality and now looking back I would so much like to have a picture of you, if possible of you and Barbara should you have me to that.

May the pair of the holiday season be spent with your family and may 1977 welcome you back to Texas

Sincerely,
W. C. Sturgill

December 3, 1976

Dear Bob,

I got your letter of November 26th. I talked to Pete O'Donnell and I'd be delighted to visit with you at your convenience. I don't know what the future holds, but I plan to finish this job -- give it my all -- and then in all likelihood move back to Texas.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Robert H. Stewart III
First International Bancshares, Inc.
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Dallas, Texas 75283

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ROBERT H. STEWART III
Chairman of the Board

November 26, 1976

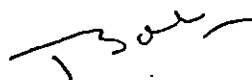
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Dear George:

I was sorry to read you are leaving the CIA,
but am glad you are coming home. I hope
so much we can have a visit before you make
any definitive plans. I am going to be in
Europe next week, but will give you a call
when I return.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Stewart, III

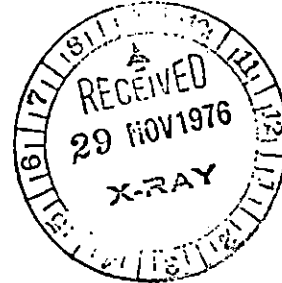
Mr. George Bush
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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



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December 1, 1976

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

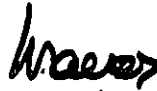
Dear George:

Thank you for your note about my talk with Senator Hathaway. I was glad to provide him with my own positive assessment of my experience with CIA work abroad, and I hope it was useful.

I regretted very much learning of your impending resignation. You have done a great job in pulling things together and recasting the image of the Agency at a time when it was vital to do so. We are all in debt to you for the contribution you have made.

With warmest personal regards and every good wish for the future,

Sincerely,



Walter J. Stoessel

January 3, 1977

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your December 27th letter. I can't tell you how much I appreciate those kind words.

This has been the most interesting job in my career, but now it's time to go. We will be going back to Houston in mid-February; to do what, I don't know, but in any event the future looks exciting.

I hope our paths cross in '77. In the meantime, thanks again for your letter and the best of everything to you and yours.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Michael Stone
98-10 64th Avenue
Rego Park, New York 11374

MICHAEL STONE
98-10 64TH AVENUE
REGO PARK, NEW YORK 11374
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27 December 1976

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

Dear George:

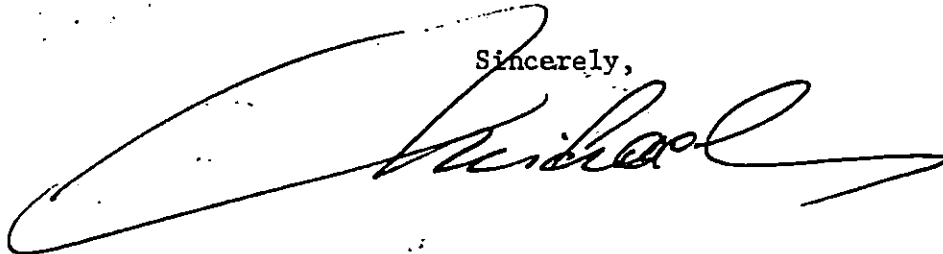
It has been a long and eventful interlude since I last had the pleasure and privilege of hearing from you directly. After your return to the United States from Peking, the confirmation to your present position by the U.S. Senate was welcome and gratifying news to me.

According to published reports, your achievements in meeting grave responsibilities under extremely trying circumstances - with aplomb - have been most impressive. It is highly ironic, that reasons advanced against your nomination by Senators Thomas J. McIntire and Gary Hart only last January, seem instead to apply aptly to your successor-to-be.

Speaking as plain citizen, I deeply regret your leaving the helm of C.I.A. - understandable as it is - and wish to extend to you and your family the hope that the future may be as bright and satisfying as you deserve!

With all good wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Stone". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the width of the letter.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008
Telephone: (202) 462-1340

*Ben
+ his return
for GB
file*

8 December 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley

Dear Mr. Bush,

Richard Sykes has asked me to deliver the attached
message in reply to your message to him of yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Pike

M E Pike



BRITISH EMBASSY
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008
Telephone: (202) 462-1340

Dear George

Thank you so much for your kind message. We shall be very sorry to see you go, since we have greatly valued working with you, and we have appreciated very much the way in which the longstanding co-operation between our two services has been so staunchly maintained during your period of office. Your successor may be assured that we shall do all that we can to maintain these close contacts, which we believe to be of great mutual benefit to both our countries.

On a more personal plane, I shall miss our contacts which I have greatly enjoyed. But you will always be sure of a warm welcome over here, whether you come in a personal or an official capacity. Meanwhile we send you our best wishes for whatever the future may hold.

Sincerely,

Richard

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Executive Secretary

December 17, 1976

Dear Wes,

Here's the picture you asked for--I'm flattered.
I was glad to hear from you.

Working at the CIA has been an enormous challenge.
I have stayed totally out of politics and will until
I finish my job on January 20th. What the future
holds, I don't know, but we should try to stay in
touch.

Thanks again for your thoughtful letter. Seasons
Best Greetings to you and yours.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

Mr. Wesley Tao
Wesley Tao and Associates, Inc.
617 South King Street
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
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December 10, 1976

PERSONAL !

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

Dear George:

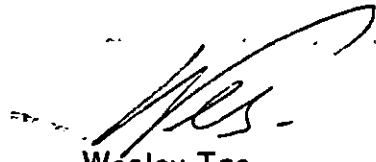
Our last correspondence was a little over a year ago while you were still in Peking. Your last letter indicated that the new job (Director of CIA) will be tough and controversial and you must remove yourself entirely from partisan politics. During the past year you have done just that. I have talked to many republican and democratic friends they all agreed that you have performed beautifully in a tough assignment.

Enclose herewith please find newspaper clipping, press release and a picture(I have ordered 8' by 10' prints will send one to you later.) You could imagine that I had been very busy for the past few months. Since you had announced your resignation from CIA, as a friend, I hope you will keep me in touch and let me know your future plans. I hope you will confident in my loyalty and capability, and I like to be one of the firsts on your wagon.

I have two pictures of yours on my wall, but I'd appreciate to have an official CIA pictures of yours. Please autograph and send to me.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Wesley Tao

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Mrs. Ford to appear in Olympia

First Lady Betty Ford will spend most of Friday campaigning for her husband in the Olympia area, the President Ford Committee announced today.

The presidential-campaign committee said Mrs. Ford is scheduled to arrive at Seattle-Tacoma Airport at 11 a.m., then motorcade to Olympia for a noon appearance in the Capitol Rotunda. There she will help kick off the nation-wide "People for Ford" campaign.

While in Olympia, Mrs. Ford also will meet with Gov. Dan Evans, state Ford campaign chairman, and Wesley Tao, chairman of the state People for Ford campaign.

Because legislators will be in Olympia for weekend meetings of legislative committees, the First Lady also is expected to meet with many of them.

Mrs. Ford is expected to leave Washington State in late afternoon from McChord Air Force Base. A spokesman for the local Ford committee said some thought has been given to an Eastern Washington appearance by Mrs. Ford, but added, "It's very doubtful at this time."

Mrs. John Spellman, wife of the G.O.P. candidate for governor, will travel with Mrs. Ford in the motorcade. Spellman is scheduled to be in Spokane Friday.

Phyllis

With warmest regards

To Dear George --



Washington State Organization

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Vice-chairman

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PRESS RELEASE

October 22, 1976

FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

(SEATTLE) - A National Citizens for Ford Committee was organized on October 14th in Washington D.C. by Democrats, Republicans and Independants. Wesley Tao, Washington State Chairman, People for Ford Committee was selected as Washington State Chairman, Citizens for Ford Committee. While in Washington D.C., Wesley Tao was invited by President Ford to the White House on October 15th. and discussed about the coming presidential election campaign in the Washington State.

Following are the officers of the "Citizens for Ford" Committee

National Co-Chairman:

Congresswoman - Edith Green
Ambassador - George Feldman
Mr. Dominic Dimaggio

National Executive Director

Mr. Charles F. Shearer

Washington State

Chairman - Wesley Tao
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President Ford Committee of Washington State

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December 13, 1976

Dear Willis,

I just can't tell you how much I appreciate your warm note. The last ten years have been enormously rewarding for me. But of all the jobs I have had, none can compare with this one. I realize it is controversial, but the CIA is a fantastic national asset and the people here are unparalleled in their dedication. I just wish you could have come here to see for yourself.

We will be returning to Texas in mid-February--to do what I don't know, but the future is beginning to look exciting.

I hope our paths cross often. Many thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Dr. Willis M. Tate
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas 75275

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WILLIS M. TATE

Dec. 7. 1976

Dear George:

This is just a tiny note of deep appreciation for your loyal and devout service to our country. Your willingness to accept the unlovely, tough, and thankless assignments has been an inspiration to us - and as you leave public service, I know you know the glow that comes from a hard job well done!

We trust that you and yours will have a happy holiday season -

Sincerely,
Willis

P.S. Come on back to Texas.

WILLIS M. TATE
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75275



Mr. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane, NW
Washington, D.C.

20016

December 3, 1976

Dear Harry,

Thanks ever so much for your thoughtful note of November 24th. I don't know what the future holds, but I can tell you this. My experience here at CIA has been the highlight of my varied life to date. It has been absolutely fantastic. The people here are wonderfully supportive, but more important they are dedicated patriots serving their country with an unparalleled unselfishness. I'm sure you know this.

Bar and I will probably be heading back to Texas, but whatever we do I hope the future holds some time for the Bushes to get together with you and Rikki.

Warmest regards, and thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,


George Bush

Mr. Henry J. Taylor
150 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021

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HENRY J. TAYLOR

150 EAST 69TH STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

November 24, 1976

*Desh
Dictate*

Dear George;

Rikki and I have just learned over the TV here that you are resigning as Director of the CIA on January 20th.

We simply cannot allow this to pass without congratulating you on all that you have meant to the splendid organization and without wishing you and dear Barbara well.

The CIA is going to miss you mightily and you are most certainly a hero in our book. Three cheers for a fine man. Your wonderful Dad would be so proud of you.

Rikki and I send you and Barbara our love and we only hope that this change will bring you back to New York so that we can see you often here.

As ever,

Harry

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

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24 November 1996

Dear Mr Bush

I am most sorry to learn of
your resignation.

Supporting you in some of your
various activities has been a rewarding
experience to me, and I will long
remember our association.

Respectfully
Jack Thomas

Thurmer

December 20, 1976

Dear Angus,

Thanks for your very thoughtful note. The gold badge will be mine on January 20th, but that doesn't mean I will lose interest. In fact, I would love to take you up on your offer for a look around that area--perhaps sometime next year.

I hated to turn in my resignation, but you, more than most, know the complexities of this job now and the fact that the DCI has got to have not only the confidence of the President, but access to the President. The President-Elect clearly wanted to put his own man in here and that is his prerogative.

Thanks for your kind words. I keep getting good reports as to how you are faring in Germany.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



George Bush

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December 6, 1976

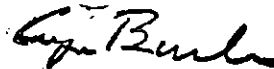
Dear Bruce,

Thanks so much for your most thoughtful letter of November 28th. It will be very hard for me to leave this place and the fantastic people here, but it is the President-Elect's right and privilege to put in his own man. So, I will be moving on.

Plans are indefinite as yet, but Barbara and I will probably be heading back to Texas in mid-February.

Thanks again for your warm words,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Bruce Truitt
1203 Arcadia
Austin, Texas 78757

1203 Arcadia
Austin, Texas 78757
November 28, 1976

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

Dear Director Bush:

I am writing the sort of letter that one should, perhaps, not write as such correspondence may be a violation of protocol. However, this seems to be one of those instances in which personal feelings and etiquette are at odds.

I just heard of your intention to resign as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and I am somewhat disappointed. This disappointment certainly does not lie with your decision since such actions are unavoidable in times of political changeovers. Rather, I am disheartened by the fact that such an action should be necessary on your part which implies, of course, that my real disenchantment lies with the American people for not doing the politically mature thing at the last election. If an individual can legitimately apologize for the actions of a group, I would like to do so here. It is indeed unfortunate that proven leaders such as you and Dr. Kissinger must be sacrificed on the altars of politics and preference. In my young opinion, the administration with which you have been associated has done more to unify the global community than any other in recent history. Nonetheless, as often occurs, experienced and dedicated men are often shelved by those whose rhetoric can convince the voters of collective conspiracy and of the reality of dreams that are, in fact, beyond the grasp of mortals in our time. The fact that the incoming administration will be costly, both in terms of dollars and time lost through lack of experience, is fairly beyond debate; it is indeed a shame that those who could minimize this cost are being cast aside or are being asked to violate their ethics and loyalties. Your choice under these circumstances was probably inevitable. I am convinced that your absence will create a leadership vacuum that will be hard to fill. Of course, I can never know all the causes as I can only know the product, not the process. This product saddens me to the extent that this letter was a necessity for me. Again, if I have overstepped my bounds, I do apologize. I hope you understand.

Thank you for taking the time to reply to my previous letter. Your remarks were quite valuable to me. Since that time I have found that several schools (including the University of Texas) offer joint degree programs in Law and International Affairs; this is the course I shall take. I shall take the

Law School Admissions Test on December 4th and shall subsequently apply to U. T., Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Georgetown, Michigan, and Virginia. I surely hope I am accepted to one of these schools. It seems as each week passes my commitment to international relations becomes stronger. At times, I feel like a sapling waiting for the springtime of its fruition. If you like, I shall keep you posted on the results of all this and I am anxiously awaiting the next step in your career.

I certainly hope that your clan is in good health and spirits and that you all had a pleasant and relaxing Thanksgiving. Please tell everyone hello from the two of us (soon to be three) and may you all enjoy the best of Christmases and the most productive of New Years.

Very truly yours,

Bruce E. Truitt

Bruce E. Truitt

January 13, 1977

Martin
Dear Mr. Tucker,

Thanks so much for your most thoughtful letter.

I have loved this job, but now it's time to go. The future is uncertain, yet exciting. We will be moving back to Houston in mid-February.

Thank you again for taking the time to send along your good wishes.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Best Ever
GB
Mr. Martin Tucker
1820 Cedar Elm Drive East
Arlington, Texas 76012

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Martin Tucker

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Dear Mr Bush

Remember me?

Sold the print shop 31 December 1970 and moved to Arlington
10 October 1973

Sunday 2 January We were iced in and couldn't get to church so
we had the opportunity to hear you on Face the Nation.

I still have 2 very special letters you sent to me during the
time we were working on the Senate campaign.

If you return to Houston perhaps we can have a brief visit
when Mrs Tucker and I spend a few days there at the end of
April.

Linda (Mrs John E) Dyson still lives at 102 Marrakech court
in Bellaire. Hope she will know how to locate you.

I wish to express appreciation to you for the faithful work
you have performed in government service. You have come thus
far with your integrity intact and this is especially satisfying
to me.

I am confident that you will have further opportunities to
serve in the government.

With kindest regards to bo you and Mrs Bush.

I remain

Cordially yours,



Personal



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

December 23, 1976

Dear Hunt,

Thanks for your note. I really appreciate your kind words.

I will be in Washington until mid-February and then will go right back to Houston. I am not pessimistic about the future of our country but, of course, enormous problems lie ahead. This agency is a tremendous national asset and I have loved every minute of this challenging and controversial job.

The best to you and yours for a prosperous '77.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Huntington M. Turner
45 East End Avenue
New York, New York 10028

Huntington M. Turner
45 East End Avenue
New York City 10028

December 10 - 1976

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Dear George:-

Just a note to tell you that you
have done a great job in representing your country
at the U.N. and as the U.S. envoy to the People's
Republic of China as well as Chief of the CIA and
I congratulate you and to tell you that all America
owes you a debt of gratitude.

I am sorry we lost the election and wonder
where we are going! I do admit that President elect
Carter seems to be a bit more concervative every day and
perhaps will not lead us down the same path --
our dear friend England took. I hope somebody
will put on the brakes.

What are your plans? They tell me
that Carter was greatly impressed by you.

Sincerely yours. Hunt.

Dear Ambassador Bush,

Much has been written of how, in spite of a short term, Mr. Ford saved the Presidency - or at least brought it back to honor in the eyes of the American people. There is a parallel here, for the same may also be said of you, and of your work with the Agency. May the New Year bring you the very best and, although it is highly unlikely, if the Verriers can ever be of any help - *dispa line!* Would ask 福 Season's Greetings *me favor* however, if 賀 Meilleurs Voeux *not too* much problem 賀 Felices Fiestas *would appreciate* a picture - 福 С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ *I think my* kids would 禧 สวัสดีปีใหม่ *be proud* to have it on our wall - *I know I would!*

Al & Rosita Verrier

Al Verrier
Regional Diplomatic Council Supervisor
B.R.D.C.O - U.S. Embassy
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December 3, 1976

Dear Ed,

Thanks for the lame duck. I have worn it already. The other night I had no cuff links so I used a paper clip on one cuff and the lame duck on the other. It worked very well.

I do appreciate your kind words about Sten Schreiber and David Laux and I will see that your words of praise are made a part of their official records.

I don't know what the future holds, but I do hope our paths cross "early and often." Barbara and I will probably be heading back to Houston sometime in February.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

The Honorable Edward O. Vetter
The Under Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230



THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

November 24, 1976

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

Dear George:

As the first announced departee of the Administration with a firm timetable, I want to install you in a completely not-for-profit organization recently organized in the kitchen of my home in Dallas, Texas. The organization in question is AHOLD,

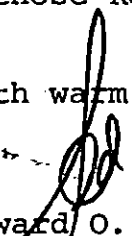
The Ancient and Honorable Order of Lame Ducks.

Your badge of office is enclosed.

Seriously, one of the great privileges of my short tenure in Washington has been the opportunity to renew acquaintances with you even though briefly. I have certainly been impressed with the professional quality that you have given to the Agency and have begun to build a great respect for your two men who support the Department of Commerce, Sten Schreiber and David Laux.

I hope that our paths will cross early and often. Indeed, I hope there will be a regular reunion of AHOLD. This country needs a strong and informed voice on public affairs aside from the Administration and those Republican members in Congress.

With warm regards,


Edward O. Vetter

Enclosure

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December 8, 1976

Dear Ann,

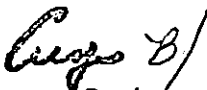
Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of November 30th.

I regret leaving this place and somehow have an "unfinished" feeling, but it is the President-Elect's right and privilege to put his own man here.

Future plans are indefinite but we will probably be heading back to Texas in February.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

Ms. Ann Cookman Walsh
Legislative Analyst
Crown Zellerbach
One Bush Street
San Francisco, California 94119

CrownZellerbach



November 30, 1976

K.
Thank
her

Dear George,

Will your fame never cease???? Two articles appeared in the morning papers here singing your praises and one even showing your dashing--and very intelligent--face to all! No doubt the raised hand is to ward off all our enemies?

Once again, congratulations on another very successful chapter in your career. Your record is admirable -- as the Chronicle and many other papers have noted-- and we send our wishes for the very best in your future pursuits.

Best to Barbara and the kids.

Sincerely,

Ann Cookman Walsh
Legislative Analyst

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"27 January 1977

"Dear Mr. Bush:

"It is learned that you will resign from the Directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency, U.S.A., due to the change of the Administration. During the term as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, you have gained remarkable achievements which have commanded my greatest respect. The intelligence cooperation between our two services have been well-founded under your untiring support. On behalf of all the intelligence agencies of the Republic of China, I wish to express to you my heartiest thanks.

"I am pleased to recall our happy meeting during my visit to your great country last year. Though more than half a year has elapsed, I can still sense the warmth and cordial hospitalities accorded me by you. It is my sincere hope that you could make a visit to the Republic of China some day so that I can reciprocate your hospitality in my country.

"With warmest regards and best wishes for your continued success,

"Sincerely yours,

WANG Yung-shu
Director, NSB,
Republic of China"

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December 16, 1976

Dear Cap,

What a thoughtful note. I have loved this job at CIA, much more than I ever dreamed possible. It is so different from the public perception.

But I leave now and I have an uneasy feeling of work unfinished. I don't know what the future holds, but I do know that I hope we get to see more of you and Jane in the future. Let's stay in touch. Thanks again.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Caspar W. Weinberger
Bechtel Corporation
Fifty Beale Street,
San Francisco, California 94105

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Caspar Willard Weinberger
Vice President and General Counsel

Bechtel Corporation

Engineers - Constructors
Fifty Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

December 6, 1976

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

Dear George:

I was really horrified to read of your decision to resign. You have done such a magnificent job of restoring morale and wide national respect for an agency that was in sore need of both when you took over, and I had read with increasing pleasure of the new President's happiness with your work that I sort of assumed you would be there for some time to come.

In any event I gathered some hint that this might not be the case when Jane reported that Barbara was already packing for Texas! I am sorry both for the agency and the country, but I do hope it will mean the beginning of a new chapter which will bring you back by means of high elective office or some other suitable position.

Congratulations again on a really great contribution not only at the CIA but in China and in restoring life to our poor minority party. You have achieved a great personal success, and after the sixth or seventh time one begins to suspect it is not a mere accident.

Incidentally, I greatly appreciated your arranging the appointment for Christine Helms. I think she would be a great credit to the agency, and I know she has a large interest indeed in the work you are doing.

Congratulations again and best wishes. We hope something will bring you this far west before too much longer so that we can have the pleasure of seeing you both.

Sincerely,



The Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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For Del file

Dear President Wessel,

Thank you for your letter of December 3 and for the friendly greetings and comments about my all too short visit to Germany last year.

I, too, have valued the cooperation between the Bundesnachrichtendienst and the Central Intelligence Agency, and I am certain that my successor will also come to share this view. The assurance of your continued cooperation is received by me and the CIA with great appreciation.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

General Gerhard Wessel
Den Präsident des Bundesnachrichtendienstes

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W. H. Wells
Deputy Director for Operations

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Dear Director Bush,

I am very sorry to learn that you have decided to resign your post as director of the Central Intelligence Agency on 20 January 1977. My hope that you would stay in office after the election of 3 November 1976 has thus been disappointed. This disappointment is all the greater as our first personal contact during your visit on 21 March 1976 had been very promising in every way both for me and the Bundesnachrichtendienst as well as for State Secretary Dr. Schüler.

However, as your decision seems to be final, it only remains for me to thank you very sincerely for the understanding you have shown in the cooperation between our two Services and for what you have done to strengthen this cooperation during your term of office. You may rest assured that I shall carry on this cooperation with your successor and I am convinced that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Bundesnachrichtendienst will continue to render valuable services to our countries.

Please accept all my best wishes for your future well-being and convey my compliments to Mrs. Bush.

Yours sincerely,

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3. Dezember 1976

Ihr Direktor Büsch!

Mit großem Bedauern habe ich Ihre Nachricht erhalten, daß Sie am 20. Januar 1977 von Ihrem Amt als Direktor der Central Intelligence Agency zurücktreten wollen. Meine Hoffnung, daß Sie auch nach der Wahl am 3. November 1976 in Ihrem Amte bleiben würden, hat sich somit leider nicht erfüllt - ich bedauere dies um so mehr als der erste persönliche Kontakt bei Ihrem Besuch am 21. März 1976 für mich und den Bundesnachrichtendienst ebenso wie für Herrn Staatssekretär Dr. Schüler in jeder Hinsicht so besonders positiv verlaufen war.

Nachdem Ihr Entschluß aber feststeht, bleibt mir nur, Ihnen für Ihr Verständnis in der Zusammenarbeit unserer Dienste und für die Vertiefung dieser Zusammenarbeit während Ihrer Amtszeit zu danken. Sie dürfen versichert sein, daß ich auch mit Ihrem Nachfolger diese Zusammenarbeit fortführen werde, und ich bin sicher, daß die Central Intelligence Agency ebenso wie der Bundesnachrichtendienst auch in Zukunft wertvolle Arbeit für unsere Länder leisten werden.

Please accept all my best wishes for your future well-being and convey my compliments to Mrs. Büsch.

*Yours sincerely
Johannes Hoffmann*

January 17, 1977

Dear Dave,

Thanks so much for your most thoughtful letter of January 7th. I have loved this job, but now it's time to go. The future is uncertain, but nevertheless exciting. One sure thing--we have purchased a house in Houston (5838 Indian Trail) and are very much looking forward to moving in around the middle of February.

I do hope our paths will cross once I get down there. Until then, thanks again for your kind words.

Sincerely,



George Bush

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January 7, 1977

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

Dear George:

As the transition date nears, I wanted to express my admiration once again for the service you have rendered to two Presidents and, more importantly, to your country. It is truly a privilege to count you as a friend.

As you make plans to move in new directions, I wish you and your family the very best.

If you're so inclined, hurry home. Houston misses you.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Dave
I. David Wheat, Jr.
Vice President

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From: LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR DAVID WILLISON, KCB, OBE, MC



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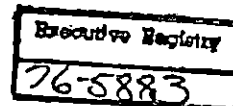
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Mr George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency



1 December, 1976

Dear George

I was much saddened to hear the announcement of your forthcoming resignation. I, and all of us in the Defence Intelligence Staff, have been filled with admiration at all you have done in the last year to give leadership and confidence both to CIA and to the US Intelligence Community. We, too, have felt much inspired by your interest in what goes on in our UK Community and in particular your kindness to this staff.

May I wish you all the best of good fortune in the future in whatever high office in your country you may be called upon to fulfil.

Yours sincerely
David Willison

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December 9, 1976

Dear Mr. Wolfson,

Just a quick note to thank you for your generous letter of December 3rd. I love this place and its fantastic people, but now it's time to go. Future plans are uncertain at this point, but in a way it's kind of exciting to be starting all over.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



George Bush

Mr. Mitchell Wolfson
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December 3, 1976

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Dear Mr. Wolfson

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

Dear George:

Just recently I read that you will be stepping down as head of the Central Intelligence Agency on January 20th when the new president is sworn in.

As you may know, I have followed for many years and with great admiration your exemplary career of public service. I believe the excellent job you have done is just one more shining example of your dedication to your country and I offer my heartiest and most sincere congratulations.

I certainly hope we may look forward to your continuing public service in some other capacity in the near future.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

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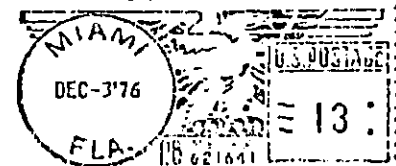
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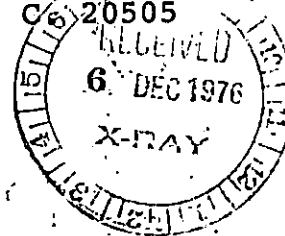
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The Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505



January 13, 1977

Dear Mr. Wunker,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I have really enjoyed my service here at CIA, but now it's time to go back to Texas. I will save some time for politics I imagine, but I am not sure about that.

I have had ten full and fascinating years of public service and now it's time to go home.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,



George Bush

Mr. Russ Wunker
Assistant to
William C. Scott, M.P.
Victoria-Haliburton
Canada



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

OTTAWA,
December 29, 1976

Mr. George Busch,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Dear Mr. Busch:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the service which you have rendered over the past number of years.

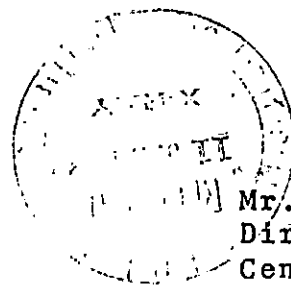
I have followed with interest your career for a number of years and specifically was impressed by your stand and manner of dealing with the difficult situation at the United Nations regarding the China question. As one who was pleased to be associated with the Republican Party for a number of years while living in the United States, I of course appreciate the work that you have done on behalf of the GOP.

I was pleased to learn of your appointment to the C.I.A. and can only wish that things had turned out differently in November. Aside from the politics of the situation, I feel that both the Agency and the country at large, are losing a good man and a capable public servant with your resignation.

Wishing you all the best in future endeavours.

Sincerely yours,

Russ Wunker,
Asst. to
William C. Scott, M.P.
Victoria-Haliburton



Mr. George Busch,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A.

William C. Scott M.P.

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December 17, 1976

Dear Norvel,

Thank you for sending me the Thimmesch clipping and thanks for your good letter.

I wish I could give you some constructive suggestions about going to the People's Republic of China, but the situation has not changed at all. If you have a group of educators who want to go, you should contact the People's Republic of China Liaison Office and then when you come back here get directly in touch with them. There is no substitute for personal contact. If some of the group know people in China or at any of the Chinese Embassies, I also think it is worth contacting them. But the situation is still difficult. It might not hurt to contact Harry Thayer at the China Desk in the State Department. Harry was my deputy in Peking, and he is much more closely attuned to these problems now than I am.

Warm best wishes for a Happy Holiday.

Sincerely yours,


George Bush

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Mr. George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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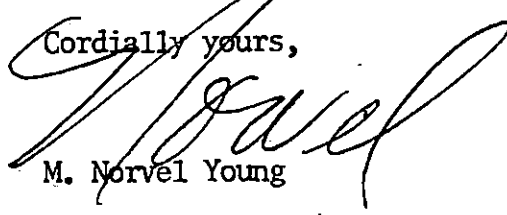
Dear George:

Congratulations on your fine performance. I am sending you a copy of the syndicated article by Nick Thimmesch which appeared in our Santa Monica EVENING OUTLOOK. Bill would like to join with me in wishing you the very best. We hope you will visit us here at Pepperdine in the near future.

We are still interested in going into mainland China with a group of educators. Do you have any suggestions as to how we could proceed? It would be appreciated.

Pepperdine is moving ahead. On February 9 we are to have Dr. Milton Friedman to speak. We would love to have you as our guest at the Beverly Wilshire. Best wishes.

Cordially yours,


M. Norvel Young

Bush Deserves Praise For CIA Performance

By NICK THIMMESCH

WASHINGTON — During his confirmation hearings, George Bush was thumbed down by some liberal Democrats as being too political for the CIA director's job, and now, this able, versatile man is high-minded enough to announce his resignation early so his successor can be installed that much sooner.

Bush's decision should make those worrywart senators eat crow, humble pie, peanuts or whatever politicians are supposed to eat these days to admit they were wrong. One year ago, Sens. Frank Church, Patrick J. Leahy and Gary Hart, sitting in judgment, praised Bush but didn't trust him.

The Senate finally confirmed Bush in January (64-27), and he has made himself a good record as CIA director. Nary a peep out of Church & Co. Bush kept a low profile and performed well. Then, on Nov. 20, he had a six-hour meeting with Jimmy Carter which went well enough that the speculators — and this town is rife with them — wondered if Carter might keep Bush on.

Bush put that one down by resigning, effective Jan. 20, 1977. "I wanted to clear the air," he told me in his office. "I am damned sure that this position must be filled soon. This gives Mr. Carter more time to make his selection. Access and confidence

in the director, by Congress, are more important than ever."

Bush took over the CIA just after it had gone through 18 months of investigation, and it was hardly a candidate for a government Academy Award. President Ford's executive order to reorganize this agency, making it more responsible to Congress, was new. Agency morale was only fair, and some congressmen still had their knives out.

The reorganization is not fully implemented, but morale is better at the CIA since Bush took over. Congressional confidence has been largely restored. In fact, there are so many congressional oversight committees now dealing with the CIA that in themselves they are a complicated as the celebrated agency.

"It would be best," Bush says, "to have one joint congressional oversight committee, or at the most one for the House and one for the Senate." Spoken like a man who served in Congress, and the executive branch, and appreciates how cluttered committees and the bureaucracy can get.

Bush claims there is no problem recruiting young people for the CIA, even for covert and clandestine activities section (which account for 2 per cent of the CIA's action). The CIA is even welcome on campuses again, he says.

The agency had a rough time maintaining its liaison with security agencies of other nations during the Watergate period, but Bush says, "They still look to the CIA as the strongest and best intelligence agency in the world. Some countries worried what all the disclosures would do to our relationship with them. They are not culturally adjusted to the way we must operate in the sunshine."

"The Soviets capitalized on some anti-CIA publicity and even blamed us for the Legionnaire's disease. But I am sure they are grateful to learn what their wheat crop is going to be after our economic intelligence unit makes an estimate far more accurate than theirs."

Bush became chairman of the GOP in late 1972, which was bad luck for him because the Watergate scandal broke a few months later. But he had endured difficulty before as ambassador to the United Nations, U.S. representative in Peking and as a Republican in Texas. He was an amiable and fair-minded man in all these roles.

Still, during the confirmation hearings, Sen. Leahy wondered whether Bush, as a Republican partisan, would be strong enough to tell the President "that he is wrong, if that becomes necessary." Leahy said he was more troubled by the Bush appointment than any he had considered as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

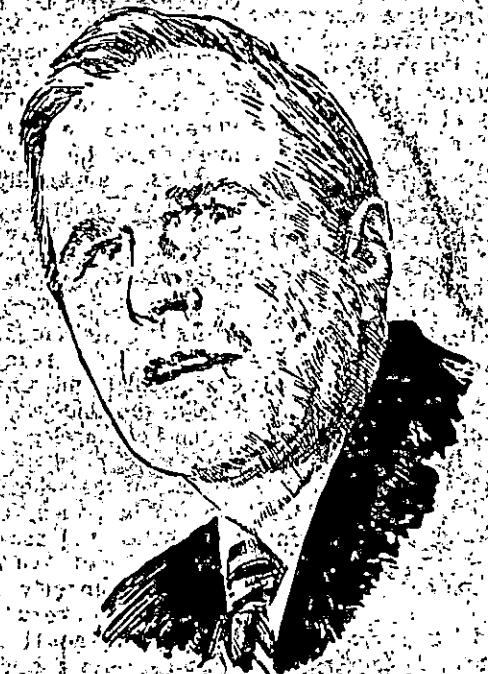
It was Sen. Frank Church who went on the longest against Bush. He found the appointment "ill advised" and "astonishing," and implored the committee "not to make a travesty of our efforts to reform the CIA." Though Bush was not aspiring for the vice presidency, Church and other Democrats perceived he might, and Church said, "It is wrong for him to want both positions even in a Bicentennial year."

Church leaned on the words of columnists to make his stand against Bush. At one point he quoted a George Will column laying out a scenario where the CIA would be used to make an administration look good during a presidential election. Church agreed with Will's conclusion that George Bush at the CIA would be "the wrong kind of guy at the wrong place at the worst possible time."

Tut, tut. All these gents were seeing Watergate goblins. Sen. Leahy's sleep could not have been disturbed by thoughts of Bush's work at the CIA. If the Senate doesn't do its job on reforming the CIA, Sen. Church should know it wasn't Bush's fault, but perhaps the cozy relationship some "old boys" in Washington have with "old boy" senators. And George Will's theorizing appears trivial when one looks back at the actual factors at work in the 1976 presidential election.

he was walled at the president "was a budget" in retaliation for a on the air.

Schlesinger is quoted as saying he concerned about the facts, just about the paranoia of two very sick people, the president and Kissinger. Zumwalt says Schlesinger added, "Frankly, I am not sure my own tenure will last much longer." As events turned out, he survived Nixon but not Ford. From all the above, Mr. Carter could well conclude that, regardless of Schlesinger's ability, he seems to be a problem for a president, to say nothing of the State Department and the National Security Council.



GEORGE BUSH

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HUGO ZANELLI & CO.

January 5, 1977

Mr. George Bush
5838 Indian Trail
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Bush;

I had great hopes to see you at the White House in 1977. It didn't happen, but I have a feeling that sooner or later you may be where you belong.

In the meantime I assume that after leaving your position with the present Administration you will probably engage in some interesting business venture.

In this regard I would like to have the opportunity to visit with you briefly to find out from you if you would be interested in taking me under your wing for the specific purpose of developing my International Trade Business.

For the last two years I have been engaged in International Commerce primarily in Mexico, Brazil and the Middle East thru agents in London and Hamburg.

I believe that our government will, in the near future authorize trade with China in which case the mention of your name would be a great asset when tackling the chinese market.

I would not require from you any financial assistance only the benefit of your contacts and business experience which I feel confident should generate an attractive source of revenue for both of us.

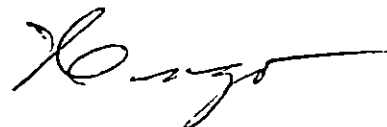
Last year, operating in a very modest fashion my billing to customers bearily exceeded One Million Dollars. My projection at this time is to triple this amount in 1977.

I believe that with your help a very substantial business could be developed.

In addition to this I still believe that my "Energy Project" which I could not get passed the Director of Correspondence at the White House has some merit and I would like to present it to you for your evaluation.

It would be great to be associated with you even if it is in a very small way.

Best of luck in the days to come.



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