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RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA
30 May 1976

8:00 a.m.	Depart for Ashland, Virginia
10:00	Arrive Peele Hall (don cap and gown)
11:00	Commencement Exercise -- gym
12:00 Noon	Lunch on the library lawn
1:45	Return to Washington

Mr. Bush, Mrs. Bush, Mr. Mayo

Telephone contact number for Mr. Bush while at Randolph-Macon College: (804) 798-8375 or (804) 798-8376.

PET SHOW

Pres White - 1840s laws

Methodist but
reminds me of Bayport - use me hard.

~~Pres~~

Wethers - after 1.5 hrs
industry - your
agree when

I want to speak to you -- briefly, you'll be happy
to hear -- about credibility and commitment.

To be believed you really should be committed. To
be committed you must really believe.

MICHAEL
Llewellyn

I am worried about the credibility and the commitment
of our country as seen through the eyes of foreign countries,
friend and foe alike.

MALE
GOATS
BUTT
HEADS
TOGETHER

You see, I am convinced that many countries are looking
at the USA, and they are trying to decide where we're at.

HAPPENS
A LOT IN
DC. BUT

Let's start at the beginning. We need an assumption.

I DIDN'T
KNOW IT
I HAD A THING
TO DO W/
WATING
SEASON

Assumed, we have the best system of government in the
world. There are inequities, no argument on that point,
but there are comparatively few; and compared to any other
system, we enjoy freedom -- much more freedom than most
countries have.

We have existed for 200 years. We have stability, and
all through our history we have had a commitment to freedom --

freedom of speech, of religion, of enterprise. 54 years after
the birth of this nation (1830) this College was founded R.M.
Christmas 1974 I was in China. I had only been there symbolized

a couple of months, but already the enormous differences
between our systems had been brought dramatically and
very personally home to me.

both
freedom
of education
and freedom
of religion

China has done a great job in bringing minimal health
care to hundreds of millions of people, and a great job in

containing crime, and in providing basic clothing and basic food to the masses; but they have paid an enormous price, at least by our standards, and that price is "freedom."

A radical group, visiting China, came to our house for Christmas Eve. They were travelling in China, staying at the hotel, and I thought it would be nice for them to hear some Christmas carols and be on the closest thing in China to U.S. turf.

I was moved by the strolling British carolers who had come by the U.S. Liaison Office, and I made a comment about "Aren't we lucky to be a free country."

One of the visitors spoke up and said, "We have no freedom in our country. We should emulate this system in

China..." *It was more the freedom in our country that permitted them to protest, to travel, to demonstrate, to work, to study Marxism or whatever else they wanted - were denied. but continued to think about the exchange.*
and yet all they could see was the accomplishments of China - they were blind to the

On the plus side, to be fair, China has done a remarkable job. Since what the Chinese refer to as "the liberation," *lack of freedom as we know it* they have made unbelievable strides. I was continually impressed by their sense of pride and their sense of commitment -- their dedication to the principles of Chairman Mao and their commitment to the revolution.

On the minus side, they dare not deviate from the approved line. They have no free press. They have initiative, but it must be channeled into the course dictated by the state.

They are not free to worship. They cannot choose their career. They cannot even choose if they want to get a higher

education. They are inhibited from marrying when they want to. Someone else, somewhere else makes these kinds of decisions.

But China is committed, and it is credible.

Incidentally, the Chinese put great trust in one's word of honor from a foreign relations standpoint.

Okay -- committed and credible; but they look at us today, and I really wonder what they think.

I think they respect our country. I know that individually there is little, if any, hostility to Americans in Peking.

China sees us as a strong country, rich in resources, with a military might unsurpassed in the world. I'm not sure they know enough about our system to give us credit for the diversity that marks our system, or to envy us our freedoms.

I do feel they understand our importance as a world power.

They know our system is different, and they feel that our relationship should be built on our self interest and theirs.

A lot of people speculated at the time of former President Nixon's recent trip to China. Why? Why the trip? Why Nixon? The answer was not related to the domestic political scene in the U.S., or to China's hope that we'd make dramatic policy changes. It was related to the fact

that Mr. Nixon told the Chinese when he took his historic trip, "I come in the self interest of my country."

To the Chinese this was commitment, and it was very credible.

Yes, China sees our importance as a world power. For their "self interest" they want a good relationship, but let's face it, they are asking themselves -- "Is the USA, after 200 years of democracy, or freedom, or whatever one calls our magnificent system -- is the USA committed? Do the people still believe? Do they believe enough to sacrifice for themselves, to say nothing of sacrificing for others."

They are asking the right questions. Many other countries are asking the same questions. These are questions that all of us should ask.

In my new job, I see lots of information on various countries. From this it is easy to conclude that China is a committed nation and that the USSR is a committed nation. I am not saying there is no dissent, but because of the way in which they establish leadership and stifle dissent, it doesn't matter much.

They are committed to world socialism, if you will. You and I should neither doubt that nor underestimate that.

But they look at us and they wonder about our commitment to democracy, or put it this way -- our commitment to oppose the export of communism or, in the example I want to use, the export of Russian hegemony.

The administration made a commitment to the Roberto and Savimbi factions in Angola just as Cuba and Russia made a commitment to the MPLA in Angola. Our commitment proved to be a commitment without credibility. Theirs was credible.

You might say, "So what, we stayed out; we didn't get involved in another Vietnam." True, but here's the problem: I saw an African leader ^{a few} ~~two~~ ^{ago} weeks. He used this example: you are walking down the street. You're a little man with a big guy as your friend. Another big guy comes along and says to you, "Come with me; you cannot trust your big friend." Then you have a fight with another person and the big friend does not stand up for you, so you go over to the other big guy for help. And then one other little guy over there, not ^{observes the outcome knows it is almost impossible to stay} in the fight ^{isolated are} - he says, "Which one can I trust?"

He turned to me and said, "You, sir, know the answer." This man, representing a long-time African ally committed to freedom but too weak to preserve it alone, asked the key question.

Angola hurt us some in Africa, but it hurt elsewhere, too.

Japan, a jillion miles away from Angola, wonders, will we stand firm.

China, concerned about Soviet troops on her northern border, sees a strong NATO confronting the USSR in the west

as vital to China's interest, and she wonders.

Our Asian allies in Southeast Asia say, "They didn't keep that commitment. Will they keep a commitment to help us stay free?"

Our NATO allies themselves hear talk about isolation and withdrawal. They don't doubt the Soviets' commitment to Eastern Europe's domination -- and they wonder -- will the U.S. stay committed, credibly, to Western Europe's freedom?

It is a worldwide problem. I am not suggesting we be dedicated to intervention. Nor am I suggesting we must export our system to other countries. I am saying that we have obligations to countries that want to be free.

We are a world power, and we properly have worldwide obligations.

And so what does this all have to do with your graduation?

It gets us to the point where you get the free advice.

Our freedom I have been referring to gives you the right to tune it out -- I recognize that, but here it is:

First, as you leave here, don't give up your interest in learning. Study beyond the confines of your ^{immediate} job. Use the ~~education~~ ^{education you have wanted to attain}

Second, expand your interest to include a comparative look at the world. You'll see plenty of stories criticizing our country, our institutions, our leaders; and that is okay but -- just as the ^{woman} ~~she~~ when asked "How's your ^{husband} ~~husband~~"

MICHAEL
L. LEWELYN
talked
about the
SPIRIT
of
learning

responded "Compared to whom?" -- you ask "Okay, we've got problems here. But how are we doing compared to others?"

If you conclude we're doing pretty well, then make a commitment. A commitment to participate in public affairs, a commitment to help in your community, a commitment to do something for someone else, *a commitment to do more than sit on the sidelines and criticize* A commitment, if you want, that *our* De Tocqueville understood when he wrote: "The greatness of *remarkable* America lies not in being more enlightened than any other *country.* nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults."

Lastly, save some time for contemplating our role in the world. For studying the realities we face. For understanding that because of our position in world leadership, what we do here shapes the destiny of many peoples all over the world. And then for doing something that will help make our commitment to freedom credible.

In these days of cynicism, there is an obvious question -- how many feel as strongly as Horace Mann did when he said, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

Answer -- I think you do; I know you must.

Thank you very much.

January 15, 1976

Appeared

Dear President White:

I am looking forward to being with you on May 30th.
I will be there in plenty of time for the 11:00
graduation exercises. It may not be possible to
get down the night before.

In any event, I am delighted that the Senior Class
expressed an interest in having me give the gradua-
tion speech and I am honored by your invitation.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. Luther W. White, III
President
Randolph-Macon College
Ashland, Virginia 23005

GB:rs

bcc: Rose Zamaria, c/o Congresswoman Shirley Pettis,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

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RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 8, 1976

The Hon. George Bush
The White House Executive Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush:

Cordial greetings from Randolph-Macon College, now in its 143rd session. We were founded in 1830 by the Methodist people and continue to be proudly related to that denomination. During all of those decades the college has concentrated on and excelled in the liberal arts, and we now have 810 students enrolled in our demanding program. We are coeducational but our student population is predominantly male. A majority of them reside in Virginia, but thirty other States and seven other countries are represented.

During the Fall, our Senior Class met to express itself as to its preference for its Graduation speaker on Sunday, May 30, 1976, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. As your young friend Vincent Zamaria has told you, ~~you were the Class'~~ preference, and I was delighted when Vince told me of his invitation to you and your acceptance. I am pleased now to extend my own invitation to you and Mrs. Bush for the occasion on May 30, and to address our students on this important occasion in their lives. Mrs. White and I hope you will be able to come down the evening before and be guests in our home during your stay here. We will be talking to you further about this as the time approaches.

We are watching with great interest for your confirmation to the new duties which the President has called you to, and I extend the best wishes from the entire Randolph-Macon College family.

Sincerely yours,

Luther W. White, III
President

LWW:kd



RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

P E R S O N A L

March 30, 1976

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

Greetings from Randolph-Macon and from me personally. As we head into the last two months of our 143rd session here, we want to say that we look forward with great anticipation to having you give our commencement address on Sunday May 30, at 11:00 a.m. Thank you for your letter of January 15, confirming that you had in fact accepted our oral invitation, transmitted through Vince Zamaria.

As the time approaches, we will want to renew our invitation to you and to Mrs. Bush, to be our overnight guests.

Our Senior Class is greatly honored that you have accepted their invitation, and they would want me to express to you their gratitude and also their hope for success in your important assignment for the country.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Luther W. White, III
President

LWW:kd



RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Kover

~~1. Our Commitment~~

1. Our Commitment After
200 years.

April 29, 1976

2. send

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

We here at Randolph-Macon College are delighted that you are going to give our commencement address on Sunday, May 30, at 11 a.m.; and I would appreciate very much your sending me at your earliest convenience, for printing purposes, the topic of your address. 1

With appreciation and all good wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

C. W. Gibson, Jr.

C. W. Gibson, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Assemblies and
Special Events

CWGJr/al

P. S. Also biographical material and two glossy prints. 2

Sent to Mr. C. W. Gibson, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on
Assemblies and Special Events
Randolph-Macon College
Ashland, Virginia 23005

4 May 1976

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Attached are two glossy photos
and the biographical sketch on Mr. Bush
which you requested in your letter of
April 29th.

Mr. Bush's topic for his address
is, "Our Commitment After 200 Years."

Sincerely,

LS/

Karen G. Tillotson
Secretary to Mr. Bush

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21 May 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Patricia Taylor
Office of the Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT : Background Information on Randolph-
Macon College for your May 30 Appearance

Randolph-Macon is a small (785 students) coeducational liberal arts college. It was founded in 1830 by the Methodist Church and is the oldest Methodist College in America. It is no longer church-owned, but maintains strong ties to the church. It was originally located in Boydton, Virginia to serve both North Carolina and Virginia. After the War Between the States (Civil War is not in fashion apparently -- at least to judge by the catalog), it was moved to Ashland which is more easily accessible.

Nineteen academic majors are offered in four basic curricular areas: Arts and Letters; History, Religious Studies, and Philosophy; Social Science; and Mathematics and Natural Science. Scholastic excellence is emphasized, and each student is expected to participate in a month-long colloquy each January.

You had understandably thought you were going to Lynchburg, Virginia. You thought that because Lynchburg is the site of the Randolph-Macon College for Women which was once associated with the Randolph-Macon College at Ashland. Until 1971 the Ashland school was all male, and apparently the biggest event in the school's history since the War Between the States was the decision to admit women.

Please note that Hanover County is Patrick Henry country. He was born and reared in the county, and it is a matter of great local pride.

Also note, John Randolph and Nathaniel Macon were two statesmen from Virginia and North Carolina respectively.

Pat Taylor
Patricia Taylor

1830
1786

MR. Bush

RANDOLPH MACON

COLLEGE

Commencement

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

May 29 - 8:00 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE

Blackwell Auditorium

May 29 - 8:45 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES

Frank E. Brown Fountain Plaza

May 30 - 11:00 a.m.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Crenshaw Gymnasium

May 30 - 12:00 noon

LUNCHEON*

Walter Hines Page Library Grounds

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*In case of inclement weather, luncheon will be in Alumni Gymnasium.

The cover design is by Professor James Scanlon, Department of History. During Commencement Weekend, guests are invited to view examples of Randolph-Macon College commencement programs ranging from 1854 to 1974 in the Walter Hines Page Library.

Rest room facilities are located in the following buildings: Peele Hall, Blackwell Auditorium, Fox Hall, Haley Hall, Moreland Hall, New Dormitory, Crenshaw Gymnasium, Walter Hines Page Library, and the Frank E. Brown Campus Center.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

eight o'clock

Blackwell Auditorium

(The service will proceed without announcement.)

THE PRELUDE

Adagio Cantabile
Passacaglia Suite No. 7

Beethoven
Handel

THE SUMMONS TO WORSHIP

*THE PROCESSIONAL

Psalm XIX
Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Marcello
Goss

*THE INVOCATION

The Chaplain

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light: Refrain.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain.

For thy church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love: Refrain.

For thyself, best Gift Divine!
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Refrain.
Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

selected passages

President Luther W. White, III

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

read responsively

David Bertram Anthony

President of the Student Government Association

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
Blessed are those who mourn,
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.
Blessed are the meek,
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED.
Blessed are the merciful,
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE SERMON

Thou Shalt Make Live

Chaplain C. W. Gibson, Jr.

THE UNISON PRAYER

GOD OF THE AGES, BY WHOSE HAND THROUGH
YEARS LONG PAST OUR LIVES WERE LED, GIVE US
NEW COURAGE NOW TO STAND, NEW FAITH TO FIND
THE PATHS AHEAD. THOU ART THE THOUGHT
BEYOND ALL THOUGHT, THE GIFT BEYOND OUR
UTMOST PRAYER; NO FARTHEST REACH WHERE
THOU ART NOT, NO HEIGHT BUT WE MAY FIND THEE
THERE. FORGIVE OUR WAVERING TRUST IN THEE,
OUR WILD ALARMS, OUR TREMBLING FEARS; IN THY
STRONG HAND ETERNALLY RESTS THE UNFOLDING
OF THE YEARS. THOUGH THERE BE DARK,
UNCHARTED SPACE, WITH WORLDS ON WORLDS
BEYOND OUR SIGHT, STILL MAY WE TRUST THY
LOVE AND GRACE, AND WAIT THY WORD, LET THERE
BE LIFE. AMEN.

*THE HYMN

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound, his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight;
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy spirit,,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say;
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.
Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to
shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up
His countenance upon you and give you peace; both now and
evermore. May the love of God live in you and be expressed
through you to others. Amen.

*THE RECESSIONAL

Postlude in G Major

Handel

POSTLUDE

President Adams Grand March

Damish

....
Mrs. J. Roddey Jones, Pianist

Wade J. Temple, Faculty Marshal

Ritchie D. Watson, Jr., Faculty Marshal

Donal Lee McClamroch, Junior Marshal

Cathy Ann Jones, Student Marshal

George Naff Fray, Jr., Student Marshal

Bruce Edward Washington, Student Marshal

During the Commencement Weekend, guests are invited to see the art exhibit in the Campus Center by Randolph-Macon students of John Temple Witt, sculptor, and John D. Morgan, artist-in-residence. Also, visitors will want to see the portrait of George Washington, Nicolai Fechin's portraits of Ambassador and Mrs. J. Rives Childs, and Jo Davidson's bronze bust of Walter Hines Page in the library.

*The congregation stands.

*****The ushers may seat those waiting.

THE GRADUATION EXERCISES

eleven o'clock

Crenshaw Gymnasium

THE PRELUDE *Fanfare* Joshua Missal

THE PROCESSIONAL March from *Sigurd Josalfar* Grieg-Ward

*THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshals

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science Degree

Candidate for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science

Marshals

President Emeritus Jesse Earl Moreland

Members of the Faculty

The Chaplain, Reverend Clarence William Gibson, Jr.

The Registrar, Robert Lee Hopkins, Jr.

Dean Howard Eckert Davis

The Valedictorian

Mr. George H. W. Bush

President Luther Wesley White, III

*THE INVOCATION

The Chaplain

*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Audience

THE ROTC COMMISSIONING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The David Trent Prize in English

The Hall Canter Memorial Award in Chemistry

The Smithey Mathematics Medal

The Noble R. McEwen Award

The T. McN. Simpson, Jr., Scholarship Award

The H. W. Murray Medal for Scholarship

THE CONFERRING OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

THE CONFERRING OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

THE VALEDICTORY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President White

THE ADDRESS

"Our Commitments After 200 Years"

Mr. George H. W. Bush

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

*THE ALMA MATER

The Audience

Bowered midst its oaks and maples,

Beautiful to view,

Stands our noble Alma Mater,

Randolph-Macon, true.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward;

Ne'er let praises fail!

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,

Randolph-Macon hail!

*THE BENEDICTION

The Chaplain

*THE RECESSIONAL

March from *Scipio*

Handel

.....

Brass Ensemble
R. D. Ward, directing

*The audience stands.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

After each candidate's name will be found his major field of study. Graduates with honors are given the special recognition of having their degrees granted first. These graduates have earned at least a 3.5 quality point ratio of a possible 4.0 on all courses attempted, and have been recommended for the recognition by their major departments and by the Curriculum Committee of the College.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
WITH HONORS

INGRID KIMBERLEE CHUCKER	Psychology
Clifton Forge, Virginia	
DENNIS JOHN HOOVER	History
Ellicott City, Maryland	
JO ANNE LEWIS	Political Science
Chesterfield, Virginia	
DEBRA KATHLEEN MILLER	Psychology
Bridgewater, Virginia	
THOMAS LEAKE MILLNER	Greek
Newport News, Virginia	
MARK FRANCIS MULLER	English
Manhasset, New York	
ADRIAN JOSEPH O'CONNOR	History
Lexington, Virginia	
CECIL CARLILE POWELL, III	History
Baltimore, Maryland	
BARBARA DALE SHELBURNE	English
Richmond, Virginia	
BARBARA MAY STECKLEY	French
Arlington, Virginia	
EDWARD MONROE THOMPSON	English
Frederick, Maryland	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
WITH HONORS

ERIC STEWART BINDEWALD	Chemistry
Boca Raton, Florida	
LEA PURDUM DAVIES	Mathematics
Culpeper, Virginia	

CHARLES PAGE HATCHER	Biology
Neptune Beach, Florida	
MARY ANN HOLLIS	Biology
Seaford, Delaware	
MICHAEL LEE LEWALLEN	Biology
Newport News, Virginia	
RICHARD KENT LITTLETON	Chemistry
Virginia Beach, Virginia	
JOHN EDWARD SPENCE	Biology
Portsmouth, Virginia	
DEBORAH JEAN WOOLARD	Biology
Richmond, Virginia	

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BRIAN CLIFTON ADAMS	English
Richmond, Virginia	
ROBERT RIDDICK ALLEN, III	English
Suffolk, Virginia	
RICHARD BANKS ANDERSON, JR.	Economics
Arlington, Virginia	
RICHARD LEWIS ANGEL	Sociology
Manchester, Connecticut	
DAVID BERTRAM ANTHONY	History
Richmond, Virginia	
BRUCE EDWIN ARKEMA	Political Science
Prospect Park, New Jersey	
PATRICIA CRAIG ARKEMA	English/Art
Stony Brook, New York	
PATRICIA MARY ARNETT	Political Science
Montvale, New Jersey	
SUSAN KNIGHT ARTHUR	Psychology
Winchester, Virginia	
MICHAEL DAVID AUSTIN	Political Science
Virginia Beach, Virginia	
PETER MADISON AXSON, III	Biology
Chesapeake, Virginia	
JOHN ASA BANKS, III	Economics
Ashland, Virginia	
RICHARD JAMES BELL	Psychology
Fairfield, Connecticut	
BRIAN CARTER BERGER	Biology
Richmond, Virginia	
VICKIE LEE BLY	Biology
Fredericksburg, Virginia	



RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 31, 1976

1) wrote by
hand.
2) returned
6-2-76
GB

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

Old heads here are describing Randolph-Macon's 144th Graduation as "the finest ever," and they are rightly crediting your presence and your address as the reason for it. All of us here - faculty, staff, and students - join in expressing our deep gratitude to you and Mrs. Bush for being with us and for giving yourselves so generously to us. Let me express the hope that it will be the beginning of a fine relationship for you with our old college.

We hope you will find it possible to accept an honorarium of \$1,000, check for which on the college is enclosed. We would be pleased for you to have this token of our gratitude.

Our best wishes to you in your difficult assignment, and the kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Bush, in which Patricia would want to join me.

Sincerely,

Luther W. White, III
President

LWW:kd

Enclosure



RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

PERSONAL

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 4, 1976

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

Dear George:

Your gracious note of June 2, is greatly appreciated, and I acknowledge receipt of the check which we had tendered as an honorarium and which you had voided. Thank you for your very generous spirit about the whole thing.

Incidentally, I ran across Tennant Bryan in the Atlanta airport yesterday, and he told me he had sent you clippings about your appearance in the Richmond papers. We thought the coverage of your speech was appropriate and, happily, accurate.

Again, my thanks to you and Barbara, and with our kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Luther W. White, III'.

Luther W. White, III
President

LWW:kd

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June 4, 1976

Dear Chaplain Gibson,

What a very thoughtful note. I really did enjoy being on your campus. Barbara and I were most impressed with what we saw there.

It was a pleasure meeting you.
Thanks again for your kind words.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

C. W. Gibson, Jr., Chaplain
Chairman, Committee on Assemblies
and Special Events
Randolph-Macon College
Ashland, Virginia 23005

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

Dear Mr. Bush:

It was a very special pleasure to have you and Mrs. Bush on our campus Sunday, and we all appreciate your taking the time to come to our College and for preparing such a thoughtful and provocative address. We hope you and your wife had as nice a day as you made for us, and we will continue to follow your career with deep interest. It is indeed helpful to my own personal commitment to our government to hear men of brilliance and charisma such as I observe in you and my good friend Elliot Richardson. I find myself projecting you into all sorts of places in Washington. Anyway, you have been very gracious to us here at Randolph-Macon, and we are very much in your debt.

I hope you and your lovely wife and family have a very pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

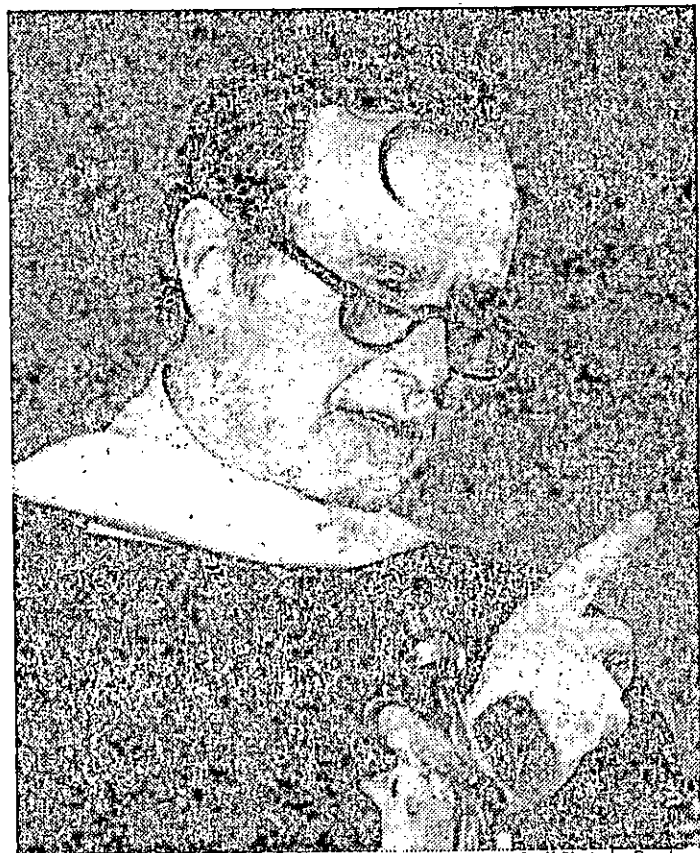
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CIA Chief Urges 'Freedom Commitment'



GEORGE H.W. BUSH ADDRESSING R-MC GRADUATES
'Do the People Still Believe...Enough?'

Staff Photo by Don Long

The director of the Central Intelligence Agency has told Randolph-Macon College graduates he is concerned about the credibility of the United States and urged them to make a "commitment to freedom."

George H.W. Bush said in yesterday's commencement speech in Ashland that he is "worried about the credibility of the United States as seen through foreign countries."

"They're trying to decide where we're at," he said.

Bush, who was special envoy to China before President Ford appointed him to head the CIA, said China is "committed" and "credible."

"But they look at us and I really wonder ... I wonder what they think of the United States," Bush said.

China and other countries are asking whether the United States is committed and whether the people still believe enough to sacrifice, Bush said. They wonder about the United States' commitment to "oppose the export of communism," he continued.

He said he was not suggesting

that America export its system but said it has an obligation to countries that want to be free.

"As you leave here, don't give up your interest in learning" Bush told the more than 160-member class. "Expand your interests to include a comparative look at the world."

"We've got problems here but how are we compared to the other 154 countries around the world?"

He said he hoped the graduates would make a "commitment to do more than sit on the sidelines and criticize" this country and would make a "commitment to freedom."

During the commencement exercises in the college's Crenshaw Gymnasium, awards and honors were presented to six students and one honorary degree was conferred.

The H.W. Murray Medal for Scholarship went to Michael Lee Lewallen of Newport News, who delivered the valedictory address.

Other students honored were Timothy Hurst Justice of Newport News, the David Trent Prize in English; Richard Kent Littleton of Virginia Beach, the Hall Center Memorial Award in Chemistry; Lea Purdum

Davies of Culpeper, the Smithey Mathematics Medal; Ingrid Kimberlee Chucker of Clifton Forge, the Noble R. McEwen Award, and Steven Oliver Owens of Ashland, the T. McN. Simpson Jr. Scholarship Award.

Dr. George Daniels Watkins received an honorary doctor of science degree. Dr. Watkins is a Sherman Fairchild professor of solid-state studies in the physics department of Lehigh University and a graduate of Randolph-Macon.

The following Richmond area students received bachelor of arts degrees:

Jo Anne Lewis (Chesterfield), Barbara Dale Shelburne, Brian Clifton Adams, David Bertram Anthony, John Asa Banks III (Ashland), Brian Carter Berger, Barry Bowman Gabay and Bruce Patrick Gancy (Mechanicsville).

Also, Michele Clarice Garrigan, Mark Stephen Giragosian (Glen Allen), Terry Patrick Guidt (Sandston), Stephen Cary Hundley, Sharon Pope James (Mechanicsville), Elizabeth Anne Jonas (Chester), Gladys Romaine Patterson (Ashland), Jay Gentry Plummer, Elvin Gerry Smith (Ruther Glen), and Sharon Wayne Woodle (Mechanicsville).

Bachelor of science degrees were awarded to the following Richmond area students:

Deborah Jean Woolard, Roger Todd Crew, David Keith Crossen, David Dixon Lentz, David Goodwin Saintsing, Eddie Reeves Smith (Hanover), William Morton Sporn and Charles Duval Waddell (Mechanicsville).

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