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December 3, 1974

General W. C. Westmoreland, USA (Ret.)
P.O. Drawer 1059
Charleston, South Carolina 29402

Dear Westy:

I received your November 4 letter right in the middle of the Kissinger visit, so now I am replying. I was delighted to have those clippings and your follow-up comments on the political scene. Had that primary worked out differently, there's no question but that you would have won by a larger majority than our present Governor-elect. I was delighted you could attend the lunch that Phil Habib gave. Incidentally, I had a good visit with Phil last week when Kissinger was here and I'll see him at the Chiefs of Mission Conference in Honolulu.

Regarding the financing of deficits, one possible way would be to get some of that New York crowd like Jerry Milbank or George Champion, who are admirers of yours, to hold a little luncheon to help take care of the deficit. I don't know the South Carolina scene well enough to know how it might be accomplished there. But I know that in the past the New Yorkers have been willing to help out in this way. If you have any friends in Houston, I'm sure they are used to that kind of operation, too. Sorry to be so vague, but that's how it's been done in the past. Warm regards and I hope you have a great Christmas and a wonderful 1975.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



4 November 1974

Dear George:

Although I have written our official host, Phil Habib, I want to thank you for my inclusion in the luncheon in your honor the day before you departed for your new post. I must say it was a welcome occasion to again be with knowledgeable people interested in foreign affairs.

We had insufficient time to talk about South Carolina Republican politics, so I have taken the liberty of inclosing two clippings and an analysis. As you can see, I was defeated by the ultra-conservatives (I have been for many years a member of the Council of Foreign Relations) and a draw off of votes to support local candidates on the Democratic ticket in view of great publicity given to opinion polls that concluded that I was a two-to-one favorite over my opponent (This was the first Republican primary and there were very few Republicans running for local office.).

Nevertheless, my venture into politics was an interesting and educational experience. Although I have a \$20,000 campaign debt with no assurance of getting any help to liquidate it, I have no regrets in getting involved. As an old pro in the business of politics, you may have some suggestions on how I might clear my debt. If so, please drop me a line when you have time.

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Although I would rather see you as Vice President, you are well cast as our representative to the C.P.R.

Best wishes to you.

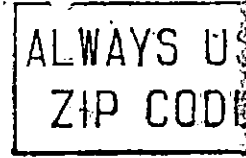
Sincerely,



W. C. WESTMORELAND

Ambassador George Bush
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Washington, D. C.

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December 31, 1974

Ambassador Barbara M. White
Alternate U.S. Representative for
Special Political Affairs
United States Mission to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Barbara:

What a thoughtful letter you sent me on December 10.
My Barbara is in Washington with the kids for Christmas,
but she'll be back right after the first of the year
when our youngest goes back to boarding school.

Thanks for the clip from the Record and from the Post.
All's well here. Life is so different you would hardly
believe it. But it's a great challenge and we like it.

Warm regards to all at USUN, who I still miss as if it
were just yesterday.

Sincerely,

George Bush

P.S. I am attaching a little note for Alice Mason.
Could you send it over to her.

December 31, 1974

Dear Alice:

Barbara White sent me that beautiful map of permanent Missions to the UN. You were most thoughtful to send it out here. Although the addresses in New York won't be too helpful out here, the flags will.

Life is fantastically interesting here in Peking. I miss the UN, but this is a great assignment.

Warm regards,



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December 10, 1974

Ambassador and Mrs. George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking, China

Dear George and Barbara:

Alice Mason, who remembers you fondly, wanted you to have the enclosed latest edition of her map of U.N. Missions. She hopes it will bring back happy memories for you.

I am sure you have already seen the article in last week's Washington Post, but am sending a copy in case you would like to have an extra. I also thought you might enjoy the clip from the Congressional Record, to give you an idea of the temper of the times in Washington these days. You would be pleased to know how often people ask about you and speak of you both in glowing terms. Although it is hard to single out one in particular, I might just mention Ambassador Sikivou of Fiji.

I am enjoying my assignment here, and am sure you will understand when I say that it has both frustrations and pleasures.

With all best wishes for the holidays,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara M. White".

Barbara M. White
Ambassador
Alternate U.S. Representative
for Special Political Affairs

Enclosures:
As stated.

October 29, 1974

Mrs. Mitchell Wolfson
5030 North Bay Road
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

Dear Mrs. Wolfson:

I just wanted you to know that we are here, and that those two beautiful paintings are hanging proudly in the front hall of our Residence. Many people have already commented on how beautiful they are. I just wish we had bundled up more of them to bring along. They are so decorative and so very special.

It was a great treat for me meeting you at the White House. I was infected by that wonderful spirit of yours, and because of that I will be working extra hard here to create the kind of goodwill that your paintings have already created.

Warmest regards from a very grateful family in China whose lives have been brightened by your spirit.

Sincerely,

George Bush

cc: Bernard M. Barrett, Jr., M.D.

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