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April 1, 1975

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Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter. I find now that I'm going to have my hands full this spring and after touching base in Japan and Korea I will have to get back to work. I hope we'll have a chance to be out in your part of the world sometime soon. Bernice joins me in sending our very best to you both.

Warm regards,

Gerard C. Smith
Gerard C. Smith

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Officer
Box 50
Fleet Post Office 96659
San Francisco, California

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February 18, 1975

Mr. Gerard C. Smith
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
1666 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Gerry:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of January 13 but I just got back to China from a visit to the States. The best and only approach to get a visa is to apply to the PRC Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. Very few visas are issued to individual travelers, but nevertheless, I still feel it is worth a try.

I would insist that you and Bernice stay with us here at USLO but our situation is complicated at that time because our children are all coming out at the end of May and the beginning of June to spend the summer with us and our residence is not palacial enough to handle too many people.

If you know Ambassador Huang Chen it certainly wouldn't hurt to contact him personally. Of course, you might suggest that we are friends but I don't feel this has too much influence on what decision they take on these matters. If the timing of the visit were different I know darn well we could work it out by having you as our personal house guests. I am sorry that isn't the case.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

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January 13, 1975

Dear George:

Bernice and I are planning to be in Tokyo about the first of June and we are speculating about the possibility of a short visit to China. I would very much appreciate your advice as to whether this makes sense and what the best approach for us to take would be.

We trust that all's going well with you. You are often spoken about in the Alibi at Friday luncheons.

Warm regards,


Gerard C. Smith

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Officer
Box 50
Fleet Post Office 96659
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September 29, 1975

Donald K. Slayton,
NASA Astronaut,
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center,
Houston, Texas 77058.

Dear Deke:

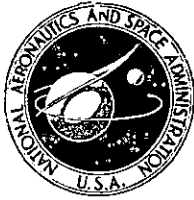
Just a quick note to thank you for the pictures that were on my desk when I arrived back from Washington. They are fantastic. If you do get some of China I'd love to have them, but I expect it will be awhile before all that stuff is developed.

I understand that you were off for Europe around September 19. In fact, the Protocol Officer at Andrews told me that you were leaving in just a little while. I was flying over on Admiral Holloway's plane. I'm sorry to have missed you and Marge.

Thanks again. You had us worried with that darn operation, but I'm glad everything is okay.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
LYNDON B. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CB

AUG 28 1975

Ambassador George Bush
PEKING
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your kind note related to the ASTP mission. We did pass over China many times and did see some interesting geography in your area. Hopefully, we will be able to send you some pictures at a later date when all have been developed and printed. Meanwhile, here are a couple to add to your collection.

Marge sends her highest regards and wishes you the best.

Thanks again for your continuing interest in our activities, and I hope to see you either here or there in the not too distant future.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Slayton", is written over the typed name.

Donald K. Slayton
NASA Astronaut

Enclosures

July 16, 1975

Mr. Johnathan W. Sloat,
Vice President, Government Relations,
Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc.,
1425 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20005.

Dear Jack:

Thanks for sending me the clipping
about our July Fourth. We had a great
one here - quite different for Peking.
You are a thoughtful guy.

Warm regards,

George Bush



Johnathan W. Sloat
Vice President, Government Relations

The attached is sent to you as 7/7/75
a matter of interest.

*Poppy - thought you
might be interested in
the attached Washington
Post coverage. Thanks for
your card. Hope all
goes well.*

Jack

GROCERY MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA, INC.

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Beer and Hot Dogs In Peking on the 4th

Toronto Globe and Mail

PEKING, July 4—With a can of Miller High Life beer in his hand, United States envoy George Bush presided over an Independence Day picnic that broke the Peking diplomatic community's tradition of staid national day celebrations.

About 500 guests gathered on the lawn in front of the U.S. liaison office for hot dogs, beer, soft drinks and recordings by singers Johnny Cash and John Denver.

Although a few diplomatic eyebrows were raised, Bush's party was a hit with the majority of the guests—diplomats, journalists, American visitors and the Chinese guests who happily consumed the drinks and food flown in for the occasion.

Attired in fire-engine red slacks and a blue golf shirt, Bush awarded door prizes to half a dozen guests. Most guests later attended a showing of the American movie "That's Entertainment."

On Thursday night Bush held a smaller traditional diplomatic reception largely for Chinese officials.

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May 20, 1975

Mr. Darrell W. Smith,
President,
Leamco Bearings Div.
O'Neill Industries, Inc.,
Box 6409 ATS,
Midland, Texas 79701.

Dear Darrell:

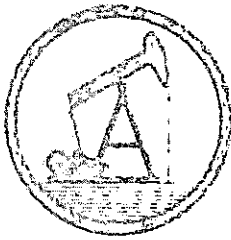
I was delighted to receive the copy of the letter you sent to Jim Allison on April 29th. I am particularly grateful for your kind words - much more for your friendship.

Life is fascinating in China, but it is one hell of a long way from West Texas. We are happy here, but someday I will be back on the Texas scene, I'm sure.

Our son George surely enjoyed meeting you. Thanks for being so nice to him.

Warm regards,

George Bush



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PLANTS IN DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA & LONGVIEW, TEXAS

April 29, 1975

PERSONAL

Mr. James Allison, Publisher
Reporter-Telegram
203 East Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Jim:

Many of us average people are aware that it's impractical to think that just pleading with the voters to vote will correct our government political mess. We must find truly strong, sincerely dedicated American leadership. Leadership that cannot be tempted into compromise or selling out like Bentsen, et cetera, or be misdirected by idealistic dreamers like the Harvard economists who have had a stranglehold on past administrations for years.

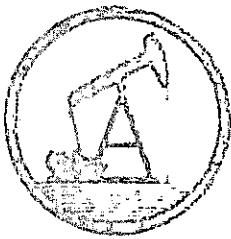
We should be ashamed that we have permitted ourselves to be led into placing blind faith in a "golden idol, i.e., our government" to completely control our destiny. We, as individuals, know better, but we desperately need a Moses or Lombardie to turn it around and "put it back together".

Perhaps I am a real Pollyanna, but I do believe that with the right leaders, it is still possible to re-establish our true American democracy, and we of the 50-plus vintage certainly owe it to the coming generation to try, since we have permitted it to deteriorate so substantially. May I plant a seed which I feel could grow into our most productive tree? I believe that George Bush and John B. Connally, in a political association, with a reasonable and logical assist by Reagan, could lead us out of the wilderness.

I have known George and Barbara Bush many years and am aware of his personal association and complete knowledge of the business world, the political world and the world of international affairs. While I have only met John Connally, I am aware of his magnetic personality, his successful political and legal background and his personal experience and concern for business and agriculture through his ranch operations.

I am not a drum and fife flag waver, but I am seriously concerned about the

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Mr. James Allison
April 29, 1975
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future of what has been a truly great country. Please, let's not let it go the way of the Roman Empire. Since you have been professionally associated with both the business and political world, what do you think?'

Sincerely,

Darrell W. Smith
President

DWS: pwg

cc: ✓ Ambassador George Bush
Chief U.S. Liason Office
Peking - People's Republic of China
c/o Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Mr. John B. Connally
21st Floor, First City Nat'l Bank Bldg.
1015 Main Street
Houston, Texas 70000

May 6, 1975

Mr. Griffin Smith, Jr.,
Senior Editor,
Texas Monthly,
P.O. Box 1569,
Austin, Texas 78767.

Dear Griffin:

The question of U.S. journalists getting into China is still very complex and the waiting list is long, long, long. This whole question of U.S. journalists visiting in Peking or being posted here is all mixed up with pressing political issues. My only advice for the next step would be for you to keep plugging away. Maybe go to call on the PRCLC when you are in Washington.

I wish I could be more helpful, but this is one area where attitudes are very fixed right now.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

Texas Monthly

PO Box 1569 Austin, Texas 78767 (512) 476-7085

April 15, 1975

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Dictate

The Honorable George Bush
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bush:

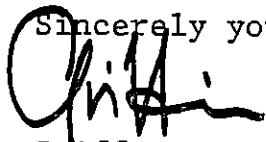
Thank you for your letter of December 20 concerning my interest in visiting the American Liaison Office in Peking to do an article for TEXAS MONTHLY. I'm sorry my visit to Washington in January did not coincide with yours, but I did have a pleasant visit with Pete Roussel, who gave me my first guided tour of the White House.

Shortly after your letter came, the attached form letter from the PRC mission in Washington arrived. It leaves me with the impression that we have reached a dead end in our effort to get someone from TEXAS MONTHLY over there. Is this a correct assumption? I am surprised that it seems to be so difficult to obtain permission from the Chinese government for an American reporter to visit the American Mission. Perhaps the Orient is more inscrutable than I had thought.

At any rate, whatever advice you can give concerning our next step would be appreciated. I really would like to do that article sometime this fall if there is any way to manage it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Griffin Smith, Jr.
Senior Editor

Enclosure

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中华人民共和国驻美利坚合众国联络处
THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2300 Conn. Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dec. 27, 1974

Dear Mr. Smith, Jr.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Dec. 5,
1974 addressed to this office.

With regard to your wish to visit China, I would like to advise you
to write and apply to Information Department, Foreign Ministry,
Peking, the People's Republic of China (street address is not needed).
I'd also like to inform you that as many friends have applied for visiting China
and the above-mentioned Dept. already has too busy a program,
perhaps it will be most likely very difficult to meet your request. Hoping you
would understand.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

張之讓
Chang Chih-hsiang
Official (Third Secretary)

December 20, 1974

Mr. Griffin Smith, Jr.
Senior Editor
Texas Monthly
P.O. Box 1569
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Griffin:

Thanks for your good letter of December 5. The letter to the PRCLC in Washington was most appropriate. I will be seeing Ambassador Huang Chen later on in January, and I will try to help out. Normally, these matters are determined without any in-put from USLO.

Needless to say, I hope the visa is granted and I would look forward to working with whomever you send this way. I am reading Texas Monthly regularly now and I want to congratulate you on the job you've done.

Best regards,

George Bush

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December 5, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
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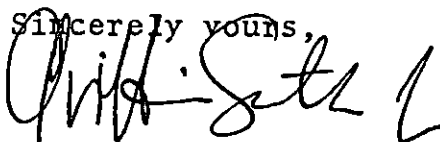
Dear Mr. Bush:

The attached visa application has been sent to the PRC Liaison Office in Washington. When I talked with Pete Roussel yesterday, he indicated that the proper procedure was to go ahead and apply, rather than writing for visa application forms, so that is what I have done.

I appreciate your interest in our proposed article, and I fully understand the difficulty of intervening for visa purposes on behalf of a particular magazine. Within those limits we would naturally appreciate any assistance you can give us, for this is a timely article which we would very much like to do.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Griffin Smith, jr.
Senior Editor

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December 5, 1974

Liaison Office,
People's Republic of China
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Gentlemen:

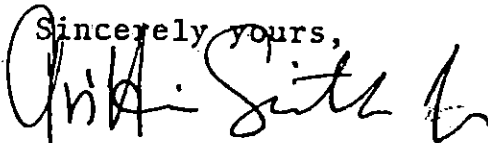
I wish to apply for a visa to the People's Republic of China.

My objective is to write an article about the activities of the United States envoy to the People's Republic. Mr. Bush is a resident of our state and has sought elective office here several times. Consequently, Texans have a greater-than-average interest in his present work. A representative copy of our magazine (enclosed) indicates the type of material we publish, and, as you can see, we have given considerable attention to Mr. Bush before.

The proposed article, as I envision it, would include a day-by-day account of the activities (both diplomatic and personal) of Mr. Bush, in order to give our readers an understanding of the purpose and role of the United States Liaison Office in Peking. At the moment I doubt that one person in ten thousand has the slightest idea of what sort of work is done there. We feel that such an article would be timely and informative.

I have corresponded with Mr. Bush about this proposal, and, at his suggestion, am forwarding a copy of this letter to him in Peking. Should you wish any further information about our magazine or my own work, I will be glad to provide it.

Sincerely yours,



Griffin Smith, jr.
Senior Editor

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April 2, 1975

Mrs. Hargrove Smith,
Harbour Club, 317-C,
100 Bluff View Drive,
Belleair Bluffs, Fla. 33540.

Dear Aleene:

I was very happy to receive your recent letter from the Belleaire Bluffs Branch of U.S. Liaison Office, Egg Roll Division. Vows are made to be broken, and I certainly don't mind your bringing Professor Chang Wen-Chin's visa problem to my attention, especially since it gives us a chance to correspond with each other.

I'm afraid that at this stage there is nothing I can do to assist Professor Chang. As you probably know, the Chinese are as jealous of their sole right to determine who can and cannot enter their country as we are in America. Using Bill Young's good offices to make sure the Chinese Liaison Office in Washington is fully informed as to the humanitarian considerations in Professor Chang's case is, I'm sure, just about all the leverage our government has in a situation like this. In the final analysis, the Chinese consider this an internal matter and will make their own decision in their own good time. Any informal inquiries on my part would contribute nothing and would, if past experience is any guide, probably go unanswered.

Although I realize Professor Chang's parents are old and ill, if he wishes to pursue his reunion with them in a different way, such as having them join him in Florida for a visit, or possibly arranging for their immigration, we could be of much greater assistance to him. Here again our assistance would have to wait on the People's Republic of China granting them exit permits or passports, but after these had been arranged for we could treat their visa applications in the most expeditious manner. I note from your letter that Professor Chang apparently plans to meet his parents in Peking, as Tai-Yuan is probably closed to foreigners, so in may event his parents will have to do some travelling.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush
Chief. US Liaison Office

memo to Mr. Bush

To: Ambassador Bush

From: Jerry Ogden, CONS

Subject: Possible Assistance to Prof. Chang Wen-chin

HM
Good letter
to Aleme
Type it
please
CB

I'm including a draft reply to Mrs. Smith for your consideration.

Basically, I'm afraid there is nothing effective USLO can do for Prof. Chang. The onus of refusal or delay is on PRCLO-MFA, and unless we could take some sort of effective action that promised to result in visa issuance to Prof. Chang, it would be best to stay out of ~~kk~~ the matter entirely and let the onus remain where it belongs.

Short of a diplomatic note specifically requesting visa issuance, a step the Department would certainly be unwilling to take for Prof. Chang or for the thousands of other U.S. citizen visa applicants I can think of nothing that would be effective. Even this would be no guarantee that Prof. Chang would get a visa, since we have a 1973 cable in our files indicating that the PRC has decided to drastically restrict visa issuance to Chinese-Americans. We could transmit Prof. Chang's request for a visa to the MFA, or the Department could transmit the request to PRCLO, but merely serving as a ~~kkkkk~~ conduit for correspondence, if undertaken as a general rule, would create work, be ~~kkkk~~ unproductive, and probably lead USLO and the Department at least in the eyes of the applicants, to ~~kkkkkkkk~~ ^{share} at least part of the blame when the visas failed to materialize.

I note that the letter from PRCLO attached to Mrs. Smith's letter says that Prof. Chang has applied to go to China to "visit relatives and for tourism". I think he could have made a stronger case for humanitarian ~~XXXXXX~~ issuance if he had applied only to visit his parents, and not for tourism as well.

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Jerry Ogden;

Please prepare a
memo to the Ambassador
that he can send on
to Mrs. Smith to give
in turn to Prof.Chang.

Thanks.

hm

3-31-75

BELLEAIR BLUFFS BRANCH
UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE, PEKING
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

March 15, 1975

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

When I retired three years ago, I made a vow that I would never ask a favor of you---for myself or anyone else. Now comes honorable Chinese professor to call on me today with this story:

He is Peter W. Chang (Chinese name, Wen-Chin Chang), Associate Professor of Chinese, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg (formerly Presbyterian College where you spoke when you were in Congress), American citizen.

At age 20, he left China in 1948 to go to Taiwan. He attended University of Taiwan and taught there before coming to United States in 1964. Studied at University of North Carolina, taught one year at Duke University (Chinese and Japanese languages) and has been teaching at Eckerd College since 1969.

His parents, 82 and 84, live in Tai-Yuan, Province of Shan-Xi. Father's name, Hsing-Chai Chang; mother's name, Chi-Hsin Chang. They live with his sister in dormitory; she works in fabric factory. Parents are ill and want to see their son before they die.

On January 2, 1975, he wrote the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China in Washington applying for visa to go to Peking. He received forms to fill out, which he did and mailed to them January 14, 1975.

He contacted Congressman Bill Young's office (did you know him...he's our congressman also..."Class of '67, I believe). He heard March 9 that the Congressman has called the Liaison Office of People's Republic of China in Washington on his behalf.

He received the February 26, 1975, letter (copy attached) from the Liaison Office in Washington, which he tells me reads:

"We received your January 14 letter and the form about going to China. We have forwarded your forms to Peking. As soon as we have good news, we will let you know."

As you will note (at top of letter), there is the File No. 75/1093, which Professor Chang fears may mean that he's 1,093 on the list to get a visa.

He says that unless he can go the end of May, 1975 (end of school term) and before middle of June (when he has seminar), he will have to wait at least another year and he's afraid his parents may not live that long.

NOW, I'm breaking my three-year resolve. Would it upset international relations if someone in your office were to inquire as to the status of his visa request? Professor Chang was so downcast when I told him I'd resolved not to ask you for anything, I chickened out and said I'd ask your opinion as to whether or not he has done all he could. Besides, he bribed me---brought me two dozen egg roll wrappers when he learned I wanted to learn to make egg rolls.

Love,

Alene

Mr. & Mrs. Hargrove Smith
Harbour Club, 317-C
100 Bluff View Drive
Belleair Bluffs, Fla 33540

中华人民共和国驻美利坚合众国联络处
THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

编号 75/1093

李文井先生：

一月十日的寄来表格（函）收悉。

关于你申请到中国探亲、观光事，我处已将你的
要求转报国内，俟有消息，即通知你。

马世强

1975年2月26日

March 25, 1975

Dr. Lee H. Smith,
President,
Southwest Texas State University,
San Marcos, Texas 78666.

Dear Lee:

I was thrilled to get your March 13th letter. It is hard to pin down plans until we know your itinerary, but let's start with this. The door at the Bush house is wide open, and we want you to spend as much time with us as you possibly can.

We of course want to have a reception for your entire delegation. Please give me a call at 52203 the minute you hit Peking. The only thing that worries me is that I am going to be out of Peking from April 5-21 taking a trip to Canton and Shanghai during that period.

Welcome in advance to China. Your letter really made my day - Good News!

Sincerely,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
Peking, People's Republic of China

June 3, 1975

Dr. Lee H. Smith,
President,
Southwest Texas State University,
San Marcos, Texas 78666.

Dear Lee:

Thank you for that very gracious letter you wrote on May 15th. One of the highlights of our spring was your visit here. I particularly enjoyed the little chat we had in our house; so did Henrietta Morris, our fellow Texan.

I am most grateful for your kind words about the hospitality extended by Henrietta and Jennifer Fitzgerald.

I hope our paths cross again soon.

All's well in Peking.

Warm regards,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

Southwest Texas State University

San Marcos, Texas 78666

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 1975

Mr. George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office - Peking
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

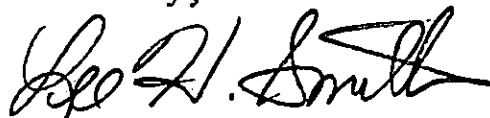
Dear Mr. Bush:

One of the nicest events of our entire tour of China was my opportunity of meeting you and Mrs. Bush. Even though I was not able to utilize the tapes which you provided me (due to the fact that the other available tape recorder also played out in Peking), I am truly grateful for your generosity in lending them to me. I am also grateful (and I expect that you will be hearing similar thanks from my roommate, President Robert Martin, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky) for the "care package" which you provided us. It was virtually a "life saver".

Also, every individual on the tour had good things to say about the treatment which we received at the hands of your staff. We are grateful for both the information and the fellowship. Even more specifically, I personally could not say enough for the hospitality extended us by Miss Morris and Miss Fitzgerald.

Again, I wish to thank you for all the courtesies extended us by you and your staff during our stay in Peking. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Lee H. Smith
President

LHS:mr

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December 30, 1975

Dear Tony:

Thank you for your letter about my new job. I, of course, would welcome any observations or advice you care to give me. I am not in the job now, but the Senate should act at the end of the month. In the meantime, there is plenty to do, as I am sure you can well imagine. I know it's going to be tough, and certainly controversial, but it is awfully important and I am willing to give it my all.

Warmest regards to you and all your great family for a happy '76.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Mr. Tony Smith
390 West End Avenue
New York, New York 10024

GB:rs



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Dec 10, 1975
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ARTHUR LEVITT
STATE COMPTROLLER

Dear George and Barbara,

AS always, your Christmas card is ~~so~~ a much looked forward to treat. In the last two years, I confess, especially so. What is more exotic than a letter from China--and what more pleasant than seeing all of you in those glorious settings?

Enclosed is a picture we took this summer of Joshua and Ethan, high atop a mountain on an island in ~~Norway's~~ Norway's North Sea. China it ain't, ~~but~~ it was a glorious spot.

As you head back for your new assignment, my thoughts are much with you. Having spent 15 years "there" before moving on to the domestic back alleys, I know some of what you face. If I can be of any use to you, with some suggestions from the perceptions acquired from a mid-management view, don't hesitate to call. *(That's a serious offer!)*

I am currently on the staff of the Emergency Financial Control Board--the State body overseeing the compliance of New York City to the three year financial plan. Exciting, challenging, and a ~~one~~ in a century chance for the City--and others--to acquire new management practices. I am afraid our President did not acquit himself well ^{I assume} on this one and/that he will get that message next year. In any case, we slog on in the vineyards, or as John Lindsay used to say ad nauseam "the urban ~~tankas~~ trenches..."

Mary and I talk often of you, and I do hope we will have the chance to see you here or in Washington. The boys still can spot "Ambassador Bush" on TV or in the papers, and join us in sending affectionate best wishes.

Tony Smith

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June 4, 1975



The Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Kuang Hua Lu, 17, Peking
People's Republic of China

JUN 12 1975

Dear Ambassador Bush:

Thank you for your efforts on Harris' behalf. I think use of consulting engineering and other professional services by China will make inroads on the turnkey tradition as the expense of large capital projects continues to increase sharply.

John Sears is eager to see you when you are next in town, and I would enjoy meeting you.

Sincerely,



W. N. Harrell Smith

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Mr. Ambassador,

Do you want to answer the attached letters?

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NO
reply
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Seoul, Korea

September 30, 1975

*Harry -
read [unclear]
for your info - last
Thank you, David [unclear]
→ return to HM*

Honorable George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

Dear George:

Father Ed Moffett, about whom you inquire, is well known to some of our Embassy officers. He is a Maryknoll priest who has been working for many years in Korea with the Catholic Leprosy Service. In an earlier day he was a missionary in China for eight years (two of those in prison) and this association may be the reason why you are receiving letters from him. He has also had many contacts in the Congress and that could also well be where you met him.

Father Moffett has been close to the Park government and through this relationship was instrumental in having the government establish Mercy Charity Hospital for the poor. Mercy's charter states that medical care will be provided for the poor free of charge. As you might guess, the money is never adequate to meet this gigantic commitment and from time to time Fr. Moffett makes his own appeals for funds to support the hospital. Those here who know him have no reason to believe that any donations sent to Fr. Moffett would not be used for the purposes he mentions.

We are into the beautiful Fall season here, cool, calm, sunny days. The Koreans refer to it as the time of high skies and fat horses. Fortunately, the political climate matches the weather...at least for the moment.

all best

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Richard L. Sneider
Ambassador

OCT 17 1975

August 19, 1975

The Hon. Richard L. Schneider,
American Ambassador,
Seoul, Korea.

Dear Dick:

Do you know anything about this guy? I keep getting letters from him, and my memory fails me. I think I must have met him when I was in Congress, but I really can't remember. Perhaps someone there could enlighten me.

Things are rocking along here in reasonable fashion. It is hot and humid now.

I hope all's well with you. We read about you with pride and interest from time to time.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

Enclosure

CB

Nov. 2 luncheon

meeting of his people.

He gave Davis, 2

envelopes you know of

by note to Dick Cheney

in 2 case for us.

(V)

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MERCY HOSPITAL

(육영수 여사 기념)

AUG- 1 1975

July 10, 1975

Dear Ambassador Bush,

I send you greetings and affection-- and this beggarman's
whisper in the nite---

Its 2 A.M.---

The hush of our curfew, here, is louder then all the Communist
threats of war---

I just finished making the midnite rounds of the patients--
Mercy Hospital is packed to the roof-- so many surgeries, lately--
emergencies-- and not only an overflow of major operations but
a steady flood, all last month till now, of critical cases jamming
the wards---

God knows, this is a love story-- your story and your love of
having built, and now maintaining, this refuge for the broken
and the prostrate, here-- your compassion keeping hope alive
for the despairing, in these back alleys of the poor, against
too long suffering, too early dying---

Knowing your heart, I'm almost not ashamed to turn to you,
again, so soon like this-- the kitty's empty-- I'm in debt--
my credit's exhausted with the drug companies and hospital
supply houses, here-- and I haven't yet pain full salaries
to my doctors, for June---

But this clumsy note is enough, I know, I know---

You have our love-- and our prayers for you, and for your
loved ones, daily-- but infinitely more, you have the good
and unforgetting God to remember every last detail of your
story and your love, forever---

God bless---

Fr. Ed Sweeney

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It I know anything about this

guy? GB

September 25, 1975

Mr. Glen R. Solomon,
Chairman of the Board of Governors,
Electronic Industries Association,
2001 Eye Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20006.

Dear Glen:

That was a most gracious letter you sent me on August 22. I particularly appreciate those thoughtful comments about the services of Bill Thomas. He is an A-1 officer and I am glad your delegation felt he was helpful.

It would be a great pleasure to see your distinguished group come back our way sometime in the future. You brightened our lives.

Warm regards,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION



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GLEN R. SOLOMON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

August 22, 1975

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Dear Mr. Bush,

It is with much appreciation that I send this message of thanks to you for the reception you gave in Peking in honor of the trade delegation of the Electronic Industries Association. We were most pleased to receive this honor and were especially appreciative that you invited the officials of MACHIMPEX who had invited us to Peking and with whom we were working during our visitation.

I would like for you to know that our delegation had a very satisfying trip and we believe that it has contributed to the promotion of friendly trade relations between our two countries concerning electronic communications products.

We are especially thankful to you for the services that Mr. William Thomas of your office provided to us. We appreciate very much Bill's presence at the Peking Airport upon our arrival and the assistance he provided at our dinner in honor of our Chinese friends.

All of us in the delegation will remember our visit to Peking as a high point in our careers and we want you to know that you and Mrs. Bush made a significant contribution by your graciousness.

Sincerely,

Glen Solomon

Honorable George Bush
U. S. Liaison Office
17 Guanghua Road
Peking, People's Republic of China

cc: Honorable W. H. Gleysteen, Jr., U. S. Department of State
Mr. J. C. Messerschmitt, Vice Chairman of EIA Board of Governors
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August 22, 1975

Gentlemen:

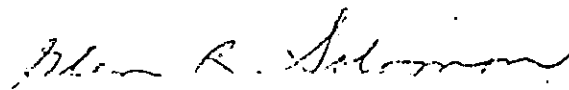
It is with sincerity that I send this message to convey the appreciation of the trade delegation from the Electronic Industries Association which visited the People's Republic of China in response to your kind invitation of April 11, 1975. The delegation arrived in Peking on July 28th and departed from Shanghai on August 8th. The members of the delegation consider the visit to have been very beneficial in promoting friendly trade relations between our two countries.

We were appreciative of receiving your invitation to make the visit and were impressed with your thoughtfulness of having our delegation met upon arrival at the Peking Airport by officials of MACHIMPEX. We were honored by the reception at the airport and we were pleased with our hotel and transportation arrangements that were made by you. The itinerary for the delegation was most satisfactory and interesting. We were honored to visit the Peking Broadcasting Equipment Plant, the Qinghua University, the Semiconductor Research Institute, and the Central Meteorological Observatory in Peking. We are most grateful for your excellent dinner party in honor of the delegation at the Peking Roast Duck Restaurant and for the opportunity to visit the Great Wall, the Ming Tomb, the Summer Palace, and the Palace Museum.

It is my belief that the individual discussions that were arranged for the members of the delegation will be most beneficial for the continuing improvement in friendly trade relations. Also, MACHIMPEX's thoughtfulness in arranging for us to visit in Shanghai and to sight-see in Wuxi is very much appreciated.

As Chairman of the EIA Board of Governors and as head of the delegation I send you the Association's appreciation for the opportunity to visit the People's Republic of China and our immeasurable gratitude to Mr. Cheng Ji-xian, Mr. Xu Bin, Mr. Chen Jian-bang, Mr. Wang, Mr. Zhang, and Mr. Han, who devoted so much of their time and attention to us during our visit. We are looking forward to the continuation of the friendships that were established between our two groups.

Sincerely,



China National Machinery Import &
Export Corporation
Hsi-chiao Er-Li Kou
Peking, People's Republic of China

Attention: Mr. Cheng Ji-xian, Deputy Director

cc: Honorable George Bush, U.S. Liaison Office, Peking
Honorable W. H. Gleysteen, Jr., U.S. Department of State
Members of the EIA Delegation

October 3, 1975

Dr. Robert N. Spadaro,
Visiting Associate Professor,
United College,
Shatin, New Territories.

Dear Dr. Spadaro:

Thank you for your letter of September 25th. I wish I could be helpful to you in your visa application, but unfortunately this office has nothing to say about who gets a visa to come to the PRC. We are accorded a personal houseguest privilege, but visas for visitors here are strictly in the hands of the Chinese.

You should immediately apply to the authorities there in Hong Kong for a visa, and, needless to say, if it is granted Mrs. Bush and I would look forward to seeing you here.

I am glad to know you are keeping up your keen interest in politics.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

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September 25, 1975

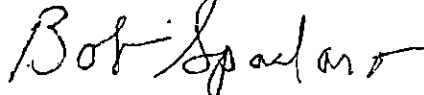
The Hon. George Bush
United States Legation
Peking, The People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Bush:

Although I had the privilege of at least brief association with you during the '64 and '68 G.O.P. campaigns, when I worked for Scranton and Goldwater, I doubt that you would remember me now. I am writing you now since Dick Schweiker tells me that he has been kind enough to write to your Legation for an invitation on my behalf to visit Peking. Considering my academic interest in the P.R.C. and present location here, and particularly since Bill Scranton and the White House tell me I might be called back for the upcoming Presidential campaign next Summer, I would greatly appreciate if you could arrange at least a brief visit to Peking while I have the opportunity, at my expense of course, and if you have time, perhaps have a chance to talk "politics" with you. I also believe the experience would be helpful if I serve in D.C.

Dick apparently suggested inviting my family as well as me, however, considering the Legation's limited housing problems, I would be more than grateful to come alone if necessary.

Most sincerely,



Dr. Robert N. Spadaro
Visiting Associate Professor



COMMISSIONER

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20415

George Bush
file

November 5, 1975

Dear Barbara and George:

I'm back in the saddle with China like a beautiful dream. That's the trouble with fantastic experiences -- they always come to an end too soon and one is back in the nitty-gritty of everyday problems. You provided such a delicious brunch and happy afternoon for all of us, it will always be a China highlight. Thank you so very, very much.


Hope you enjoyed Sian as much as we did, even though our visit there was in a cold and continuous drizzle. Now that your new assignment has been announced, I hope you both can quickly cram in all of China before you come back to Washington.

I am besieged with speaking requests and questions on the status of women in China. I brought back with me a number of books which I purchased from the book shop at the Peking Hotel. Unfortunately, I loaned the one I need most to a woman behind me on the plane, whose name and address I have long since forgotten. She failed to return it and I forgot to reclaim it. The book is a paperback costing less than two dollars, titled something like "The New Women of China." Could you possibly have someone from the office pick up a copy for me and send it to me posthaste? This book is filled with case histories of what life was for individual women before 1949 and now. Near the beginning is the story of a young woman taken as a child slave to serve a warlord in Tibet and how she escaped to the Liberation Army. I hope this request won't be too troublesome.

Thank you so much for this and for your warm and cordial hospitality in Peking. And before I forget, best wishes on the new assignment, George. Much as I hate to see you leave Peking, the country desperately needs one of your caliber, fiber and expertise in this critical and sensitive position now. I know you will not only be highly successful but will make a tremendous contribution to the country.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Jayne B. Spain
Vice Chairman

October 31, 1975

Mr. Douglas W. Sparks,
c/o Universities Service Centre,
155 Argyle Street,
Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Sparks:

By now you have probably received the letter I wrote to Larry Veselka. Your letter of October 21 arrived after I wrote him. Unfortunately, we have found out we have little input on visas for China. Indeed, we have no machinery set up here for weighing in on the visa procedure. It must be done through the PRCLC in Washington, or there in Hong Kong.

Your interest in China must be so absorbing I would really like to help. But I don't want to mislead you. Our inability to help is one of the frustrations of this wonderfully challenging job.

Yours very truly,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office

October 21, 1975

Mr. George Bush
Chief, United States Liason Office
Peking
People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Bush:

I am currently undertaking anthropological research in Hong Kong. The research is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and I am affiliated with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. I am locally affiliated with the Centre of Asian Studies at Hong Kong University and with the Universities Service Centre.

My research is concerned with the maintenance of Ch'ao-Chou (Swatowese) ethnicity in Hong Kong. An important part of this research is an ethnohistorical study of the Ch'ao-Chou in China, that is, the reconstruction of the history of traditional Ch'ao-Chou cultural patterns in northeastern Kwangtung, and changes in those patterns resulting from general political and economic changes in China. The only sources of information in Hong Kong concerning this aspect of the research are a few elderly men who have an interest in the history of their ethnic group. The project would gain considerable significance if I could travel in China and particularly in the Swatow area. This would be of significance to China scholars as well as to overseas Chinese community studies and would be a valuable and long hoped for experience for me.

Larry Veselka urged me to write you when he learned of my interest in going to China. My wife and I have long wished to visit China, ideally to Swatow, but any opportunity to travel in China would be an unforgettable experience.

I am, as are all scholars interested in China, very interested in the work that you and the Liason Office are doing and have heard reports that you are well liked and visible to the Chinese people in Peking. It must be exciting and challenging work to be engaged in with many potential rewards for yourself and the two nations involved.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Sparks

Douglas W. Sparks
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Mr. George Bush

Chief, United States Liason Office

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美国联络处

October 22, 1975

Mr. Larry R. Veselka,
Office of the Lieutenant Governor,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Larry:

I wish I could be helpful to Mr. Douglas Sparks in getting a visa to come to China, but these matters are not handled here, and China has made clear that the visa decisions are theirs and theirs alone. Mr. Sparks should apply to the People's Republic of China Liaison Office, 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; or I am sure he is familiar with the application procedure there in Hong Kong.

Our problem quite simply is that we have no influence whatsoever on getting visas for visiting and studying in China. I wish I could help him, particularly because of your personal interest, but I'm afraid I can't.

It was great hearing from you again. I hope you are enjoying your work there in Austin. One of our sons is now a Freshman at the University of Texas.

Warmest regards,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office



The State of Texas
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Austin

WILLIAM P. HOBBY
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

October 10, 1975

Ambassador George Bush
Chief, United States Liason Office
Peking, People's Republic
& Department of State
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Ambassador Bush,

Writing you makes me cognizant of how long it has been since I saw you last in Washington while you were still Chairman. We miss you, but appreciate the job you are doing in China. The papers say you have enjoyed it. I hope so.

I am writing for a friend of mine who may be contacting you in regards to assistance in obtaining permission to visit the People's Republic of China. Mr. Douglas Sparks is a devoted scholar of modern Chinese cultural anthropology. He is presently studying in Hong Kong on a research program with Harvard University. He wishes to visit the People's Republic in order to gather data for his doctoral dissertation. I wholeheartedly recommend both his character and his dedication to his studies. If you could direct him to the proper authorities for application for such permission, I would appreciate it. His address is:

71 Yuet Wah St., 11C
Kwun Tong, Hong Kong

Pete Roussel says you have really taken to the people of China. I can think of no one whom I would prefer to exemplify what's best about America to the Chinese people other than you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Veselka".

Larry R. Veselka

OCT 21 1975

cc: Douglas Sparks

October 31, 1975

Mr. Don Shannon,
Los Angeles Times Washington Bureau,
Room 730,
1700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20006.

Dear Don:

One of these days we'll get together.

Will you be coming out on the Ford trip? If so, maybe we can prize you away from the entourage long enough to get caught up.

I have followed the UN matters from far enough away to make me vague on what is actually happening. I was most interested in your comments on the Amin flap.

The Kissinger visit went okay, public reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The relationship is in reasonable shape, and those who expect enormous fireworks dispensed on every high level visit simply aren't being realistic.

My visit home enabled me to get caught up somewhat on the domestic political scene. I had a very nice private visit with the President in Texas and then had supper with him on the airplane on the way back from Texas. I expect I'll always have domestic politics in my blood, but I love this work here, and Bar and I are very happy.

Frankly, I have no way of knowing how long I'll be here, but that doesn't trouble me a bit (the new relaxed me).

Hope all's well with you.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON BUREAU

9 Oct 75

Dear George:

I'm really sorry to have missed connections the day you were in New York, but at least I got a first-hand report from Barbara on life in Peking. It's still the most fascinating place to be, outside of Phnom Penh, perhaps, for us newspaper types and you're there.

This is a short break from the UN and it started out well with a breakfast visit from the horn-rimmed glasses type you send reports to. My major interest was to find out what he thought of Moynihan's goof with regard to the Africans and he made it pretty clear that he was not happy. He also indicated that he thought the White House was not too bright in backing up Moynihan. In case your papers are arriving late, this is all about Moynihan's speech at the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco at which he used a NYTimes editorial's description of Idi Amin as a "racist murderer". So far, so good but then he added that it was no accident that Amin is also current chairman of the OAU, causing an automatic defense reaction from all Africans, even those who are not fond of Big Daddy. The libyan ambassador, Mansur Kikhya, who unfortunately happens to be the current Arab leader in the assembly, was also enabled to get in a few licks for the Amin and radical Arab view of Israel. Thus, the carefully restored civility in third world-U.S. relations at the world body as well as the effort to downplay Israeli problems both got severely kicked. Theories vary from the possibility that Moynihan had too many drinks and got carried away to the speculation that he is going to join the crowd running for Buckley's seat in the Senate.

The only other subject of note at the UN was de Guiringaud's report on the lunch that Sauvagnargues had with Chiao Kuan-hua. DeG said Ciao told the French that he's happy about everything the US is doing except not getting the troops out of South Korea. An almost direct quote is supposed to be "If we had known they weren't going to pull out, we would never have left 17 years ago!". Ciao was supposed to have said he likes troops everywhere else, except, presumably, Taiwan, but doesn't want them on the mainland.

Incidentally, when I asked Henry this morning (all of it was off the record) if we could consider pulling the troops out of Korea, he said "Out of the question". So we're apparently not yet in the business of doing all we can to make the Chinese happy.

Bill Attwood had an interview with Sihanouk (I batted out), which should be in the paper Sunday. His speech to the assembly was a routine catalogue of our failings, but he made much more conciliatory noises elsewhere. Monique seemed to be holding up well.

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Hello to Barbara and Harry. Best, Dan

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PAUL W. SPELTZ
PRESIDENT

June 13, 1975

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

Dear George:

I received the enclosed advertisement for The Asia Letter which I feel might be of interest to you. This editor seems to really relish publicizing any rumor he can pick up.

I hope to see you soon in Peking. Best wishes to your wife.

Respectfully,



Paul W. Speltz

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THE ASIA LETTER

THE AUTHORITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ASIAN AFFAIRS

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Now, more than ever, you need to be well-informed on Asia.

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Yes - what is the nature?

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Sincerely,

Arthur Richards

Arthur Richards, Chairman

AR:dg

P.S. - Send the order card today!

We'll bill you later,

*Thanks
A.R.*

March 20, 1975

Mrs. T. M. Spencer
Public Relations Parent Representative
Stratford Spartanaire Drill Team
539 Kickerillo Drive
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mrs. Spencer:

Thank you for that thoughtful letter written on February 17th which arrived exactly one month later.

I am glad to have the picture and I was delighted to know that my great friend, Bill Archer, has arranged for you to perform in Washington. That is a marvellous group you had -- great kids, great citizens.

Mrs. Bush and I are enjoying our fantastic new life in China. We miss you, but this is a challenge of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Public Relations Parent Representative
Stratford Spartanaire Drill Team
539 Kickerillo Dr..
Houston, Tx. 77024

February 17, 1975

Ambassador George Bush
Department of State, U. S. A.
Washington, D. C. 20520

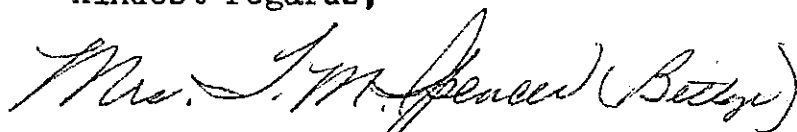
Dear Ambassador Bush:

The Spartanaire Drill Team of Stratford High School, Spring Branch Independent School District, Houston, Texas, wishes to thank you for your time, interest and courtesy during the Republican State Convention in Houston October 16, 1974. The members of the Spartanaires are richer because of the performance at the Convention. The Republicans greeted them with open arms.

Enclosed is a color photograph of you, the Spartanaires, and their Director, Ms. Elaine Edgington.

We hope your time with the group will be one of your cherished memories. It certainly was for all the girls.

Kindest regards,



Mrs. T. M. Spencer

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Enclosure

P. S. - Bill Archer, the present President of the Texas State Society of Washington, D. C., issued an invitation to our Stratford Spartanaire Drill Team to perform at the Society's brunch on March 2. We have raised the money and are going. Tom and I will be going as chaperones for the group. We will be in Washington March 1-5 spending all of our extra moments touring our beautiful nation's capitol.

June 9, 1975

Mr. William I. Spencer,
President,
First National City Bank,
399 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10022.

Dear Bill:

Our letters crossed in the mail. Yours of May 21st arrived today. Gosh, I feel badly about the Kathes. Perhaps when we get down to the final dates we will find that we do have room after all, but I hate to count on it looking at the Fall schedule as it stands right now.

Bad news on the Gulf Stream. China simply doesn't permit private planes to fly into or even over its territory. This to date has been a totally firm rule. If there should be some precedence established that shows a relaxation on this I will immediately make a request for your plane to be able to come here, but don't count on it. There is good service from Tokyo to Peking every day of the week except Saturday.

We will have a great time, so don't let anything change your plans.

Warmest regards,

George Bush



FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

WILLIAM I. SPENCER
PRESIDENT

399 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

May 21, 1975

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Honorable George Bush
Chief, U.S. Liaison Office
Peking
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

JUN 9 1975

Dear George:

I was delighted to hear from Dick Freytag in Hong Kong of your very kind invitation to spend a few days in Peking. Kay and I would be most delighted to accept your invitation, and sincerely hope the details can be worked out. At this point I have blocked out September 19th through October 2nd on my calendar for a previously planned trip to Asia and, if possible, would like to fit the three-day visit with you and your wife into that time frame. Dick indicated that it should not be considered, in any way, a business visit and that a large group should not be involved. This is perfectly acceptable to us, but I would like to know if it would be acceptable to also include Mr. and Mrs. Raymund Kathe. Ray, who you may know, is a Senior Vice President in our Bank, resident in Tokyo. Ray, and his wife, Jackie, have spent many years in China previously, and have a great love and understanding for the country. If you could handle four people, I believe the Kathes would be a very desirable addition to our group.

I will be traveling at that time in the Bank plane which is a Grumman Gulf Stream II. Would it cause great difficulties in attempting to arrive in that aircraft? If there is any problem at all, we will travel by commercial transportation from Tokyo.

Again, I cannot tell you how delighted we are to receive your invitation. The Bank and I, personally, have had a great and continuing interest in the Peoples Republic of China, and while this would not be an official visit, it would certainly give us an opportunity to get a more up-to-date feel for what is happening in the PRC. You can communicate with me either directly, or through Dick Freytag in Hong Kong. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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1. William Spencer, President of First National City Bank of New York, left a package at the Bank's Tokyo office for me. Would appreciate your calling the Bank and asking them to deliver the package to Jim Moran, Administrative Officer with Kissinger party, so it can be put on Kissinger plane and brought to Peking. Many thanks.

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October 24, 1975

Mr. William Spencer,
President,
First National City Bank of New York,
399 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10022.

Dear Bill:

The tennis racket arrived. It is so beautiful I don't know whether to frame it or play with it -- unbelievable! The case must have cost more than our regular suitcases. In any event it is here. So is that fantastic package of Polaroid film. Everything arrived in good shape, sent over on the Kissinger plane. Many, many thanks, for your thoughtfulness.

We still miss the Spencers very much indeed.

Warmest regards,

George Bush

January 6, 1975

Honorable Wells Stabler
U.S. Ambassador-designate to Spain
Department of State - EUR
Washington, D. C.

Dear Wells:

I just can't tell you how pleased I was to get the news of your well deserved new appointment. You and Emily will do a first-rate job of it we Bushs are totally convinced.

I hope you have had a glimpse of Barbara down the Street. She will be there until early in January.

I'm finding this challenge in Peking to be just right. I must confess to missing family, friends and even politics but on the other hand, this land of contrasts presents an enormously exciting life.

Again, my sincere congratulations.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 28, 1975

Dear George:

I do appreciate your kind letter of January 6 on my appointment. Emily and I are greatly looking forward to this assignment.

It was great fun to see Barbara again and we only wish that you, too, could have come for the annual eggnog.

With all best wishes and, again, many thanks,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wells Stabler".

Wells Stabler

The Honorable
George Bush
Chief, United States Liaison Office
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FOR STAFFORD AND SLAYTON FROM AMBASSADOR GEO. BUSH

DEAR TOM AND DEKE,
I JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO KNOW THAT SEVERAL FANS WILL BE
WATCHING YOU FROM PEKING. BEST OF LUCK. GEORGE.

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September 24, 1975

Major General Thomas P. Stafford, USAF,
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center,
Houston, Texas 77058.

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your great letter of September 6th, and thanks for the pictures. Both were on my desk when I returned to Peking from consultations in the States.

I left from Andrews Air Force Base on August 29th, and the Protocol Chief told me that you were arriving in just a few minutes. Darn it! I'm sorry our paths didn't cross. One of these days they will.

Thanks for the great job you did for our country.

Warmest regards,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office



September 6, 1975

The Honorable George Bush
PEKING
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

SEP 11 1975

Dear George:

Thanks so much for your kind letter, and I must apologize for taking so long to answer; however, I am just now getting around to sorting through my mail.

It certainly was a challenge to plan, train, and fly the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project mission; and it appears that everyone is more than pleased with the results.

George, under separate cover along with some other pictures I sent you the photograph that I made of the earth during translunar coast on Apollo X. Due to weather and trajectory it was the best picture ever made of the North American continent in the Apollo series.

We have read about the great accomplishments you have achieved in working in a delicate diplomatic situation, and you certainly have our utmost appreciation and respect. If we ever have the opportunity, we would certainly love to visit Red China and be able to drop by and say hello personally. Unfortunately we did not see the Great Wall due to the fact that it was usually night-time when we were over that part of the world.

With very best wishes,

Thomas P. Stafford
Major General, USAF

PERSONAL

November 6, 1975

Mrs. Kelley Stanard,
310 1st St., S.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20003.

Dear Pam:

Your October 10th letter was just great. I was particularly pleased that you enclosed the Phonogram message to George Lewis - a real keeper for the archives.

I have been hoping that Kelley would be assigned to come out here with the President but see he is still on the VP detail.

I had planned to write you a good newsy letter, but look at it this way: soon I'll be back there and maybe I'll be lucky enough to get a chance to tell you in person about our fantastic stay in China and get all caught up on what you are doing.

Thanks for your wonderful letter. It made my day.

Sincerely,

George Bush

October 10, 1975

My dear wonderful Mr. Bush:

Please forgive my not having written you sooner. You sure have been on my mind!

I was so sorry I was not at the office the day you dropped by to say Hi. I was on the tail end (literally) of my vacation, darn it, and was back at work the very next day. Kelley and I spent three great weeks on the west coast, (including Victoria, B.C.) and we used that Monday you were here as R & R before coming back to work. I still use the excuse I'm suffering from Jet Lag!

Kelley has asked me repeatedly to stick in his 2¢ worth (mine too) that he wishes he were running around guarding the Bush instead of the Rock (if you get my meaning). Gosh, it just hit me that you may not remember that Kelley is a S.S. agent on the VP detail. That whole area has become very touchy lately, as I am sure you are aware. Anyway, wouldn't you like to come back and try again?????????

I'm sure you're getting filled in on all the really important stuff happening around here (is there any?) so this letter is just a bunch of trivia. I see Rose occasionally over at the Long-roach Cafeteria; Don is mostly ensconced in Finance and I'm mostly stuck on the 4th floor, so I don't see him too often; Kathy and I have lunch as often as we can and Kelley and I are still trying to return the favor by fixing her up with MR. RIGHT. (She introduced Kelley and me to each other!) I enjoy working for Dick Obenshain - he's dedicated and tries to do what he can around here; the Redskins haven't asked me to sing this year, but I flatter myself that they are really in a financial crunch (which they really are) and can't afford me (ha ha ha). I get repeated requests to sing the National Anthem for various political functions, but I've upped my ante, and if the people I like aren't going to be there (or if Kelley happens to be home that night,) I don't do it. Gee, after all,

how many different ways can you sing the Star Sprinkled Banana???:
I did it for the Leadership Conference (with Gov. Reagan) in
March - a near disaster - my piano player did not show up and
I had to face that song and 500 people at 9:00 a.m. sans accom-
paniment. (Yuk!)

Good ole Pete Roussel, bless his heart, called me about coming
over to Rumsfeld's office to do scheduling (Lee is leaving). I
guess my priorities have changed a bit, because I hardly see
Kelley now, and I think next year in the White HOuse will be
a bucket of worms, time-wise, and I want to keep my marriage
together! I hope I didn't make a mistake..So I told Pete no.

Well, you are probably bored to death with this missive by now.
I've taken the liberty of enclosing for your information or
File 13, an old memo message I took from Jane Kenney for George
Lewis in September of '73 - a reminder of your glorious days
at the RNC. I didn't have the heart to throw it away. (I hope
you're not offended!)

Please know that if I wrote you as often as I think of you,
you'd have three large file cabinets of these silly letters.
Don't you dare bother to write back - I know how busy and
hectic your schedule is!!!!

Thanks so much for the terrific ego booster of stopping in
to see me. I wish I had been here.

Everyone misses you. I hope you are surviving and in good
health.

With lots of love to you and your family,



Pam (and Kelley) Stanard

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*George
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I pleaded guilty today in Federal Court to five misdemeanors under the election financing laws in 1972. In each of these transactions I made a good faith judgment at the time that the Finance Committee was complying with the law, but it now turns out that was not the case.

I have done this after long deliberation and full advice of counsel, for these reasons:

(1) This disposition, I believe, establishes once and for all that I had no guilty involvement in the Watergate burglary, the Watergate coverup, the Segretti sabotage, the ITT case, the White House plumbers affair, or the 1971 dairy industry dealings. At no time have the Special Prosecutor or the Justice Department alleged that I played any guilty part in those matters, and this action puts that conclusion on the record. This is important, in view of the many baseless public charges against me in recent years.

(2) The plea relates to three instances in which campaign receipts or disbursements were not reported on time and two instances in which I nonwillfully and unknowingly took in illegal contributions, out of the hundreds of thousands of contributions and expenditures in the 1972 campaign. During the campaign I took every possible step to adhere to the law and instructed the Finance Committee's entire organization to do so, too. The violations now disclosed were not willful, and at the

time they occurred were not believed to be violations.

(3) The 1972 election and its aftermath have taken three years of my life, during which time I have been heavily occupied in defense of criminal and civil actions, my income and financial resources have been seriously reduced, and my mind has been anguished over the innumerable public accusations against me that have been proven to be unfounded, especially the year-long Vesco case in New York.

(4) Most importantly, the disposition of this present case will hopefully allow me to attend fully to the health of my wife, who has been hospitalized six times for a total of thirty weeks during the last thirty months, with several illnesses undoubtedly caused in part by the stresses of my situation. I want to see that she is restored to good health, and then devote part of my remaining years to interests I have been forced to neglect.

There are circumstances in mitigation of the five misdemeanor charges that will be presented to the Court at a later hearing. Until then my lawyers have advised me not to make any further statements.

UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
Peking, People's Republic of China

May 30, 1975

The Hon. Maurice H. Stans,
2500 Virginia Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20037.

Dear Maury:

I was really pleased to get the press release
and your thoughtful note.

Barbara and I continue to enjoy this fascinating
life in Peking.

Your postscript on the letter referring to my
being "active in the 1976 campaign" peaked my
curiosity. I know nothing about this, literally
nothing, and I would be most interested in what
you might have been referring to.

I hope this finds Kathleen in much better health.
You have been through your share of hell in more ways
than one, and now with all that agony behind you life
should begin to sing again.

Warm regards from downtown Peking.

George Bush

MAURICE H. STANS
2500 VIRGINIA AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20037

Dictate

May 19, 1975

Dear George:

As you may have read by this time, my years of investigation and prosecution came to an end last week.

You may be interested in seeing a copy of my final press statement, which tells the whole story.

Kathleen and I are eternally grateful for your constant confidence and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Mary

Enclosure

The Honorable George Bush
United States Liaison Office
Kuàng Hua Lu, 17
Peking, People's Republic of China

I hear you are going to be active in the 1976 campaign!

Statement of
Maurice H. Stans
May 14, 1975

The Court this morning imposed a fine on me for five misdemeanor violations of the election financing laws in 1972. Three of the charges were for late reporting of a contribution and two disbursements, and two were for unknowingly accepting illegal contributions from corporations. Offenses of these types have not previously been prosecuted.

By its action today, I believe that the Court has recognized that these violations were technical, were not significant, and were not intentional.

For the past three years I have been beset by a multitude of investigations, lawsuits, court proceedings and unfounded public accusations that have prevented any chance of a normal life. They have brought a great deal of anguish to my family and me and have been a heavy drain on my resources. This brings all that to an end.

I want especially to point out that I have been fully exonerated of any improper actions in connection with the Watergate and its aftermath. Considering the technical nature of the charges for which I appeared in court today, I believe I have vindicated my plea to the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973 to "give me back my good name."

Now all I want is to go home to my wife, who is not well, and do everything I can to help her regain her health, so we can be free to enjoy a more pleasant future in peace and quiet.

MAURICE H. STANS
2500 VIRGINIA AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20037

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June 20, 1975

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Dear George:

For a time the newsmen in Washington were speculating that you would come back from China to manage the 1976 re-election campaign for Ford. That was what I mentioned in my postscript in my earlier letter.

Since then, the President has chosen Bo Calloway to be his campaign chairman. This shows that the press, as usual, was just manufacturing news to print.

Of course, you would have made a good campaign chairman, but I think you are better off to stay in China and keep out of the '76 campaign if you can, unless you decide to be a candidate yourself.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mary

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

February 19, 1975

Mr. Kenneth Starr
Milwaukee Public Museum
800 West Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Mr. Starr:

That was a most thoughtful letter you sent me on
January 10th.

It was a great pleasure to have you and your traveling
colleagues with us on Christmas Eve. I was most
interested in the group. If you ever get a minute would
you please tell me how the group came into being,
who the people were, etc.

I am only sorry that you and I didn't have longer to
chat personally but my Aunt Marge Clement and my
Mother both came away enchanted with you and with
your experiences.

Warm best wishes.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

10 January 1975

Mr. George Bush, Chief
United States Liaison Office
Peking
People's Republic of China

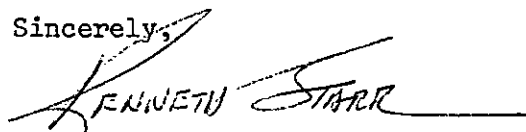
Dear Mr. Bush:

Back once again at my desk I write to thank you for your very gracious hospitality to the members of our raggle-taggle group on Christmas Eve. We had been traveling for several weeks among strangers and so were especially pleased to spend Christmas Eve with fellow countrymen. You were very kind to have included us among your guests.

Please convey my respects to Mrs. Bush and to Mrs. Clement. I very much enjoyed talking with Mrs. Clement who, to my surprise and delight, came from New Haven, where I spent several years while in school. We also found that we had friends in common, a coincidence that afforded us both considerable satisfaction.

Again, I thank you for your kindness and extend to you my very best wishes for a happy and satisfying new year.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Starr
Director

KS/kh

March 20, 1975

Mr. Kenneth Starr
Director
Milwaukee Public Museum
800 West Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Mr. Starr:

Thank you for that excellent letter of March 7th.

Let me be clear that I was not interested in probing into the background of any of the individuals in your group. I was interested in how these groups are put together and I've gotten a great deal more information on this since your group left. We have had two other such groups from the East coast in China. I think you were right when you say there is "no cloud" of any kind over the organization.

You were also right when you sensed that there might have been a difference between me and a person on your group who insisted that there were absolutely no freedoms in the United States -- particularly freedom of the press. I don't subscribe to this view and the longer I am here the stronger my feelings are on this matter, but nevertheless, I have been in public life long enough to recognize the absolute essentiality of diversity.

I am glad that the visit was such a productive one, and needless to say, if you come back here our front door is wide open. It seems to me that more and more visitors are coming from the United States to China.

Yours very truly,

George Bush



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

7 March 1975

*Copy sent to General Committee,
L.S. J.M.H.*

Mr. George Bush, Chief
United States Liaison Office
Peking
People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of 19 February. I am grateful to you for the time that you took in acknowledging my letter.

You make inquiry about those with whom I was traveling, and so in brief fashion I shall make effort to provide you with basic information about the group. The group of seventeen was traveling in China under the sponsorship of the Midwest Chapter of the United States-China People's Friendship Association (USCPFA). The USCPFA is a national organization, fairly recent of origin, and now is divided into three large regional sub-groups, namely, West Coast, Midwest and East Coast. The purpose of the organization is to forward friendship between the peoples of the United States and the People's Republic of China. As you might suppose, most of the members incline to being left of center politically, but there is a wide range of views, from ever so slightly left of center to the extreme left. So far as I could determine from conversations with old friends in the State Department and in other federal agencies, the organization is under no cloud of any kind. I myself am not a member of the USCPFA, but was invited by the local chapter, largely I suspect by reason of the active role that this museum plays in the educational and cultural life of the broad Milwaukee community. I myself have had long and continuing interest in the history and culture of China, but assiduously over the years have avoided politics, priding myself on the fact that I have friends on both sides of the Chinese political fence.

Our particular small group of seventeen tour members included people who ranged in age from nineteen to sixty-four and whose interests and levels of sophistication ranged equally widely, thus making our association during the tour a very stimulating and rewarding one. From all that I could hear on the evening when you so kindly played host to us you found one of our more positive members, or more accurately, I suspect, he found you, and I hope that he did not affront you by his comments. Both he and his wife are charming and sensitive people, and I respect both them and their views. The husband especially has strong feelings in some areas and may have given voice to them in his conversation with you.

Mr. George Bush

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7 March 1975

In the past year or so the USCPFA has been quite successful in getting groups into China, and I have every reason to believe that that success will continue. Although I have no formal relationship with the organization on either national or local level, I am very grateful to the local chapter for having sponsored my visit to the People's Republic. My wife and I lived in China for two years from 1947-49, at which time I was principal of the American School in Tsingtao, Shantung Province, and we also have lived in Taiwan on two occasions when I was carrying on some research. Beyond that, I have a master's degree in Chinese language and literature and a doctorate in the anthropology of China. For all these reasons I was in excellent position to benefit very greatly from my visit and, indeed, did so.

Again, I am extremely grateful to you and the members of your staff for your courtesy to me and the other members of our group. Having a bit of Christmas there in what must be one of the world's most eminent non-Christmas societies was very rewarding. Please convey my respects to your mother and your aunt when next you write, and please also offer my expression of gratitude to Mrs. Holdridge for her part in making my Christmas celebrations both unusual and very pleasant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "KENNETH STARR". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Kenneth Starr
Director

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April 30, 1975

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Mr. Jack Steel,
5010 Westbrier Lane, No. 4,
Houston, Texas 77027.

Dear Jack:

I thought you might be interested in this very moving letter I received from Selma Wells. She is a strong, optimistic soul, and the work she does to save the lives of ex-convicts has got to be fantastic.

You are nice to ask about our son George. He is doing just great. He is still vitally interested in the type of work he was doing at PULL. He graduates from Harvard Business School very soon and then will come see us in China.

Warm regards,

George Bush

Enclosure

May 12, 1975

Mr. Jack Steel,
5010 Westbriar, Apt. 4,
Houston, Texas 77027.

Dear Jack:

I sent this off to you in December unaddressed. Sorry about that.

We had a good visit from Holt and Flo Atherton, and today the Elkins and Tony Bryans from Houston arrive. Borman had to cancel out, but big Rog Morton and Anne get here tonight -- a busy week.

Bar gets home on May 27 to see Marvin graduate. Give her a call at the house and tell her when you are coming to China.

Love from all Bushes,

George Bush

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JACK STEEL

June 13th

Dear George -

I finally managed to get the current address of Velma and Jesse Johnson. It was rather difficult and I wound up calling Velma at the U.S. Attorney's office - it took a few days before I could reach her because she was off. I had tried getting the address from the Church secretary but she said she could not give it to me. The address:

Jesse Johnson
3602 Garapan
Houston, Texas 77088.

It looks as though the whole trial, if there is one, will have racial overtones. It seems that Jesse's son had been badgered for some time by the white boys at school - pushed him out of line in the cafeteria, etc. Finally, he stabbed one of the white boys and it was fatal. The church has set up a defense fund and now the NAACP is in the picture.

Jimmy Allison was in town this past week-end (I'll tell you more about him later) and we discussed the situation thoroughly. We both feel that if you want to do something for Velma & Jesse, it would be best to send it directly to them and not get involved with the Church fund or the NAACP, because of any possible adverse publicity later on.

I asked Velma how things were going

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and she said "pretty good", considering. The boy is still in custody. She said the process is so slow that all they can do is wait. At this time, we have no idea when he will be tried. I must say that Velma sounded good, was very chatty and seemed delighted that I called.

By the way, I did not mention that you wanted to help them - thought I'd leave that up to you. I told her that you were concerned about them and wanted to write to them. I'll keep you posted on what develops. However, I'm sure that after you write to them they'll tell you all.

I spent a couple of evenings with Jimmy & Linda - we had a great time. However, the first night the Goodlears joined and that is quite a story. Since I want to get this right off to you, I won't go into detail. Will write another letter and send it off with some newspaper clippings I have for you.

As you know by now, I had a nice visit with Bar via phone when she was in D.C. Please give her my love.

Yours,
John

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Houston, Texas
September 22, 1975

**Frank
Briscoe**
A Real Mayor For Houston

Dear Fellow Republican:

"Get on board with Briscoe" is a campaign song you're going to be hearing a lot of in the next few weeks.

We hope you already are "on board" with the campaign to elect former District Attorney Frank Briscoe as the next mayor of Houston. If not, we hope our recommendation will encourage you to take a good look at the man we believe is truly "tough enough" to handle the tough job of managing the business of the nation's sixth largest city.

We don't have to tell you that far too many of America's big cities are in serious trouble. Looking at the policies and actions of this administration, we are convinced that Houston can't afford to continue along its present course for the next two years.

We believe Frank Briscoe offers Houstonians a unique opportunity to get our city government back on the right track. A respected citizen and outstanding attorney, he is a man of proven ability as an administrator whose record as District Attorney won him the endorsement of all three Houston newspapers in his campaigns for re-election.

Enclosed with this letter is a brief fact sheet outlining Frank Briscoe's qualifications and some of his positions on the issues--and a card which we hope you will return volunteering your support for his campaign.

Electing a mayor takes more than a good candidate. It takes people, hard work and money. Already, the Briscoe campaign has attracted a unique combination of support from Republicans, Democrats and Independents--people who have put aside partisan differences in order to work together for the future well being of our city.

They believe--we believe--that Frank Briscoe will be a real mayor for Houston. And we're convinced that with all our help he can win.

We're "on board" with Frank Briscoe, and strongly urge all our fellow Republicans to join us in his campaign.

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May 2, 1975

Congressman & Mrs. Bill Steiger,
Longworth Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jan and Bill:

You are most thoughtful. Barbara burst out in tears when your telegram arrived, and we were very, very happy to get the news about Shirley.

We have had ecstatic letters from Marvin, and we can never thank you enough for the opportunity you have given this guy.

May Day in Peking was fantastic. Needless to say the pressures around here are rather intense due to the collapse in Southeast Asia. Yesterday every other person among the hundreds of thousands in the Park seemed to be from the PRG in South Vietnam. There have been great celebrations in the North Vietnamese and PRG Embassies here, but I am glad the whole damn mess is over with now.

This is too quick, but I did want to thank you for that telegram...typical Steiger thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Chief, US Liaison Office



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FOR EA/EX DON WETHERBEE FROM AMBASSADOR BUSH

1. Please telephone Beauvoir Washington Cathedral Elementary School with following message:

2. QUOTE: I would strongly like to recommend William Steiger for admission to Beauvoir School. He is an extremely bright boy and the School would be greatly benefited by his admission. END QUOTE.

3. Please telephone Congressman William Steiger of Wisconsin and tell him that message was delivered.

Thanks.

BUSH *CB*

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Ambassador George Bush
Chief, U. S. Liaison Office
Peking, Peoples Republic of China
c/o U. S. State Department
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear George:

I'm sending to you under separate cover two front sections of the Evening Star which discuss in some detail the rise of Richard Viguerie and his assorted allies like Kevin Phillips and Howard Phillips.

Peggy Heckler attended a seminar at Harvard in which she had an opportunity to visit with Viguerie. He indicated that they are making a serious effort to get John Connally to replace George Wallace and Ronald Reagan as the bright star for an independent party. Viguerie apparently said that George Wallace had too many negatives and Ronald Reagan didn't have the guts.

The White House has followed rather closely John Connally's coming and going from Washington. I'm sure you will know from the President's press conference on Wednesday that he praised John Connally, in my view, more than he needed to. I suspect the reason he did so was because of the Connally activities.

It is an interesting development, and I think you will find the Star articles fascinating. Also, I think you will find of interest the story of the President's kitchen cabinet.

You and Bar will be relieved to know that USIA has said I can't come from Moscow to Peking in July! Thus, you are not at all responsible for what happens to me or where I go. I must admit that I am sorely disappointed that they would

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Ambassador George Bush

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not let me make a relatively brief side trip to Peking. Oh well! I know it would have been an inconvenient time, and I hesitated to even tell you I was proposing that to the agency. Of course, that doesn't mean that Janie and I won't try to visit you if we get anywhere near the coast of mainland China.

Such a nice note from Bar about the arrival of the children and all that you are doing. I'm awfully sorry the Peking throat has arrived.

At the moment Billy is very sick which I suspect is a reaction to his allergy shots. You'll be pleased to know he is doing very well as a swimmer. He is diving now with his head under water, picking up pennies and other assorted items from the bottom of the pool. He is really swimming quite well, and I am tremendously proud of him. His mother is very patient with him and has done a good job.

I leave today for California to attend an American Assembly meeting and will arrive in Oshkosh on Sunday night. Janie and Billy leave for Wisconsin on Saturday, June 28, and we plan to return to Washington on July 6.

The House is in recess from the 27th of June until July 7. Tax reform hearings have started in the House Ways and Means Committee and are going to be fascinating. It's a little hard for me to know quite what will happen but, nonetheless, it will be quite an experience to sit through that.

You will be pleased to know, George, that the Unemployment Compensation Subcommittee is now in conference with the Senate. I have had my first exposure to Russell Long and his stories. As you know, it is quite a change to have the subcommittees go into conference instead of just the ranking members on the full committee. I'm for it. I think it is an excellent idea and a big improvement over the old system. It does give those

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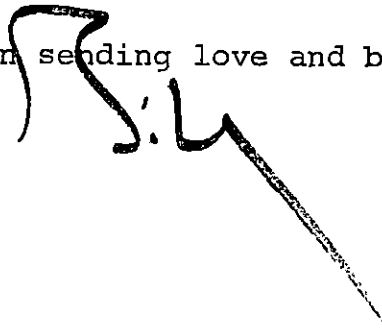
of us who haven't been on the committee long or even those like Jim Corman who have been on for some time a chance to go to conference when they have never had the opportunity before. There are two freshman members of the committee on the conference--Martha Keys of Kansas and myself. Russell Long is performing as I have understood he performs, and I can't tell you that I am very impressed. I'm not.

We sustained the President's veto on the Housing Bill, and it now marks the sixth veto in a row that was sustained. To say the least, the Democrats are distressed and disappointed though they knew very well they were not going to override this one. It was a good vote, and Lud Ashley made an excellent speech which you can read in the Record in voting to sustain the veto. It was a hard position for Lud to take, but I think it was the right one.

The President has some momentum going his way, and the majority party is going to have to think a long time before they keep pushing as they have if they keep losing.

All for now. I'll be back in touch with you in the not too distant future, and I'll keep sending along items of interest.

Janie and Billy join in sending love and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. H. W. Bush", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed text and extends downwards and to the right.

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UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE
Peking, People's Republic of China

June 26, 1975

The Hon. William A. Steiger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dear Bill:

Your great letter of June 23th arrived in ten days.
Not bad!

We are having a marvelous time with the kids, and also with the Russell Trains...tons of sightseeing, commune and street committee visiting, etc. Yesterday we invited several environmental experts over, and much to my pleasant surprise had a very good exchange with the Chinese, something that isn't easy to do.

I appreciate your advice on the campaign slot. I agree totally. Perhaps Calloway's appointment means there'll be no need for a post-convention change. I am happy in this work, and though I am sure I would in the final analysis succumb if the President asked me, I definitely don't want to do that job. As for the Cabinet, I've been here too short a time to be considered for that, and don't see any opening where I could do a good job. I had a good confidential discussion with Rog Morton about all of this, and if you are ever just shooting the breeze with him perhaps he would be willing to talk about it.

I got a cordial letter back from Wilbur Mills, and am delighted you suggested I write him.

The books you are sending are fantastic. The paperbacks will indeed make a tremendous addition to our USLO library. I'll return the Phillips book, and "Inside the House", as soon as I've finished. I'm halfway through the latter now. Have just finished Teddy White's book on Nixon and thought it was excellent.

Things have quieted down around here; not a lot of exciting news, and many of the Ambassadors have taken off.

There is some talk of two Congressional delegations coming out to Peking in August. I want to get to Maine for the last two weeks in August, so I may miss one of the delegations. One is official, and one apparently is headed by Javits and Percy.

I'm delighted you'll be going to Maine, and so is Bar. We have that great house, and it kills me that it isn't getting more use.

Love to all, and thanks for your many, many care packages. I really feel much better clued in on things now.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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JUN 23 1975

Dear George:

What fun it was to see Bar here in Washington. We had a marvelous time with one of the Bush barbecues outside. The weather was chilly and a little overcast and it looked like it was going to rain, but the people were such fun to see. Of course, we missed you but Bar more than made up for your not being here. She looks marvelous.

Janie and I had a chance to take Bar and Shirley Pettis out to dinner at the 1789 Restaurant in Georgetown. The food was good, but the service was awful. I'm sorry about that, but it was good to have a chance to visit.

MW
The news reports on your being one of those under consideration for the chairmanship or leadership of the Ford re-election campaign reminds me that I should write to you and simply say that I hope you don't take that job. I understand full well that if you are asked you might decide to take it. My own judgment is that is not the kind of responsibility you should be asked to take on. You had your share of dealing with Republican politics and politicians, and you did it exceedingly well. To come back from being the "Ambassador" to the Peoples Republic of China to that kind of campaign job to me doesn't make much sense for you. To come back to the Cabinet would be

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one thing and, obviously, I think you should do that if an opening ever develops. But I really don't think you should take on what would be a back-breaking, tough job under the best of circumstances in the re-election effort. There are a lot of people here who can do that job well. I in no way take anything away from you in terms of your capability of doing the job. I just hope you will resist any effort to have you take that responsibility on.

The debate on the energy bill began on Monday. Since you are getting the Congressional Record, I'll not bore you with the details. It was a fairly interesting debate. Wilbur Mills sat quietly watching in the front row all of the players, very sphinxlike in his attitude. It will be interesting to watch his voting pattern. My guess is that he will vote for the bill in whatever form it finally comes to final passage simply because he doesn't want to disrupt his relatively tenuous position on the committee.

The amending process began on Tuesday and will go on at least all day Tuesday and Wednesday and perhaps into Thursday. It will be a relatively long debate and fairly heated at times. When you have a minute, you can take a look at it as you go through the Record.

I'll send you Bill Rusher's new book on forming a new political party if you are interested. Let me know. I've ordered it, but it hasn't come yet. I'll read it before I send it to you. If you are interested, please drop me a note.

I hope I can help to build up the litigation library by the paperbacks I've sent over to you. You can keep them, throw them out or do anything you want with them. I thought they might be useful for others in the litigation who would like to read some fairly good spy stories and mysteries.

Ambassador George Bush

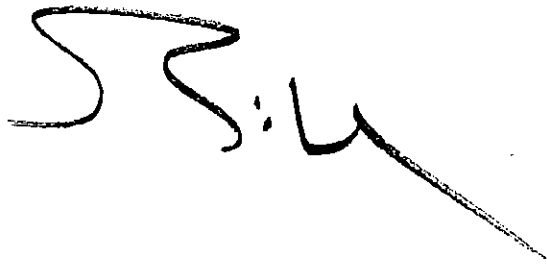
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It is apparent you are running the most interesting, continuing tourist home of any ligation or embassy in the world. I am absolutely amazed at the number of people who are coming through and, of course, the fact that you have to do so much. I feel badly about that, frankly, because it imposes some very real strains on you and Bar. But I know it is fun to see some of the friends who have had a chance to come over. It will be more fun to see all of the kids when they get there. I hope young George is enjoying his visit now that he has arrived. Give him our best.

It will be great to see Bar again in August, and we are so grateful to her for her thoughtfulness.

Hope to see you, George, when next you are coming back to Washington. If I could ever find a way to get to the Far East, you better believe Janie and I would pop in to Peking if it were convenient for you.

Janie and Billy join in sending our love and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Janie and Billy', written in a cursive style. The signature is located below the text 'wishes.' and above the rest of the page.

United States Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

July 28, 1975

The Hon. William A. Steiger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dear Bill:

I'm sending this by Bar.

In one letter you asked about the Guardian Newspaper. The Guardian Newspaper, a pro-mao, left-wing group, operates principally out of New York. They are accorded special treatment for sponsoring special trips to China. Also, the Guardian is often quoted in the so-called "straight" news the Chinese pass out here. They are accorded the same degree of recognition as the New York Times, for example.

Guardian sponsors tours to Peking. Sometimes the tours are made up of a wide cross-section, including just plain Americans who want to see China, but normally the weight of the delegation is leftist.

With all this in mind, pass along to Aunt Sophie a word of restraint. But in spite of that, it is one of the few ways people can get to see China.

These comments are of course privileged and please don't quote me.

Bar will fill you in on all the news. Just let me tell you how much we have enjoyed the books you send, and how grateful I am for all the clippings. I'll try to mail or bring back the hardbacks you send which you should have for your library.

Rushing to get this ready before Bar leaves. Warmest regards to you and Jan,

George Bush

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Dear George:

I spent the weekend in Palo Alto, California, at a meeting sponsored by the American Assembly and the American Bar Association on Law and the Changing Society.

Among the participants of the meeting were two former constituents of yours, Rabbi and Mrs. Hyman Judah Schachtel from Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood Boulevard, Houston, Texas. Both Rabbi and Mrs. Schachtel lit up their eyes when I asked them if they had known George and Barbara Bush. They said, "of course, we think they are two of the finest people ever." I would guess that Mrs. Schachtel was distressed with your relationship with the Nixon Administration! I don't know whether or not they were supporters, but they asked to be remembered to you.

My Aunt Sophie, the world traveler, asked me whether I knew anything about the Guardian newspaper in New York since they are advertising trips to China. I told her I didn't know anything about it, and I'm not sure you do. Have you heard anything about that organization and the kinds of tours they are proposing for U. S. citizens to travel to the Peoples Republic? If not, don't worry. I'll see what I can find out here. I just thought you might have some insight into that proposition.

Ambassador George Bush

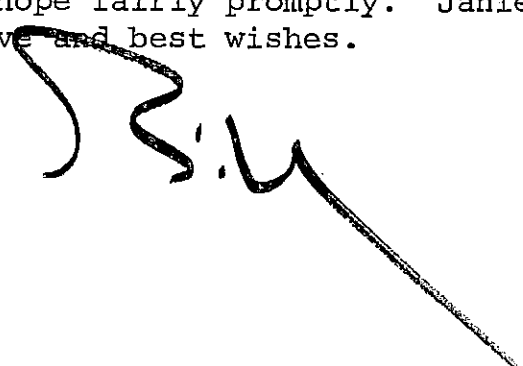
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Wisconsin weather was magnificent, and I'm sorry to be back. Janie and Billy have both been ill and are on antibiotics. Other than that, the world seems to be going along reasonably well. Things were very quiet at home.

I've sent you the Washington Post series on the House of Representatives, as I'm sure others have, which I think you'll find quite interesting. I'm also sending out the articles from both the Milwaukee Journal and the Chicago Tribune which represent the first of a series on the editors' view of China based on their recent trip. I'll try and capture the Journal's follow-up article, but I suspect I'll not be able to track down the Tribune's.

Hope the kids are all well and that both of you are holding up in reasonably good shape. What is the latest on when the President is coming to Peking?

All for now. Articles and stories coming along in regular order to you--I hope fairly promptly. Janie and Billy join in sending love and best wishes.

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Dear George:

The books came back in good condition. Thanks ever so much for returning them.

I was fully aware of your feelings regarding Kevin Phillips but, nonetheless, I thought you might be intrigued by what he is saying and doing these days. I agree the book is far too technical and I'll have to give high marks to anyone who reads it and can understand it.

What delightful news regarding Doro. Janie and I are so pleased that it was possible for her to be baptized. The letters from Bar about the baptism are magnificent. That must have been quite a day. Please give Doro our congratulations and love.

I sent another book to you which I hope you'll get in good shape. You can return it at your convenience. It's a good spy, adventure story that I think you'll enjoy.

Pete McCloskey tells me he is off to China in September as I recall. I don't know anything about the two congressional delegations coming out in August, but I would guess there are a number who are going to be in the Far East during the August recess. Shirley Pettis, as you may know, is going to Taiwan and Korea. She is taking Peter with her.

Shirley had a very tough 4th of July recess in California. Peter is a problem and has very little to do at the moment. Shirley hopes the trip to the Far East will be good for him

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and take his mind off of doing nothing. He's enrolled in Arizona State starting in September.

The recess was a real recognition of the fact that Jerry is gone. She was doing all of the 4th of July things that she and Jerry had done together and he wasn't there. I think it was a particularly emotional time for her, and she looked emotionally drained when she got back.

In my view, Shirley continues to do well. I think that Rose now has her staff in good shape which undoubtedly makes her life that much easier.

Not really too much going on at the present time. The tax reform hearings are under way. Because of the number of witnesses and the length of time that we are taking for the hearings, we have broken up into task forces of 4 Republicans and 8 Democrats each. In that way, all of us don't have to be there for every bit of testimony. We were all there for the big ones, but those who are testifying now represent specific interests and items in the tax code.

The Subcommittees are meeting more and more frequently. We now begin our work at 8:00 a.m. with Subcommittees, and these are followed by full committee meetings.

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has their energy bill on the floor this week. The only thing about it is that it will make the Ways and Means Committee bill look good.

I'm off to Moscow today with stops in Leningrad and Belgrade, Yugoslavia. I'll return on the 22nd. If I find out anything interesting, I'll let you know. The trip will be short because Janie can't come with me and that, of course, makes the trip less interesting.

Give our love to Bar and the kids. Everyone in 1025 sends best wishes to Marvin, and they hope he comes back safely and will stop for a visit. Janie and Billy join in sending love and best wishes to you all.

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+ more books on their way for you to read!

From the desk of

GEORGE BUSH

To Stan B fromGB

Have had an inquiry on the Guardian Newspaper in NYC
from a Member of Congress.. Can you give me a couple o
of graphs on the Guardian Please.....

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Mr. Bush

*Attached, about all that
Perito and I know about the
subject.*

S. Brooks

(cautionary note: this is a ticklish subject to be covering in a letter, if there*s any risk of disclosure of your remarks. The subject is really very much more within the competence of the FBI than of the State Department.)

We have no information here about the Guardian's affiliation, funding, ~~etc~~ how long it has been in business, etc. We do know that it takes a strongly pro-PRC line; ~~and that~~ its commentary is replayed with some frequency by the New China News Agency. We are ~~also~~ also aware of it as the sponsor in some way or other ~~of some of the private "friendship delegations"~~ ~~of some of the private "friendship delegations"~~ of some of the private "friendship delegations" that come over here from the U.S. We hear from time to time about "Guardian tours" being in town, but people in these groups ^{seem} very rarely ^{to} show up at the Liaison Office. I know you'll ^{just} ~~these~~ remarks with all due discretion, for the subject is one that officially I have no business ~~in~~ commenting on at all.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

July 31, 1975

Ambassador George Bush
Chief, U. S. Liaison Office
Peking, Peoples Republic of China
c/o U. S. State Department
Washington, D. C. 20520

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Dear George:

Marvin Bush walked in the office on Wednesday, the 30th, looking fit and well. He said it was a super trip and kept us all in stitches.

Janie, Billy and I can't wait to see Bar and Marvin plus whoever else in Maine on Saturday afternoon. We're looking forward to it and are grateful to Bar for her willingness to put up with us.

Speaker Albert is off for Moscow, Leningrad plus Yugoslavia and other assorted places for almost a month. The Embassy people have been fully alerted, and I hope the trip goes reasonably well.

Please let us know when you finally make your plans to come to Maine and Washington. I hope you can get up there. I would think you might need a break, and Maine is clearly the best place for you to get one--have a little fun, go fishing, get out on the boat and take a look around.

Jim Baker has now been nominated for the position of Under Secretary of Commerce. When I get back in September, I will take you up on your suggestion.

We had an SOS meeting on Tuesday at which Bo Callaway was present along with Mel Laird and others. Everyone jumped

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all over Bo--Laird especially. I think at this point he is finally getting a handle on the Rockefeller situation. I must say he has handled it badly. But I also talked with Bill Timmons who was present at one of the newspaper meetings with Bo, and he says that Bo is being badly handled by the press. The full context of Bo's comments is not what is being reported. By and large, Bo was reporting what other people said to him. Bo obviously has a lot to learn in terms of the Washington press corps and has come out very badly. His latest position of not commenting any further, I think, is the right one because at this point the damage or the pluses, whichever way you look at it, has been done.

In talking with those from Louisiana, Lou Frey from Florida, or Trent Lott and Thad Cochran from Mississippi, they are all ecstatic at the way Bo has handled Rockefeller because they don't like him. It apparently is going well in the south. It sure isn't going well any place else in the country.

You may recall at one point during our visits with the then President Nixon he expressed some views on changing the name of the party and other items including comments on some of the senior members of our party like Les Arends. I'm not surprised by his visit with you on that item with John Connally. It is pretty clear that Nixon had a fairly strong view that the Republican Party's name should be changed as well as some other changes.

Connally is quiet at the moment though he has his big fund raiser coming up in Texas which, I am sure, is going to be kind of interesting.

In case you missed it, Pete DuPont has announced for Governor of Delaware so he will be moving out of Congress. Also, Dick Fulton is about to be elected Mayor of Nashville so he will leave the Ways and Means Committee as well as the House.

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The House is presently debating and discussing at great length energy once again and coming to no resolution. The President's plans are being turned down, the congressional plans are not very clear, and it is to say the least a mess.

The trip to the Soviet Union was for me interesting and worthwhile. I had a good visit with Ambassador Stoessel in Moscow who is most impressive and with your fellow colleague in Belgrade, Larry Silberman, who asked to be remembered to you. He is thoroughly enjoying Belgrade and Yugoslavia and has a perfectly magnificent residence. I'm afraid you do not match that in terms of his swimming pool and tennis court plus six acres of lawn and garden. It was fun to have the chance to see him and Ricki and talk with them.

Look forward to seeing you when you get back here. Can't wait to get to Kennebunkport to be with Bar and the kids.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. S. V.', with a long, thin, sweeping line extending downwards and to the right from the end of the signature.

October 21, 1975

Hon. William Steiger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dear Billy,

I am just rushing off to the Kissinger Guest House. The trip is going pretty well, I think.

Thanks for your great books. I have read two, and when I finish the third I will send them back.

Andy Stewert leaves Peking today. Give her a call and she can give you all the first-hand dope on the Bushs.

Bar's well, so is C. Fred. Only thing is, we miss the Steigers.

George Bush



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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WILLIAM A. STEIGER
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September 29, 1975

The Honorable and Mrs. George Bush
U. S. Liaison Office
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Bar and George:

I've sent you three books which I hope you'll enjoy. All three are excellent--at least both Janie and I liked them--and you may read them, share them and return them at your convenience.

I couldn't resist sending you Mrs. Bush's letter to Janie and me. Such a thoughtful note. We are so pleased to see that she is getting out of the hospital soon, and I hope everything has gone well.

The Steigers have been exceedingly busy doing things like cleaning our house, cleaning up toys, fixing up bedrooms and moving furniture. The last three weekends have been heavenly because we've been home, the weather has been pretty good, and I've gotten a lot done.

Some interesting Vice Presidential stories coming out which I've sent in case you missed them. Hope you'll enjoy them.

Janie and Billy join in sending love and best wishes.

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Dear Mr. Bush,

I would appreciate it very much if you
would send me an autographed picture of
yourself.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Alon Steer.