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 Letters of Congratulations on China Appointment

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RALPH B. ROGERS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

PERSONAL

August 23, 1974

Mr. George Bush
c/o Republican National Committee
310 First Street Southeast
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George,

Obviously, I am sorry. It is ironic that I tried to persuade you--
in 1968--to back Nelson Rockefeller instead of Richard Nixon.

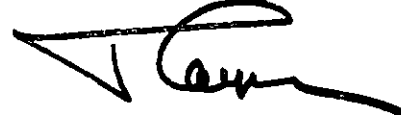
I don't know what you are going to do or how the President will
utilize what I think are your many talents, but I do want to tell
you that you have conducted yourself in a manner to bring great
credit on you in an impossible situation.

On November 30 (my 65th birthday), I retire as Chief Executive Officer
of Texas Industries, Inc. Maybe we could both find some time for a
vacation.

Mary Nell joins me in sending our best to Barbara and to you.

Be of good cheer!

Sincerely,



RBR:FBC

*Make note
on calendar
I'd like to
respond to him!*

*No reply now
if we wrote*

*8/23 - all ready
we will
be able
to handle*



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 23, 1974

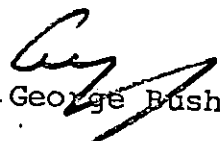
Mr. William F. Lynch
President, Mickelson & Lynch
One North LaSalle Street
Suite 1425
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Bill:

Thank you for that very thoughtful letter about China. Barbara and I are thrilled about the challenge. We leave about the middle of October. I can think of no assignment I'd rather have.

Warm regards and many thanks,

Sincerely,


George Bush

Thanks Bill

MICKELSON AND LYNCH

September 4, 1974

WILLIAM F. LYNCH
PRESIDENT

Personal & Confidential

The Honorable George Bush
Special Representative to the
People's Republic of China
c/o Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear George,

Congratulations on the great news of your appointment to this most important post.

The challenge of this post requires a man like you.

I am very anxious to visit the Peoples' Republic of China, and am hopeful a trip can be arranged this year or next.

There are several key points that I would like to explore with you soon, and since I may be in Washington this week or next, I plan to give you a call to arrange an appointment.

Kindest personal regards.

Very best wishes,

Bill

(312 337-1999)

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 23, 1974

Honorable Robert Strausz-Hupé
American Ambassador
Stockholm, Sweden

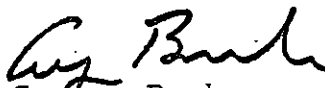
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you so much for your warm and thoughtful letter. Needless to say, I am thrilled about the new assignment and I am looking forward to arriving in Peking between October 15th and November 1st.

On another subject -- I have met the Swedish Ambassador to the United States and his charming wife. Things are looking up.

Thanks for your kind words. I do hope our paths cross in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,


George Bush



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STOCKHOLM

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

September 6, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
c/o Office of the Director General
of the Foreign Service
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ambassador Bush:

May I extend to you my congratulations and warm wishes at your nomination as Ambassador to Peking. I am gratified that this, the most important post on our diplomatic list, will be filled by a man of wide international experience and strong purpose.

I plan to return to Washington sometime this fall for consultation. If you have not by then departed for your post, I will be delighted to renew our acquaintance.

With the kindest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert Strausz-Hupé".

Robert Strausz-Hupé
Ambassador



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 19, 1974

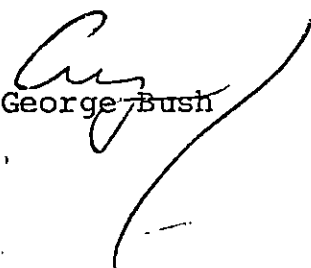
Honorable Douglas Mac Arthur II
Rue Langeveld, 65
B-1180 Brussels, Belgium

Dear Doug:

I got that great letter of September 6. Thank you so much for sending it to me and thank you so much for those kind words. Barbara and I are both looking forward tremendously to being in Peking.

I am now at the Department of State; getting a lot of briefings and learning a lot about a fascinating subject. We will probably leave in about a month. Needless to say, if you ever get out to that part of the world, we would love to see you.

Most sincerely,


George Bush

DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR II
rue Langeveld, 65
B- 1180 Brussels, Belgium

September 6, 1974

The Honorable George BUSH
Ambassador designate
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520 U.S.A.

Dear George:

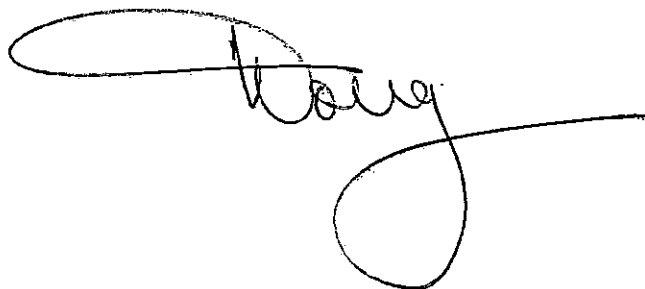
I cannot tell you how delighted I was to hear of your nomination to represent the United States in China.

I cannot think of no assignment that is of greater importance to the United States and I know you will do a brilliant job with the two definite advantages of very broad international experience as U. S. Representative to the U. N. and your tremendous domestic experience in the U. S. as a Congressman and later as Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

I congratulate you most warmly but I congratulate even more our Country for having been so fortunate as to have you take on such a very challenging and tremendously important task.

With warm personal regards and every good wish for the great success I know you will have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Douglas', with a large, stylized loop at the end.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 23, 1974

Mr. Robert L. Bernstein
President, Random House, Inc.
201 East 50th Street
New York, New York 10022

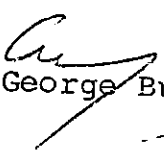
Dear Bob:

What a wonderful assortment of books. Everyone tells me that I'll have plenty of time to read over there, and if I get through that whole box-full I'll really know an awful lot about China.

What a thoughtful present. Needless to say, if you do make the trip with one of your editors next year, save a little time for the Bushes in Peking.

Bob, many thanks again. Barbara was thrilled too.

Yours very truly,


George Bush



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ROBERT L. BERNSTEIN
PRESIDENT

September 6, 1974

Ambassador George Bush
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear George:

This is just to wish you good luck on your new post in China, and while the State Department will be giving you lots of information, I thought these few volumes might be interesting for you to have around.

Donald Klopfer, our Chairman of the Board, is going to China on October 1st. I hope to go with one of our editors in the next year if the Chinese approve.

Best,

RLB:kr
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 27, 1974

Dear Jim:

When I saw you in Washington, I had not read your great letter of September 9th. I just want to tell you that I have received it.

Barbara and I look forward to seeing you and Maria after we get settled in Peking. Maybe we can have a home-and-home visit. In any event, I know we will be coming to Tokyo and we would welcome a leisurely chat with you about the international and domestic scene.

Thanks again for that thoughtful letter. It was great seeing you.

Most sincerely,


George Bush

Honorable James D. Hodgson,
American Ambassador,
Tokyo.

written before my cable
Best
any



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Tokyo, Japan

September 9, 1974

Friend George:

What superb news! Our most fervent congratulations. The Asian scene will take on new luster with the arrival of George and Barbara Bush. Maria and I couldn't be more delighted for you.

Someone here has suggested that you may find Peking to be a quiet environment. It seems to me that after the last fractious year and a half, you probably would welcome a little quietude. I know one thing, the PROC is bound to prove intriguing!

As might be expected, Maria and I have found the Tokyo environment to be anything but quiet. The ball here may sometimes bounce erratically, but it's always bouncing. The Japanese people are wonderful to live among, and the newness of the diplomatic world is still filled with fascination for us.

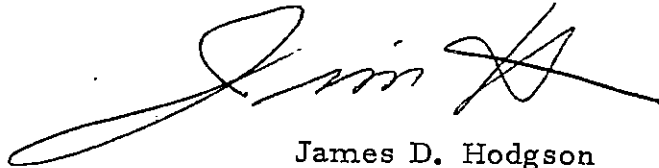
This letter has as its purpose more than just a congratulatory message. Maria and I view as a delightful prospect the interception of the Bushes on their way to Peking. Our Embassy Residence can be sort of a half-way house. I'm sure you know your UN ministrations have given you a particularly high regard among Japanese diplomatic circles, so you will be warmly received by the Japanese as well as by the Hodgsons. The Residence has a delightful visitors' suite, and Maria and I

The Honorable
George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010

are sure we could make you and Barbara feel very much at home. Please let us know when we can count on you.

Enthusiastic and warmest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim H', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

James D. Hodgson
Ambassador



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Colonel Thomas A. P. Krock
4239 McKinney Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75205

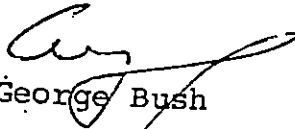
Dear Tom:

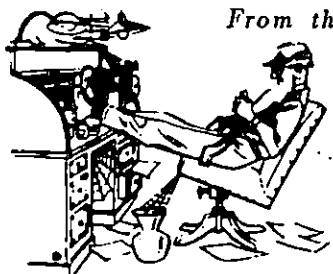
Just a quick note to thank you for your good letter of September 9th. I read with fascination of your own experience in China and about that cozy little pad you had over there.

Thank you for your kind words about the future. I don't believe that this is a dead end Tom. In fact, I agree that it has got to be one of the most fascinating diplomatic posts anywhere in the world, but I am not going into this job with the intention of seeking a higher political office. I know that you will understand.

With warm regards my friend,

Yours very truly,


George Bush



From the Desk of . . .

COLONEL THOMAS A.P. KROCK
MEMBER, CO-ORDINATING AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES;
CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT "K" and PRECINCT 319,
REPUBLICAN PARTY, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

9 SEPTEMBER 1974

OFFICE:

4239 McKINNEY AVENUE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75205
(214) 528-2594

THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH,
U.S. AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE
TO THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear George:

Of course, I don't know whether the China Post is your main choice, but you certainly have been appointed to what is probably the most interesting, and perhaps, the most important Ambassadorial assignment within the President's giving.

You will arrive, and be serving, at the time that old age will be bringing about a complete change in the major characters controlling China's future development in the "Family of Nations." You will have a very great opportunity to assist in her future development and official feelings towards the United States and the Western World. Certainly, George, your past record of accomplishments in business, The Congress, as U.N. Ambassador and GOP National Chairman auger well for your success in this vital diplomatic post. I wish you would take me with you as I am an "Old China Hand" going back to 1933.

My first Foreign Service Post was in the position of Attache and Official Private Secretary to our Chief of Mission in 1933 the late Nelson Johnson a "Real and True Blue Old China Hand. Peiping (as it was called at that time) was a most fascinating post for a young batchelor in those days.

When I received my appointment to Peiping there was serving in China's legation in Washington a First Secretary named Prince Yen-Chaun Tze, first cousin to the Emperor of Manchuko, Henry Pu-Yi. He offered to rent me what he described as "my charming little Villa." I accepted. Upon arrival in Peiping the "Charming Little Villa" turned out to be a 55 room Pink Marble Palace with 5 acres of beautifully sculptured, pruned, and designed gardens requiring 10 people to care and maintain same. Within this "little Villa", containing some of the world's finest oriental and western art treasures, one found 20 house servants that came with the place.

My official salary was \$350.00 per month plus a housing allowance of another \$85.00 per month. Now read this and weep; I paid rent of \$75.00 per month. The staff's salaries amounted to \$60.00 per month. After I had purchased my Polo ponies, some six in number, and my four (4) Race horses I had additional expenses of \$90.00 per month to feed and board same at the Polo and Jockey Clubs. My club dues were \$15.00 per month each. So you see I had all this for only \$225.00 per month. Of course, father, mother, and three great aunts and a grandmother in jolly old England all contributed allowances to me. So I lived like an Emperor. Everyone was completely spoiled by such a living.

Colonel Thomas A. P. Krock
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
CHAIRMAN, PRECINCT 189

Reply To:
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9 SEPTEMBER 1974

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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH,
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Now George, if one liked good whiskey, Champagne and still wines here were some of the prices I paid: Haig & Haig: 12 year old Pinch bottle \$6.50 per case. Tattinger Champagne \$8.50 per case; Chateau Lafitte Rothschild (good vintage years) \$10.00 per case; Chateau Mouton Rothschild (good vintage years) \$12.00 - \$13.00 per case; Beefeater Gin \$5.00 - \$6.00 per case, etc., etc.

Of course, these times are long gone but I understand prices for some of these luxury items are still very reasonable?

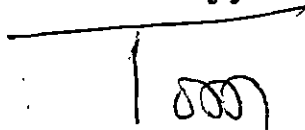
Some of leading members of the TEXAS GOP are expressing surprise that you took the China Embassy. The just can't understand you placing yourself so far away from the "Seat of Power".

You are still my candidate for the Presidency in 1980, if not 1976, and this goes for many of us here in Texas.

Every best wish goes out to you, George, on your new and vitally important assignment. I know you will cover yourself with great success as you always have in anything you undertook.

I will keep in touch with you in Peking and try and keep you abreast of developments, Nation-wide, that might not be reaching you in China.

Sincerely,



TAPK/m



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Mr. Charles J. Zimmerman
Connecticut Mutual Life
Insurance Company
140 Garden Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

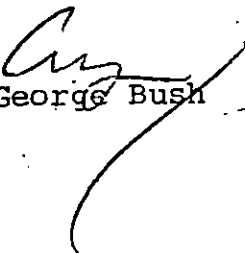
Dear Charlie:

Just a quick note to thank you for your kind letter of September 9th. I also heard from Pete Fraser.

The Vice Presidential speculation was very flattering, but the President made an excellent choice in Nelson Rockefeller.

Now we are off to a wonderful new challenge in China and we are elated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

● Connecticut Mutual Life INSURANCE COMPANY

140 Garden Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115 Tel. (203) 549-4111

Charles J. Zimmerman, CLU

September 9, 1974

Dear George:

About three weeks ago I was salmon fishing in Quebec with the Pete Frasers and the Louis Walkers. All of us were interested in who might be designated as Vice President.

Now we have the welcome news that you will be serving our Country and indeed the world in probably the most responsible of all diplomatic posts. We congratulate President Ford on his selection. We congratulate and thank you on your willingness to serve. We have every confidence that you will discharge your heavy responsibilities with distinction.

Opal Marie joins me in these sentiments and in very best wishes to Barbara and you.

Cordially,



The Honorable George Bush
Ambassador-Designate
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Mr. Moses Schonfeld
United Nations News Service
Room 371
New York, New York 10017

Dear Moses:

The letter you sent me on September 9th was just great. Thank you for your kind words. After two hectic years in politics, I am glad to be back in the field of diplomacy. Needless to say, Barbara and I are both looking forward to the new challenge in Peking. I really do hope you will be sticking your head in one of these days. I will always be grateful for the wonderfully fair treatment I received at the hands of the UN Press Corps.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

Moses Schonfeld

NEWS SERVICE

September 9, 1974

H.E. George Bush
State Department
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Ever since you gave up your UN assignment, this place has never been the same!

Now that you are returning to the diplomatic life, I am sure Peking will be the beneficiary.

Like others in the UN press corps, I enjoyed the warm, informal manner which you helped permeate, and which made our coverage of the US Mission less difficult.

Best of luck to you and your family in what I am sure will be a most rewarding experience.

If the PRC will only grant the visa, may be I'll be paying you a visit some day.

Cordially,





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Ms. Anne P. Thomson
Old Sudbury Road
Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

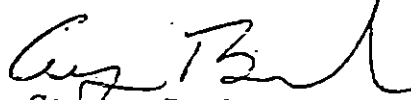
Dear Ms. Thomson:

Thank you ever so much for your great letter of September 10th. I received the book too -- so very kind of you. I will take it with me to China.

I left Milton when I was six months old, so you will understand when I say I didn't know the Pierces. Perhaps my parent do. Incidentally, my sister used to live on Sudbury Road in Lincoln. She is Mrs. Alexander Ellis.

In any event, thanks again for that thoughtful letter and for the book. We are very excited about the new challenge in China.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

Old Sudbury Rd.
Lincoln, Mass. 01773

Tuesday, September 16

Dear Ambassador Bush -

Your photograph was on the
Globe - front page last week
when you were named Envoy to
China. I noticed you were from
Milton. I just did up for you a
book on the history of Asia by
Prof. Reinischer of Harvard.

My mother grew up in Milton -
somewhere at least. The Milton
Hospital is now on her family's
land. There are a few Priece
left in Milton: Eric, Mrs. Parkman.
Did you know the Vassar Priece?
(my mother's brother).

Don't bother to answer
that.

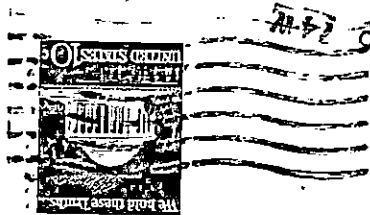
The best of luck to you
in your new post to China.

Anne Peabody Thomson.

Personal

Ambassador George Bush
The State Department
Washington D.C.

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Anne Peermann Thomson
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Miss Anne Tuckerman
Agence France Presse
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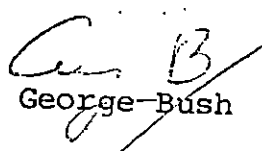
Dear Anne:

It was great getting your letter of September 10th. In fact, it made me homesick.

Thank you for your kind words. Barbara and I are thrilled about the new challenge and we are looking forward to being in Peking. Maybe you will get over that way one of these days.

In any event, thanks a lot for your thoughtfulness,

Yours very truly,


George Bush

Agence France-Presse

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1974

H. E. AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF FAR-EASTERN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20520

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR NOMINATION
TO THE MOST IMPORTANT POST OF UNITED STATES ENVOY TO PEKING.

I AM SURE THAT THE QUALITIES YOU DISPLAYED SO WELL DURING
YOUR TERM AT THE UNITED NATIONS-- A WILL AND AN ABILITY TO LEARN PROBLEMS
THOROUGHLY, A FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN VIEWS TOGETHER WITH AN
ALWAYS COURTEOUS LISTENING OF OTHER POSITIONS AND A FAIR ATTITUDE TOWARD
ALL--WILL SERVE YOUR COUNTRY WELL IN THIS NEW MILESTONE OF YOUR MULTI-FACETED
CAREER.

I AM PRESUMPTUOUS ENOUGH TO BE PLEASED, IN RETROSPECT, THAT
IN THE ARTICLE WHICH I WROTE ABOUT YOU IN THE NATION MAGAZINE EARLY IN 1971,
I NOTED ESPECIALLY THAT YOU WERE INDEED VICE-PRESIDENTIAL MATERIAL, AND THAT
YOU WOULD BE ONE OF THE VERY FEW AMERICAN OFFICIALS OF THE TIME WHO WOULD
HAVE NO COMPLEX ABOUT SHAKING HANDS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SHOULD THEY COME TO THE U. N. !

WITH VERY BEST WISHES FOR YOU AND MRS. BUSH,

SINCERELY,

Anne Tuckerman

ANNETTUCKERMAN



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1974

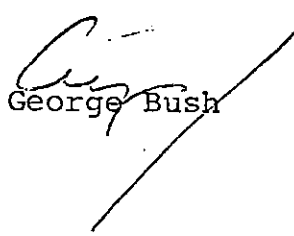
Mr. Ralph B. Rogers
Chairman of the Board
Texas Industries, Inc.
8100 Carpenter Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75247

Dear Ralph:

Thanks for your great letter. I am convinced that China is absolutely right for now. It is a very important area in our foreign policy. I have enjoyed the political spotlight but given the problems in Washington and my own state of mind, I am convinced a lower profile makes a great deal of sense. But most important, the challenge of dealing with the Chinese and working in this area seems terrific right now.

Needless to say, we would be delighted if you and Mary Nell ever came to Peking. We have an extra guest room.

Warm regards and stay in touch,


George Bush

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RALPH B. ROGERS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 19, 1974

Mr. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear George,

The reason I did not write you promptly after your China appointment was that I did not know what to say.

On the one hand, I was pleased that you could have some relief from what must have been the most excruciatingly painful period of your life. On the other hand, you conducted yourself as Chairman of the Republican National Committee in a manner which reflected honor, dignity, and integrity to you as a person and to the party you represented.

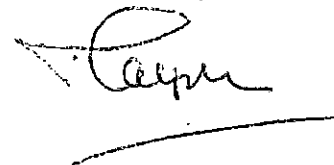
Although the Republicans are still in great trouble, they would not really have a chance if it hadn't been for George Bush.

I don't know how to feel about China. I am sure it will be a very interesting experience, and I am sure that you will do a first-class job. I just don't know whether your removal from the local scene is a good idea or not.

Nevertheless, Mary Nell and I both wish Barbara and you the best of everything. If you ever get lonely for "home folks" -- and I doubt that you will -- let us know and we will come keep you company.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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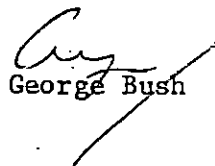
Dear Cap:

What a thoughtful guy!

Your letter of September 20th was great. It was typical of your kindness to me, and I'm indeed grateful. We leave about the middle of October.

One of the happiest things for the Bushes has been getting to know you and Jane. Some will remember the turmoil and the agony of the past two years. As for me, I'm going to treasure the warm friendships and the unforgettable good experiences that we've enjoyed.

Warm regards,


George Bush

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare,
Washington, D.C. 20201



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

September 20, 1974

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

Dear George:

While I have somewhat mixed feelings about your new appointment in that it would take you and Barbara out of Washington, I do feel that we are tremendously fortunate that you are both willing to undertake such a difficult and extraordinarily important assignment. I feel very good about the future of our foreign policy in that direction with you in charge, and I congratulate you but even more so the President on his choice.

As I am sure you know without my saying, I will be delighted to help in any way if you think our Department might be of service or, of course, personally.

Jane joins me in sending again our very best wishes to you and Barbara and the hope that we will still continue to see a lot of you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Casper W. Weinberger



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 26, 1974

Mr. Alfred le S. Jenkins
Hotel Pratschli
CH-7050 Arosa
Switzerland

Dear Al:

I was delighted to hear from you. I do wish there was a way that we could sit down and have a visit before I go to Peking.

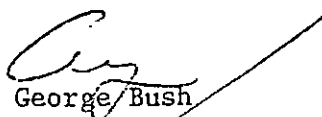
Well do I remember our visit at the Rogers' apartment. And, Al, there was one other time, I believe, you came by the office at the USUN Mission and we had a chat about the China situation. I remember being tremendously impressed as you came up to discuss with me and others what we might expect when the Chinese arrived in New York.

If there is any way you could send me your phone number, I would like to give you a call and chat on the phone. I will be in New York on the 7th and 11th of October. Should you be in the city on either of those days, I'd love to see you there. Please give me a call on: (202) 632-3586. Leave your number in case I'm not in and I'll give you a call back.

Thank you for that warm and thoughtful letter. You did a first class job, and I hope that I can continue to live up to the standard of excellence you and the others have set. Good luck on your trip.

Needless to say, Barbara and I would be delighted to see you in Peking.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

P.S.

Well do I remember Billy. Norton-Ditto is an A-1 outfit in Houston.

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Honorable George Bush
Department of State
Washington

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Warm congratulations and very best wishes in your
new and very important endeavor!

Although I have had the pleasure of but one evening
with you (at the Rogers apartment in New York) our many
mutual friends and my deep interest in the Liaison Office
prompt me to send this greeting. I wish I had a chance
to chat with you about the situation in Peking. We shall
be here until October 5th, however, then I speak in Sweden
and England, getting to Washington in mid-October. I
suppose you will be gone by then. I know David and
Evangeline are ready for a change. Maybe I can visit
Peking before long. Huang Chen urged me to do so. He
gave Martha and me a dinner before we left for Switzerland.
I shall try to find a sponsor for the trip. Meanwhile, I
am writing a book, and lecture tours are shaping for fall
and winter.

Hope you will enjoy your tour, that you can further the
cause, and that Henry will leave something for you to do!
Regards.

Sincerely,



Alfred le S. Jenkins

P.S. Billy Clayton, who says he used to sell you clothes
in Houston, asks that I send his best wishes and respects.

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天主教救癩會
CATHOLIC LEPROSY SERVICE
KOREA

FATHER JOSEPH A. SWEENEY, MARYKNOLL MISSIONER, 1895-1966

September 11, 1974

Dear Ambassador Bush,

Greetings from Korea-- and congratulations on the great, new honor that the President and the Nation has given you.

It's many moons now, since I was in touch with you, at the U.N., thru Rick Murray of Wisconsin. But I've followed you every step of the way to this summit of your public service to the Republic.

You'll go to Peking with my clumsy prayers hanging all over you.

You will be in a position of the most delicate maneuvering, at a time of the most important consequences to not only the USA and China, but to all Asia, in particular, and to all the world, in general.

As you prepare to begin your work in China, the present leaders of that great people are ending theirs. The judgement of those men can best be left to history. Your concern is for the future, with their successors. Your dealings will be not only with new faces, but also with new crises, new solutions, new horizons.

In a way, you are a precious stone being thrown into that vast crystal lake of China. The rolling ripples you make will be felt around the world.

FATHER ED MOFFETT
CATHOLIC LEPROSY SERVICE
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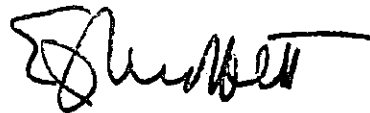
FATHER JOSEPH A. SWEENEY, MARYKNOLL MISSIONER, 1695-1966

Like hundreds of millions of others, in and out of China, I, too, have a stake in every thought you think and every move you make in your new job. I lived in China. I love the Chinese people. I speak their language. I know their customs. Part of me never left where you are going.

Yes, Ambassador Bush, you'll go to Peking with my clumsy prayers hanging all over you.

Kindest regards.

God bless---



FATHER ED MOFFETT
CATHOLIC LEPROSY SERVICE
I. P. O. BOX 4833
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September 27, 1974

Father Ed Moffett
Catholic Leprosy Service
I. P. O. Box 4833
Korea

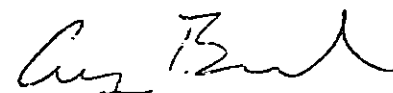
Dear Father Moffett:

I am grateful for your prayers and I appreciate very much your thoughtful letter.

We go to China in the middle of October and I'm looking forward enormously to this new assignment.

Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,


George Bush

FATHER ED MOFFETT
CATHOLIC LEPROSY SERVICE
I. P. O. BOX 4833
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AIR MAIL



*The Honorable George Bush,
Ambassador
The State Dept,
Washington, D.C.*

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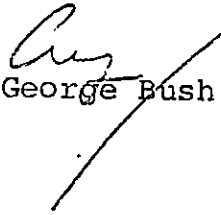
Mr. Davidson Nicol
United Nations Institute
for Training and Research
601 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Davidson:

I just wish we had longer to visit there in New York. I do appreciate your kind letter of September 11th, and I am hoping that one day UNITAR business will bring you right to Peking. Needless to say, if that happens, the Bushes will welcome you with open arms.

Thank you, my friend,

Yours very truly,


George Bush

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POUR LA FORMATION ET LA RECHERCHE
(UNITAR)

801 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LE DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

11 September, 1974

Dear George,

It was good to see you again at the Saturday Review symposium. You fielded your questions with expertise and wit. Everyone enjoyed your wise remarks.

We were delighted to hear of your appointment to China - a very challenging and extremely important post.

I remember with admiration your work at the United Nations here and after that your success with a demanding post in Washington.

Marjorie and I send our warm regards to you and your wife. Your shrewdness and brilliance in diplomacy form an effective combination with her own obvious sincerity, dignity and charm. We liked her.

Yours ever,
Davidson

Davidson Nicol

The Honourable George Bush
Department of State
Washington, D.C.



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September 23, 1974

Mr. Joseph Rossomando
21 Robinwood Road
Hamden, Connecticut 06517

Dear Joe:

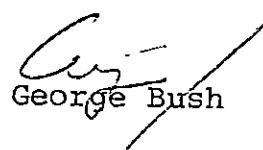
Your letter touched my heart deeply. We are friends and one of the great things is that good friendships last through troubled times.

I am tremendously excited about the new challenge of China. You'd better bring that fungo bat and head on over. Who knows, with 800 million people there, you might find another Babe Ruth.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. I do wish our paths would cross more often now, but the great thing is, Joe, we are warm, close friends and will be until the very end.

Barbara sends her love,

Sincerely,


George Bush

21 - Robinwood Road
Hamden, Conn. 06517

Mr. George Bush
Washington D.C.

Dear George:

Looking back upon my first years at Yale I feel compelled to write to you. Reflecting upon the Great 1945-1947 Yale Baseball Squad. And your leadership as Captain of the 1947 team, I recall ever so clearly your superb performance during the course of our 1947 Spring Tour. Particularly so, against a fine North Carolina State Team. The hitting and fielding exhibited in that game was indeed special. I recall, it included a long homer among other hits by your person. All this comes to mind as I view the spread picture - marvelous talent, really.

Although I am sure others are aware of it, you are a complete professional, displaying total dedication and interest in anyone who has the good fortune of becoming associated with you. The most admirable thing about you, as I have known you, was not your great ability, but the sincere interest and motivation you provided other with. I personally, am very fortunate in having such a unique person as you George Bush, as a friend. May I add, if you ever need a friend, my humble person is at your disposal at all times.

With very kindest regards to you, Barbara and all the family, whom Mary Lou, Mary Beth and I look forward to seeing sometime,
Sincerely yours,
Joe Rossonando



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 26, 1974

Mr. Georg Hampton
4748 Lakeshore
Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Dear Georg:

Thanks for your great letter. Barbara and I are thrilled about the new challenge.

I agree with your sentiments on '76 politics. I noticed that you planned a trip to China and, needless to say, we'd be thrilled to see you in Peking.

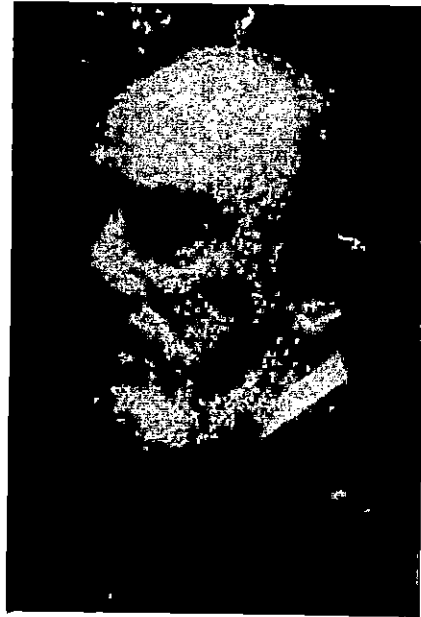
I wish I could by to take you up on the offer of a gift portrait but, unfortunately, I won't be back in Texas before we leave for China in the middle of October.

Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Bush".

George Bush
Chief
United States Liaison Office



GEORG HAMPTON
8748 LAKESHORE
FORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77640

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georg hampton, **STUDIO**, contemporary paintings and portraits

Mr George Bush

White House

Washington D.C.

Dear George:

4748 Lakeshore
port arthur, texas 77640
telephone 982-6241

Sept 11 1974

I think that your new assignment should be very rewarding and much superior to the hysteria of the WARM SPIT syndrome. I hope that you will be able to influence a better human understanding with the Chinese.

If you can - come by and I will do a gift portrait of you to take along. Hope to see you in China in 1976 when my wife and I are scheduled on an art cultural tour with my

old friend Tony Kingman, the famous
Chinese writer, cabinet (see enclosure)
President Ford is observing unusual

talent and we are all breathing
a little easier. My wife and
I were in Los Angeles during July
and August and enjoyed the
Nixon heart break in silence ..
I think that we will win

the Presidency in 1976. The Democrats
with all their ethnic and

hologram groups can't muster
an individual with the proper
image. Relax and enjoy your
new adventures.

Kind regards

Ford

In a delayed action maneuver I have decided to write the letters that I intended for December 1973 . . . and 1973 was a wonderful year for us really. There were no dull moments - - - we still have our health and sanity . . . I did over a hundred small water colors, started a new series of large abstracts that might resolve into a fruitful period; and in the fall I came up with three successful large portraits - - - two beautiful young women - Mrs. Bedford Pace and Mrs. Elmer Schlein . . . and the third 30 x 40 full size was of Father Jim Kilpatrick, an interesting and intellectual young Episcopal priest.

I have spent the last 18 months promoting my book, THE WAKE, and my nephew, Tom Beeler, who heads a publishing house in New York, says that I have the right approach. Even before my book was published, I had sold for cash more books than Thoreau sold in his entire life. I intend to work hard at selling THE WAKE up until June, 1974; then let it take care of itself. My book is in several hundred of the largest U. S. bookstores and in all the prominent libraries The South has been inhospitable to my book - - - the Bible Belters probably haven't read mine or any other book, but they know it's bad. If the Bible was just now being introduced, most of these hypocrites would try to have it banned . . . obscene, vulgar, etc.

I had a bad year financially. All my C. D.s were due in early Spring '73 and I started them again at 6%. In a few weeks they had jumped to 7% and mine were tied up for two years. My romance with Mexican banks also ended - - I withdrew the 20M I had with Banco Internacional. It first paid 9%; next year they reduced it to 8%; then 7%. When my two years was up, I started negotiations to get it back. Then came the rub . . . heretofore they had written me in English - - now they wrote me in Spanish. I got the vague suspicion that anything you put down there can be expropriated. I was relieved when I finally got it back . . . Also, after winning at cards for ten years, last year my luck wilted and I came off waster.

In October Georgi and I planned a trip to Merida and Cuernavaca - - - we got as far as New Orleans and a Mexican airport strike against U. S. planes landing cancelled our vacation. We now have \$350 deposit on a trip to China in August 1976 with my Chinese friend, Dong Kingman, the famous water colorist. He and his young wife, Helena, have both lived in Mainland China. There is very little civilian travel now in China -- visas are hard to come by who knows!

Our daughter Nan (21) after two years at Texas finished her Montessori Course in Atlanta and had three job offers but decided on the business world - - now a junior secretary, lives at 5917 Glenmont #248, Houston 77036 - 661-7096.

Ora, my Mother, was 95 in '73 - going strong.

Our daughter, Lynne Willis (37), 12914 Tosca, Houston 77024, is dedicated to bringing up my grandson, Bill (5). Our son-in-law is still the greatest - - Billy had his best year as a salesman (orthopedic appliances . . . stainless steel armpits, etc. . . . hospital gadgets). They had a fine vacation in '73 - fishing in the Big Sur area.

Georgi has had an interesting year selling in our nephew's antique shop (Snooper's). She and I made a good trip across Northern Mexico in '73 . . . from Del Rio to Los Mochis by rail . . . I also went to La Paz.

I am planning a big painting show and reception for sometime in '74 - - probably September - - right now I am doing a portrait of General Dayan from a photograph (my first such in ten years . . . it takes 5 times as long).

The stories have been fair, but I have been negligent in remembering them . . . One friend says to another in usual American diatribe, "Joe, you look bad -- you look as though you had been eat up by a wolf and shit over a cliff." --- A new sex position, 79 has been introduced - - it's 69 with a third person watching.

Best wishes to all our wonderful friends.

Georg Hampton



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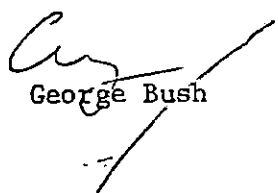
Dear Saul:

What a thoughtful note. Needless to say, we are thrilled about going to China in mid-October and, further, I really look forward to meeting your Ambassador there, Charles J. Small. I had a nice visit with your Washington colleague the other day. He thoughtfully came up to the National Committee before I had left and he and two of his associates clued me in on China.

Remember this famous saying -- "When you get to Peking, go directly to the Bush house for some hospitality."

Warm regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

His Excellency
Saul F. Rae,
Permanent Representative of Canada,
866 United Nations Plaza,
New York, New York 10017

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to the United Nations



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Suite 250,
866 United Nations Plaza,
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017.

PERSONAL

September 19, 1974.

My dear George,

I am a bit late in writing to congratulate you on the important appointment you will be undertaking in China. We were on leave in Canada at the time and on returning to New York I found myself immersed in preparations for the 29th Session. I am sure you will find the assignment in Peking full of interest and I know that your work will bring you in close association with our Ambassador there, Charles J. Small.

If there is any prospect of you and Barbara coming to New York before your departure, I hope we have a chance to see one another.

With every good wish in this assignment and in the future,

Sincerely,

Saul F. Rae.

The Honourable George Bush,
c/o Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs,
Room 4318A, Department of State,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1974

Mr. Gordon C. Luce
Republican State Central
Committee of California
601 A Street
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Gordon:

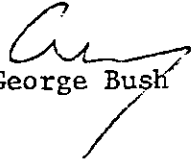
I have just seen your great letter of September 19th. We are thrilled to be heading for China. It is the right thing at this time.

I have really enjoyed working with you as National Chairman. You have been supportive, reasonable, constructively critical, and in every way a great help in trying times.

Give my love to Karon and tell her that she'd better start thinking about coming to Peking where, I'm confident, she would be the world's most decorative woman just as she is there in California.

Let's stay in touch.

Warm regards,


George Bush



REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA
601 A Street, San Diego, California 92101 (714) 234-4116

Office of the Chairman

September 19, 1974

George Bush
c/o 310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear George:

I would like to personally congratulate you on your new assignment in China.

It has been a great pleasure working with you during the last few years for the good of our party and country. You will be an excellent representative to Peking and I feel the President made a wise decision.

I will miss working with you during the next few months, but look forward to some victories and then a retirement from the political scene. I hope to contribute some day in the future in a public service way; however, I think all political workers need a rest in between assignments.

You did a magnificent job in keeping the party united during these difficult years. You certainly brought enthusiasm and dedication to your position and believe me, this was appreciated by your friends in California.

I hope our paths will cross again--maybe you can send me two tickets on a slow boat to China.

Karon sends her best regards and please give my best regards to Barbara. I am sure there will be many further exciting chapters in the career of George Bush.

Kindest Regards,



Gordon C. Luce

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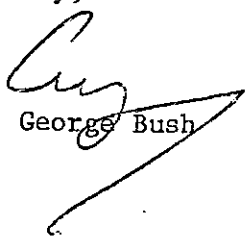
Dear Ashraf:

Things are so darn hectic around here that we may not have a chance to get together before we leave, but I want you to know that I value your friendship enormously.

I do appreciate your kind letter of September 17th. I know that our paths will cross in the future, and that make me very happy.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

His Excellency
Ashraf A. Ghorbal,
Ambassador of the Arab
Republic of Egypt,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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EMBASSY OF THE
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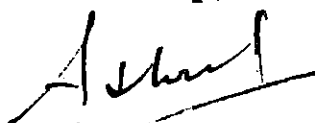
The Honorable
Ambassador George Bush
Room 6208
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Bush:

It gives me great pleasure to write to you expressing my sincere congratulations on your appointment by President Ford as Ambassador of the United States to the People's Republic of China.

Your distinguished record as a politician and diplomat are perfect assurances of the contributions you will make in this new field. We wish you success in your new mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ashraf', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ashraf Ghorbal
Ambassador

AG:jr



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 26, 1974

Mr. Peter M. Brown
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
One Wall Street
New York, New York 10005

Dear Pete:

Just a quick note to tell you that I was delighted to get your kind letter. Bar and I leave for China in the middle of October and we are really excited about this new challenge.

Thank you so much for those kind words.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

*Pete - I hope you will
come to Peking one day!*

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*Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft**One Wall Street**New York, N.Y. 10005**Telephone: (212) 785-1000**Cable address: Labellum**Telex: 12-9146*

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 39 UPPER GROSVENOR STREET
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September 17, 1974.

The Honorable George H. W. Bush,
 United States Mission in China,
 Department of State,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

Congratulations and best wishes to you on your
 appointment by President Ford to lead the U. S. Mission in
 China. This is a most exciting challenge for you.

Your appointment is a well deserved accolade for
 service to the United States.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Peter
 Peter M. Brown

PMB/am



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 19, 1974

Honorable John Portner Humes
American Ambassador
Austria, Vienna

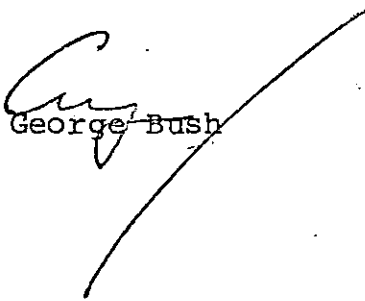
Dear John:

Thank you for your very thoughtful cable. Needless to say, Barbara and I are tremendously thrilled about the new assignment. I am now at the State Department bumming an office from Phil Habib and getting all briefed up on China. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to think that some day you and Jean might come through Peking.

It was good seeing you at your lovely Sans Souci dinner. Things were a little hectic for the Bushes then but they have calmed down a little now, and we are looking forward to our new adventure.

With warm best wishes to Jean and yourself,

Sincerely,


George Bush

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September 19, 1974

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Honorable George Bush
Republican National Committee
310 1st St. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

My warmest congratulations! I was returning from the World Population Conference in Bucharest when I heard the exciting news and I am delighted that you decided to take on again major new and challenging responsibilities in the foreign affairs field. Chris Phillips and I were reminiscing at lunch yesterday about your New York assignment and were both pleased that you had decided to re-enter the diplomatic arena.

I do want to thank you again for your very strong support for me in connection with my desire to become the next Deputy Director of the ILO. I met with the Director General in Geneva the other day and am optimistic that my candidacy is moving forward under favorable conditions.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

John W. McDonald, Jr.
Coordinator for Multilateral
Development Programs



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September 25, 1974

Mr. George Stadelman
Republican National Committee
Post Office Box 143
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

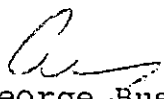
Dear Bun:

Just a quick note to thank you for sending me that report and to thank you for the kind words about the "ovation." I was deeply touched by the support from the National Committee and not just at this final meeting, but all through my turbulent two years.

It would please us enormously to see you in China.

Thanks for all your support for me while I was National Chairman. I just will never be able to tell you how much I appreciated it.

Yours very truly,


George Bush



Republican National Committee.

George "Bun" Stadelman
Member for Oregon
Vice Chairman
Republican National Committee
Post Office Box 143
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
(503) 296-2205

*For your information.
We have put in for news
to visit China so many see
you there next spring
Bun*

September 18, 1974

From: George "Bun" Stadelman

To: All Members of Western States' Conference

I want to report to you as your representative to the Republican National Committee Meeting held in Washington, D. C. on Sept. 16, 1974. I have divided this report into several parts (1) Facts; (2) Opinions, and (3) Suggestions, Requests and Conclusions.

First, the Facts:

1. At the request of the President, a committee was named to nominate the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Republican Party. This committee attended breakfast with the President at the White House at 8-A. M., Monday, Sept. 16th. Present were the President, George Bush, two political representatives of the White House (Dean Burch and Gwen Anderson) and the eight Vice Presidents of the Republican National Committee. This committee had been called together to submit the name of Mary Louise Smith of Iowa and Dick Obenshain of Virginia for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, although the President had made his choice known to the press a number of days in advance. This announcement before the nominating committee met was resented by some members of the nominating committee.

The excellent breakfast was beautifully served (orange juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, sweet rolls, coffee or tea) on the elegant White House service. Chairman Bush told of the reason for the meeting and named the senior member, Ray Bliss, as Chairman of the Nominating

Committee. The President then pledged,

(a) That the Republican National Committee would be the organization through which the 1976 Presidential campaign would be operated. He made the point that all actions of the Committee would be accountable through the Republican National Committee;

(b) He indicated that, from his personal knowledge, he believed Mary Louise Smith would be able to successfully serve as chairman of the committee;

(c) He indicated his approval of Dick Obershain's qualifications as Co-Chairman;

(d) He indicated that Mary Louise Smith would remain as Chairman through the 1976 election, and

(e) He said there would necessarily be staff of the successful Republican candidate for the Presidency that would be in "control" of the campaign;

2. Mary Louise Smith and Dick Obenshain were nominated and elected at the National Committee Meeting later in the day.

3. George Bush was given the longest and loudest ovation that I have heard in any National Committee Meeting.

4. Louise Humphrey, of Nevada, and Dr. Bill Banowsky, of California, were elected to the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee,

5. The Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee met at the request of Mary Louise Smith, although it was not an official meeting, since no notice had been given. Several members of the Executive Committee expressed their disappointment of the Administration concerning events that continue to take place, notably persons named for appointments, including the Amnesty Board; support of Democratic candidates, etc., without communication with the National Committee Members affected. Mary Louise was asked, and agreed, to forward these complaints to the Ford administration.

Mary Louise asked the Vice Chairman of the National Committee to ask that each National Committee member in his district for their recommendations of anything they may feel would be helpful to strengthen the Republican Party. Will you please send me your suggestions so that I may forward them to Mary Louise. The problems of bad communication, ignoring National Committee Members, etc. probably will not totally disappear, but the more these problems are presented to the administration, the better the results will be. I urge you to take some time and outline in detail any suggestions you have that will assist in building a better party.

6. It is generally conceded in Washington that Governor Rockefeller will not be confirmed before the November election. He may be confirmed by the Senate, but not by the House and will be required to stay in Washington all during the campaign this year.

Opinions:

1. Section 1 above - I believe the President, or the Republican nominee has the right and should name the Chairman of the Republican Party. I believe the White House could have released the nomination of Mary Louise in such a way that it would have prevented the resentment of some member of the nominating committee. I believe that all of the members of the nominating committee were convinced, as was the President, that Mary Louise would do a good job as Chairman and they did not want to do anything that would hurt her in any way, but they were resentful of the manner in which her name was submitted. I do not believe the President is clear in his own mind about the mechanics of handling the 1976 Presidential campaign, but he made it clear that Mary Louise would remain as Chairman and the campaign chairman for the candidate would, in some way, be integrated with the National Committee. I do not believe these details have been worked out.

Section 2 above - The Republican Party has taken a shrewd political step in naming a woman chairman of the committee. While others talk about doing something about equality for women, the Republican Party has taken decisive action. Those people, including the President, who have known and worked with Mary Louise Smith are 100% in agreement that she will

do an excellent job and Dick Obenshain is highly regarded for his excellent work in Virginia.

Section 3 above - The President said George Bush was seriously considered for the Vice Presidential appointment. His standing ovation at the committee meeting emphasized the excellent job he has done and the feeling of the members of the committee for George and Barbara.

Section 4 - I was happy to see Louise and Bill appointed to the Executive Committee. Should the Western States caucus on these elections before National Committee meetings?

Section 5 - The Executive Committee Meeting was a good example of a session in which the members could express their feelings about lack of communication, lack of advance notice of actions taken within their states, etc. This same kind of criticism has been made as long as I have been on the National Committee. It probably will continue and I think we should do everything we can do call it to the attention of the administration in order that it happens as infrequently as possible. I am convinced that Mary Louise will take this problem to the administration and present it to them.

Section 6 - Don't count on any help in this campaign from the Vice President designate. He is effectively stopped from campaigning.

Conclusions:

I hope each of you will take the time to send me your recommendations which can be forwarded to our new chairman for the betterment of the Republican Party.

Western States' Conference

At our last meeting in Washington, the Western States' Conference decided to hold a meeting in December in Arizona. At that time, it was the belief that there would be several active candidates who would be running for the Presidency in 1976. We thought we could attract some of these candidates to such a meeting in Arizona in December. It now appears that

most candidates have withdrawn and it does not appear that it would be possible to get the kind of top officials for this meeting that we thought would be available earlier in the year. In addition, there is going to be an Executive Committee meeting of the National Committee in Washington, D. C. on or about December 6th to 9th. There will, also, be a Rule 29 Meeting in Washington at the same time. With this activity, and with the loss of the principal reason for meeting in Arizona in December, I would like an expression of the members of the Western States' Conference if they believe such a meeting should be held this December. It would appear to me that such a meeting is not justified at this time due to the conflict of dates, the cost of travel and the lack of the kind of program we thought would be available.

Perhaps we should try to hold a meeting in Washington in December in conjunction with these other meetings, although only about one-third of the members will be there. Please let me hear from you.

President Ford, Vice President designate Rockefeller, and Senator Percy have indicated they will attend the Western States' Conference in Portland, October 2-3-4, 1975 "if scheduling is possible".

Respectfully submitted,

George "Ben" Stadelman
George Stadelman

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 25, 1974

Mr. Clement M. Brown, Jr.
European Republican Committee
17 Avenue Matignon
Paris, France 75008

Dear Clem:

Thanks for your great letter. I appreciate all your support over the past years. I was disappointed in the Vice Presidency matter, of course. But, needless to say, I am thrilled with this new excitement. Barbara and I leave for China in the middle of October. If we come through Paris (which I doubt right now), we will give you a holler.

Thanks again for all your help when I was Chairman of the RNC. I definitely will put in a word for you with Mary Louise Smith. She is strong and able; and, she will do a good job.

Do come see us in China.

Warm regards,


George Bush



EUROPEAN
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17 Avenue Matignon

75008 PARIS

France

September 18th, 1974.

The Hon. George Bush,
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
310 First Street Southeast,
Washington D.C. 20003,
U.S.A.

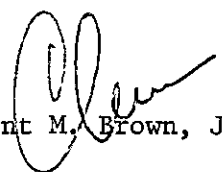
Dear George,

I seem to spend most of my time writing you letters of congratulation! We did try for the Vice Presidency and I am happy to see that at least out of this comes your nomination as our representative in China, replacing that wonderful man and good friend, David Bruce. I am sure you are delighted with this assignment and the challenge it holds.

Please know that we who have had the pleasure of working with you these past years are extremely proud of this nomination. If there is anything we can do at any time here please let us know.

In the meantime, very best wishes, and good luck.

Sincerely,


Clement M. Brown, Jr.

P.S: I do hope to come over and see you sometime. *in China!*

P.P.S: You might put in a good word for us with your replacement, as I am afraid I have not had the pleasure of meeting the new Chairwoman.

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Los Angeles Times

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Dear George:

You can thank God you weren't in charge today for the visitation. Actually, the only serious misadventure was the failure of the elevator which caused the President to have to walk up to the top floor of the mission for the reception. (From the 10th only.)

A few of the Arabs felt a little stepped on by the speech, but quite a few people on the buying end of the oil thought it was about time the United States laid out a few hints that food might become a political weapon, also, and that industrialized goose could be put out of egg production if oil prices get too far out of sight.

My purpose in writing is to extend belated congratulations on your new assignment. Sally wanted me to volunteer as your speech writer so she could revisit the scenes of her childhood at the Peking American school. When she heard that all wives have to be working ones, however, she doubted that her shorthand is still up to Foreign Service standards.

So we had probably better tough it out in New York and keep our fingers crossed that this will be the last Assembly that I will have to cover. Bouteflika is certainly the last GA president I ever want to see.

Also, I wanted to reply to your letter of invitation to become a sustaining member of the Republican party. I felt the same way about the beginning of the new administration, as if the sun had started to shine again after a long winter--and then came the pardon. It leaves everyone with the depressing feeling that it was all a deal. I hope not.

The card will remain on the desk and if the party of my affiliation up to now nominates Edward Fitzgerald as its candidate, I promise to switch.

Meantime, we both wish you and Barbara 大喜 in the Northern Capital.

Sincerely,

Don Shannon

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18 September 1974

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September 23, 1974

Mr. Charles K. McWhorter
195 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

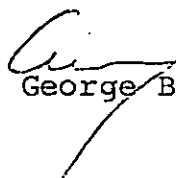
Dear Charlie:

It was a most thoughtful letter you sent me on September 17th. Barbara and I are thrilled about the new challenge, though I am confident that we will miss the whorl of domestic politics.

Thank you for your kind words about my Chairmanship. These were indeed rough times, but I was very pleased by the support I received from the National Committee. Many of my friends wonder why we are going to China. I can only assure you that I've never looked forward to any challenge more in my life and, of course, we will get back from time to time. I hope our paths cross then.

In the meantime, thanks for your steadfast support and -- more -- for your friendship.

Sincerely,


George Bush

Charles K. McWhorter

195 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007
Phone (212) 393-4459

September 17, 1974

Hon. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Dear George:

I just want to take this opportunity to express my deep personal appreciation for all that you have done during this most difficult period to give needed leadership to our party and our competitive political system. No chairman of a national party has had to deal with the situation you faced and your courage, patience, and unfailing spirit of decency was an inspiration to all those who are concerned with an enlightened approach to politics.

My warm good wishes go with you and Barbara for your success and happiness in your new assignment. It is an important and challenging task you face and I cannot think of anyone better suited to represent our country. While I doubt that I will be able to visit you in China, I can assure you that I will often think of your sacrifice and your dedication which has meant so much to so many. With warm personal regards as always,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

Charles K. McWhorter



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1974

Professor Henry C. Chen
Department of Finance
University of Houston
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Henry:

We are rushing to get packed up because we leave for Peking in the middle of October. I was delighted to get your great letter of September 12th and to have your views on our China policy.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments and for those prayers. We'll need them. I am looking forward to this new challenge enormously. I hope our paths cross soon again in the future.

Sincerely,


George Bush



University of Houston

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004

Department of Finance
College of Business Administration
713/749-1126

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September 12, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear George:

I take great pleasure to extend to you my warmest congratulations on your new appointment as the Envoy to Peking. President Ford couldn't choose a better man.

It was my fortune to visit Peking back in 1935. It was a magnificent city then. I understand it is even more so now. I know a few high government officials there, but they are all stationed outside the capital city. One of these friends of mine is, I believe, in Sinkiang in charge of the nuclear program. My father knew Prime Minister Chou En-lai very well. Unfortunately he passed away in 1962, and I don't know the Prime Minister personally.

George, I do envy your new position as the envoy of a great power to another great power. With your permission I shall constantly pray for your success and personal welfare while you are in Peking.

In closing may I offer one little advice? Please judge China not from the standpoint of ideology but from what and to what extent she has done for the pride of The Chinese people anywhere in the world as well as for the welfare of the common folks within her borders. On both counts I believe that the People's Republic of China has scored an "A". So far as the United States is concerned, perhaps we should take a cue from the British, namely, that Britain has no permanent friends but permanent interests. In my considered opinion, our permanent interests lie with achieving maximum detente with Peking.

With warmest regards and best wishes for your continued success,

Sincerely,

Henry C. Chen
Henry C. Chen
Professor of Finance

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 26, 1974

Honorable Charles S. Whitehouse
American Ambassador
Vientiane, Laos

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 16th. Needless to say, I am thrilled about the new assignment and I am looking forward to arriving in Peking in mid-October.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


George Bush

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VIENTIANE, LAOS

September 16, 1974

Honorable George Bush
Bureau of East Asian and
Pacific Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

Congratulations on your appointment to Peking.
I am sure you will find it interesting and re-
warding.

I look forward to seeing you at the Chiefs of
Mission Conference in Hong Kong in November.
After the elevating and inspiring meetings,
it is fun to get together and laugh and worry
together. I am glad you will be there.

All the best.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charlie".

Charles S. Whitehouse
Ambassador



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 23, 1974

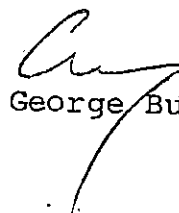
Mr. William E. Bakke
D-300 Petroleum Center
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of September 16th.
I am sorry to have missed you in Houston.
I do appreciate your very kind words about
the Vice Presidency. This new appointment
to China, however, has me all charged up,
and I am really looking forward to it.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness,

Yours very truly,


George Bush

W. E. BAKKE
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ D-300 PETROLEUM CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78209

SEPTEMBER 16, 1974

PERSONAL - PLEASE FORWARD

AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2201 "C" STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20520

DEAR GEORGE:

MY INVITATION TO THE LUAU BEING HELD THIS AFTER-
NOON IN HOUSTON HONORING JIM GRANBERRY JUST REACHED
MY OFFICE. IT WAS MAILED ON THE 11TH SO I GUESS THE
POSTAL DEPARTMENT IS IMPROVING. IN FACT, IF ONE EVEN
GETS IT, IT SHOWS SOME SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

I CAN WELL IMAGINE YOU ARE GLAD TO BE OUT OF THAT
RAT'S NEST IN WASHINGTON FOR A CHANGE. I HAD HOPED IN
A SELFISH WAY THAT YOU WOULD GET THE NOMINATION FOR
VICE PRESIDENT. I GUARANTEE YOU THAT I WOULD RATHER
HAVE SEEN YOU HAVE IT THAN ROCKEFELLER. HOWEVER, YOUR
APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO CHINA SOUNDS LIKE IT WILL
BE TREMENDOUSLY INTERESTING, AND I HOPE LIFE WILL BE
A LITTLE MORE PLACID FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OVER THERE.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOURS, AND WE ARE ALWAYS
WISHING YOU THE BEST.

REGARDS,

W. E. Bakke
W. E. BAKKE

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(DICTATED BY MR. BAKKE OVER
LONG DISTANCE WHEN ADVISED
OF RECEPTION INVITATION)

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Sept 15,

My dear Percy,

You could have knocked me down
with a feather when over a faint and
crackling radio in Newcastle we heard the
news of your appointment to Peking.
Hence we said - the fabulous day! (only
we never actually used the term), welcome
back into diplomacy where you have really
shown your skills and an end of what
must have been a dreadful job. It may
sound coming & presumptuous but I confess
our hearts bled for you as your loyalty

was traded on and you were left up in the air. Thank Heaven it is over - or is it? I'm sure President Ford is right to want to put a line through the whole page & cancel it.

Peking won't be the same as the U.S. - no way. But with Rao failing (I myself believe he is like very old men, brilliant when in his good spells but with longer & longer periods of blankness) and Chou ditto, the struggle for power is really on. (Actually I am sure that was what the Cultural Revolution was all about). It should be fascinating - if you can ever find out what is going on. You will find your new UK colleagues a very bright but and brilliant set of Chinese.

His name is Teddy Yorde & his wife is Pamela. Though you'll probably know this. Give them my regards when you see them - you'll like them. He knows the U.S. - he was Head of Chaucery before Tony Parsons - so you should have some experiences in common.

Bless you both, congratulations and the best of luck from both of us.

Y—

Colin



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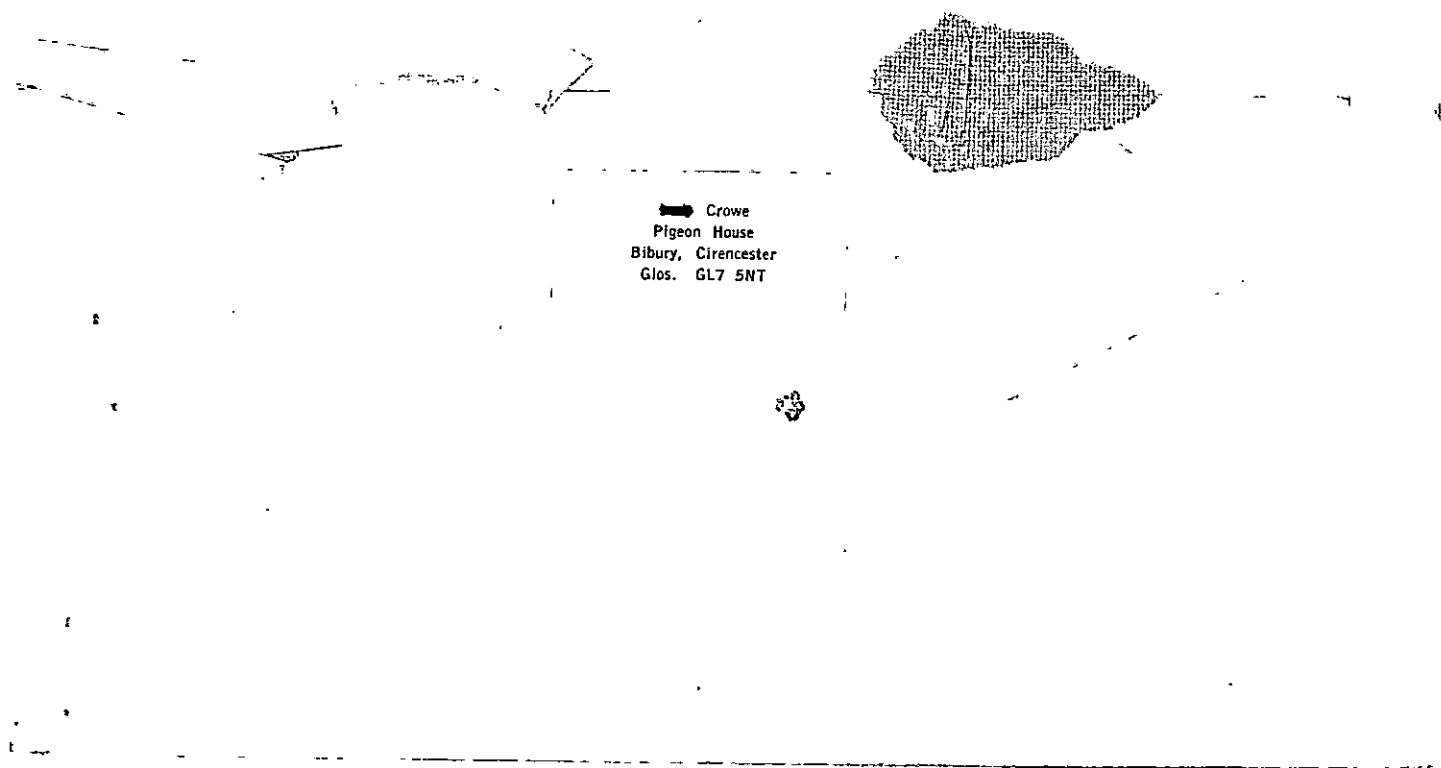


Hon. George Bush,

5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.,

Washington D.C. 20016

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 23, 1974

Ambassador Colin Crowe .
Pigeon House
Bibury, Cirencester
Gloucestershire, GL7 5NT, England

Dear Colin:

I couldn't have been more pleased to receive your warm letter of September 15. Needless to say, Barbara and I are both tremendously excited about China. The only thing that would make it more perfect is if if you and Peter, our real China -- expert -- friends, were going to be in Peking.

Peter Ramsbotham has told me about Teddy Youde. We are looking forward to meeting him as soon as we get to Peking. Please tell him something not too unpleasant about us. Many of my political friends think I've taken leave of my senses in going into this new assignment, but I can assure you it is exactly what we want to be doing. We are really looking forward to arriving in Peking shortly after the 15th of October.

We had a couple of weeks in Maine this summer, marred, I confess, by the anxiety of the Vice Presidential speculation bit. There were an awful lot of birds flying around there and I thought what fun it would be if you and Peter were there to properly identify them. Let's stay in touch. My address will be:

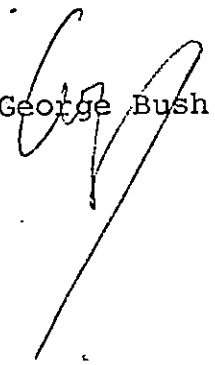
Chief, United States Liaison Office
Peking
c/o Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

We miss you enormously and I just wish that I was going to be able to lean once again on your expertise to help me do this job correctly.

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Love to Peter, and warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


George Bush

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 1, 1974

Honorable Pierre R. Graham
American Ambassador
American Embassy
Ouagadougou, Upper Volta

Dear Pierre:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 13. Needless to say, I am thrilled about the new assignment and I am looking forward to arriving in Peking in mid-October..

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "George Bush".

George Bush

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ouagadougou, Upper Volta

September 13, 1974

The Honorable George Bush
c/o Alan D. Romberg
EA/PRCM, Room 4318A
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George,

Welcome back to the Diplomatic Corps! Helgard and I were delighted to hear of your appointment to our Liaison Mission in Peking. It is certainly one of our most important posts and your experience at the United Nations will be most useful in this new assignment.

We left Paris last September and we spent eight short but most interesting and busy months in Amman, during the October Arab-Israeli War and the ensuing diplomatic negotiations. My appointment as Ambassador to Upper Volta was announced in May and we have been in Ouagadougou since July. This post is not as hectic as Amman but we do have our problems with the Sahel drought.

Helgard joins me in sending you and Barbara our very best wishes for a successful tour of duty in Peking.

Sincerely,

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

Pierre R. Graham



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

PERSONAL

September 30, 1974

Honorable Bernard Zagorin
United Nations Environment Program
485 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Bernie:

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtful note of September 12th. We leave around the middle of October and we are really looking forward to it. Maybe you will be sticking your head into Peking. That would please both Barbara and me enormously.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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Zagorin

12 September 1974

Dear George,

Just returned from Africa (saw the Grijze) and I hasten send greetings and congratulations on the great news that you'll be going to China.

We sure are all lucky with that wise appointment.

All the best to you and Barbara

Sincerely,

Bernie J.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 24, 1974

Dear Osman:

That was a very thoughtful letter you sent me on September 12th. Barbara and I were both thrilled to get it.

Needless to say, we are tremendously excited about the new assignment. I hope we will catch a glimpse of you before we go. Things are very hectic on this end at the moment, but we will probably be leaving for Peking right after the 15th of October.

We have been thinking of you with friendship and concern in recent weeks. Barbara sends her love. Many thanks, my friend.

Sincerely,

George Bush

His Excellency
Osman Olcay,
Permanent Representative of Turkey,
866 Second Avenue, 15th floor,
New York, New York 10017

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Ambassador

September 12, 1974

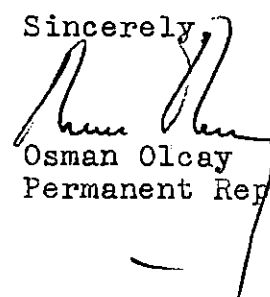
The Hon. George Bush
5161 Palisade Lane, N.W.

Dear George,

I was very pleased to hear about your nomination as your country's representative to China. I am sure that you will find your new appointment very exciting. I join all your friends at the United Nations in wishing you luck and success.

Please accept Necla's and my best wishes and regards to Barbara and you.

Sincerely,


Osman Olcay
Permanent Representative



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 25, 1974

Dear Kurt:

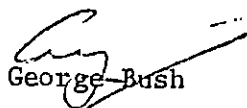
How nice of you to write, particularly considering that enormously hectic schedule you and Cissy both have right now.

We, needless to say, are thrilled about our new assignment. I am glad to be back in the world of diplomacy. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to think that we might see you in Peking. I expect if you get there, you will be wined and dined by all their high officials. But, please keep in mind that the door at the USLO Mission in Peking would be wide open if you could ever sneak away for a quiet visit.

I will be in New York a time or two before we leave for China around the middle of October. I will watch the UN schedule and if I can find a time when it won't be a total inconvenience for you, I will give you a call, slip in the side door, and say "farewell." In the meantime, Bar and I want to tell you how deeply respectful we are of the job you continue to do.

Love to Cissy,

Your friend,


George Bush

His Excellency
The Secretary-General
Kurt Waldheim,
The United Nations,
New York, New York 10017



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 September 1974

My dear George,

I was delighted to learn of your appointment as Head of the United States Mission in Peking. This assignment to a particularly important diplomatic post for your country is a most deserved recognition of your distinguished career as a politician and diplomat. I send you my warmest congratulations and very best wishes for your new responsibilities.

Cissy and I are hoping to see you and Barbara before your departure for Peking.

With warmest personal regards to both of you,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Willy Brandt'.

His Excellency
Mr. George Bush
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Republican Center
Washington, D.C.