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Mr. Ben P. Haynes
Quarterly Program Chairman
Rotary Club of Houston
1011 Sheraton Houston Hotel
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for your letter of 25 June regarding my talk to the Rotary Club of Houston. I am enclosing a biography and photographs as well as a suggested introduction which gives the title of my speech. I do not want to hold a press conference prior to the meeting. However, I will be happy to answer questions from the audience after my presentation.

I greatly appreciate your offer of letting me select guests for the head table. There is no one in particular I can think of to add, so I will leave the composition to your good judgment.

As my successor is to be sworn in soon and my connection with the Agency thus severed, you can reach me hereafter at the following address and telephone. Please note that the telephone number is unpublished.

[Redacted address and telephone number]

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I will do as you suggest with regard to travel and I will probably arrive in Houston the evening of the 8th of September. Reservations at the Rice-Rittenhouse would be just fine. I look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters

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Lieutenant General, USA

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SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION

General Walters joined the United States Army as a Private in 1941 and advanced through grades to Lieutenant General in 1972 when he was appointed Deputy Director of CIA. Almost all of his career has been spent in intelligence and on foreign assignments. He has interpreted for four U.S. Presidents and speaks eight languages. He has served as deputy to four directors of the Central Intelligence Agency. He left the Agency on 1 July and retired from the Army on 31 July after serving over 35 years. General Walters holds many U. S. and foreign decorations including the U.S. National Security Medal.

General Walters will be happy to answer questions today following his talk on "Why the United States Needs Effective Intelligence".

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June 25, 1976

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D. C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

I am delighted that we were able to agree on September 9 as the date of your appearance before the Rotary Club of Houston. This letter will confirm the telephone conversations we have had with your office. As to the matter of expenses, we find that it works best for you to make your own airline arrangements and simply turn in the amount to us for reimbursement when you arrive in Houston. Naturally, we will make all the local arrangements for you. For your proper reception we will eventually need to know your flight number and date and time of arrival. Since the Rotary Club will be meeting in the Rice-Rittenhouse Hotel, we will secure your reservations there for any over-night stay involved.

In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you would have your secretary provide us with two glossy photographs, basic biographic data and the exact title of your address to be used in pre-meeting publicity and by your introducer at the meeting. Also we would like to know if you would be willing to participate in a press interview before or after the meeting if the local media representatives request it. We anticipate that there will be both press and TV coverage of the meeting itself.

A further matter in which we would like to have your suggestions is the composition of the head table. If you have a personal friend or two in Houston we would like to invite them to sit with you. In addition, unless you have objections, we would like to invite

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living in the area and perhaps [redacted]

[redacted] We could also have representatives of the legal profession and the business community who specialize in international matters. Please let us have your suggestions or comments so that we can begin making arrangements.

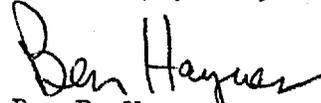
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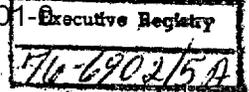
I am not just sure when you plan to sever officially your association with the Agency. Should you acquire a new mailing address and telephone number in the near future, will you please notify us.

Again let me say how much personal pleasure it gives me to know that you will be speaking to my associates in Rotary. No one presents the Agency story and its problems and triumphs as well as you do and I am most eager to hear you again.

Sincerely yours,



Ben P. Haynes
Quarterly Program Chairman



17 May 1976

Mr. Ben P. Haynes
Program Chairman
Rotary Club of Houston
1011 Sheraton-Houston Hotel
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for your letter of 21 April and your kind remarks on the favorable impact of my speech on some of your members. I regret the delay in my reply due to my absence from the office the last few weeks.

It would be my pleasure to address the Rotary Club of Houston. However, as I am leaving the Agency and retiring from the Army, you might wish to have someone who would be in active government service at that time. If this is the case, I fully understand. If, however, you do wish me to speak under those conditions, I would be honored to do so. I hope that you will feel quite free to make the decision that seems best to you.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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April 21, 1976

Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

A few members of the (downtown) Rotary Club of Houston had the privilege of hearing you address the Rotary Club of River Oaks here in Houston a few weeks ago. All of these men with whom I have talked are most desirous that you repeat this address or one on related matters before our downtown group.

Our Club is composed of more than 850 business, professional, religious and governmental leaders in this dynamic and growing city. It is the largest service club in the world but more importantly, its membership comprises the heart of this community which is growing in national and international importance day by day.

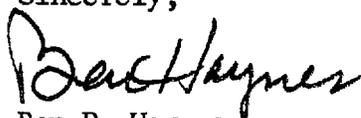
Typical of the speakers we are able to attract to our rostrum are the following who have appeared during the last few months: Leon Jaworski, Special Watergate Prosecutor; Norman Cousins, Editor, Saturday Review; Oral Roberts, President, Oral Roberts University; Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British Ambassador to the United States; Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture.

While we would be happy to welcome you at anytime, we are currently beginning to fill up dates for the quarter July through September, 1976, and can offer you your choice of almost any Thursday during that three month period. The Club meets at a major hotel each Thursday at 12:15 P.M. We are well acquainted with the Agency's local personnel (since I retired from that office in 1971 after serving in it since its founding in 1948) and would be happy to work through that office in making detailed arrangements.

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I hope that you will not be concerned about possible over-exposure in the Houston area. I can assure you that there would be practically no overlap in the audiences that you have already spoken to in our community and the membership of our downtown Rotary group. I am looking forward to an early favorable response from you in which you will indicate one or more dates which will be convenient to your busy schedule. I am sure Director George Bush would recommend our rostrum highly for its excellent coverage of influential Houstonians.

Sincerely,



Ben P. Haynes
Program Chairman