

TO MR. COLBY FROM GEORGE BUSH:

BILL: I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS TELEGRAM.

I THOUGHT CAREFULLY ABOUT WHERE I SHOULD BE DURING MY TRIAL BY FIRE.

THOUGH I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR OFFER TO GIVE ME SHELTER, I THINK I BETTER OFFICE OUT OF THE EOB. IF I WEREN'T SUCH A CONTROVERSIAL CASE I WOULD JUMP AT NEGUR OFFER, BUT FROM THE CIA'S POINT OF VIEW I REALLY BELIEVE IT IS BETTER THAT I NOT DESCEND ON YOU UNTIL THE SENATE ACTS. I WATE THIS BECAUSE I COULD LEARN SO MUCH THERE, BUT I AM SURE IT IS BEST FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

I DEFINITELY WANT TO COME OUT TO VISIT, TO MEET THE PEOPLE YOU SUGGEST, AND MOST OF ALL CHAT WITH YOU. I WILL CALL YOU AS SOON AS I ARRIVE. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

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Comment: DCI Colby's offer of assistance to Amb. Bush upon his arrival in Washington.

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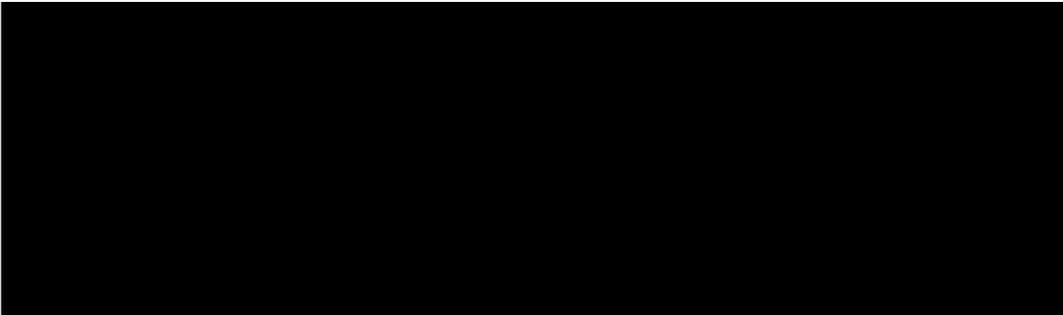
TO AMBASSADOR BUSH FROM BILL COLBY. 4

1. CONGRATULATIONS ON A MOST EXCITING CHALLENGE. I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE COMMUNITY AND THE AGENCY WILL BE IN HANDS AS CAPABLE AS YOURS. 4

2. I HAVE ASKED THE AGENCY AND THE COMMUNITY STAFF TO BEGIN PREPARING APPROPRIATE BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR YOU TO MAKE AS EASY AS POSSIBLE YOUR ABSORPTION OF THOSE DETAILS THAT YOU WILL NEED; I KNOW YOU WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE OVERALL CONCEPTS. ~~I EXPECT~~  
~~TO BE DROPPING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS~~ BUT DICK WALTERS IS <sup>HELP YOU TAKE</sup> PLANNING TO STAY AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH TO ~~TRANSITION TO YOUR TAKING~~ OVER. YOU WILL FIND HIM A VERY LOYAL, STRAIGHTFORWARD OFFICER WITH A GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERSONALITIES AND THE PROCEDURES WITH WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO DEAL. IN VIEW OF THE PRESS HANDLING OF THIS CHANGE, I HAVE MADE A PARTICULAR APPEAL TO THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE AGENCY TO MAINTAIN THEIR COOL AND THEIR POSITIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AS MUCH CONTINUITY AS POSSIBLE UNTIL YOU ARE FULLY IN THE SADDLE. 4

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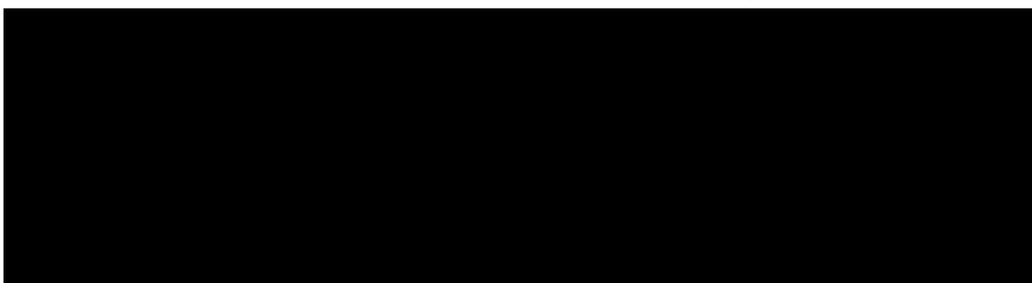
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3. YOU WILL FIND THE SECOND LEVEL MANAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE AGENCY HIGHLY COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED. THEY HAVE HAD A ROUGH TIME FOR THIS PAST YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER EXPOSURES, BUT I AM SURE THEY WILL SERVE YOU AS WELL AS THEY HAVE ME. ♪

4. WHEN I LEAVE JOBS I TRY TO TURN AWAY FROM THEM AND NOT BURDEN A SUCCESSOR. AT THE SAME TIME, I <sup>WILL BE</sup> ~~AM~~ AT YOUR DISPOSAL AT ANY TIME FOR ANY ADVICE OR COMMENT YOU MIGHT THINK OF VALUE TO YOUR NEW POST, TO THE COMMUNITY OR TO THE AGENCY. ♪

5. WARM REGARDS. H



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TO AMBASSADOR BUSH FROM COLBY

NOTE FROM PRESS YOU ARE RETURNING WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND. REALIZE YOUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS CONFIRMATION BUT WANT TO OFFER EVERY ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT LIKE. WE HAVE ARRANGED A SUITABLE OFFICE HERE AND WILL ORGANIZE SECRETARIAL, TRANSPORTATION, ETC., HELP YOU MIGHT NEED. IN PROCESS, OF COURSE, HOPE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO IMMEDIATE OFFICE STAFF AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF AGENCY AND COMMUNITY ACCORDING WHATEVER SCHEDULE YOU CHOOSE. ALSO CERTAINLY WOULD FULLY BRIEF YOU ON ON-GOING BALLGAMES WITH SENATE AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEES AND, OF COURSE, THE SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS OF INTELLIGENCE. SUGGEST YOU MIGHT CALL ME AT OFFICE, 351-6363, OR HOME, 320-4646, AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AND WE CAN SETTLE YOUR DESIRES. BR IMPDET.H

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*W. Colby*  
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