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Dan Ackroyd Developing Television Series on CIA

"We want to depict the CIA as people who are protecting all the great things in this country. We want to dispel the image of the CIA as a bunch of thugs in a van with suppressed weapons." With that vision of a possible television series, film star Dan Ackroyd, his brother Peter (a producer who appeared in "The New Avengers"), and producer Chris Chacon visited Headquarters on October 21 to learn more about the CIA family. The trio was introduced to numerous Agency managers, case officers, analysts, and support staff in the DDO-DDI front office, the Exhibit Center, Balkan Task Force, **PDB** Staff, ORE, CNC, CTC, and PAS, and also met with NIC and ALA representatives.

Ackroyd told *What's News* that his visit confirmed his view of the "importance of the human element at the Agency. I saw here people working together as a team. I want to be able to capture this family element in our series, which will feature three young recruits to the DI, DO, and DS&T. We want to project the values of the Agency--that people from all over the country with esoteric knowledge are helping to protect the US." Ackroyd noted that the proposal is still on the drawing board; following this visit, he plans to pitch the series to the three major television networks. Casting and scriptwriting are still far off, although he might play a recurring role as a senior Agency manager. The rest of the roles will probably be played by new actors.

Photo: Background artwork by DDI John Gannon welcomes (right to left) Peter and Dan Ackroyd and Chris Chacon to the Agency.

Photo: Autographed note to CIA employees from Dan Ackroyd, "To the Agency Family: Smart people, we appreciate your skilled dedication! Rock on!"

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