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MEMORANDUM FOR: Christine Dodson (BY HAND)
NSC Staff Secretary

SUBJECT : National Security Medal

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1. Per your request for background information on the National Security Medal, the following is provided:

a. The National Security Medal was established by President Truman via Executive Order 10431 on 19 January 1953. Under that Executive Order's provisions, the National Security Medal may be awarded by the President (or by such persons as he may designate) for "distinguished achievement or outstanding contribution" in the field of "intelligence relating to national security." The implementing regulations for the National Security Medal, also approved by President Truman on 19 January 1953, provide that the contribution of recipients of the award should consist of "exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility."

b. Attached at Tab A is the notification I received from the NSC with regard to an NSM for Mr. Bush.

c. The Executive Order establishing the NSM is attached at Tab B.

d. Those who have previously received the NSM is reflected in Tab C.

e. A draft citation for our current purpose will be provided next week. Upon your approval, the citation and the NSM certificate are printed here and returned to you with the engraved medal.

2. Upon notification of the President's approval, the scheduling mechanism that exists between the DCI and the President's office takes over with regard to presentation and invited guests. If there is any more data that would be useful, please let me know.


B. C. EVANS

Executive Secretary

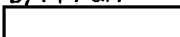
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Benjamin Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Award of National Security
Medal to DCI Bush

To confirm our informal notification, the President has approved the award of the National Security Medal to Director Bush and wishes to make the presentation at a mutually convenient time during the week of January 10.

I enclose the approved citation. Will you please forward the Medal and the accompanying certificate to me. Also will you please give me an indication of any guests Mr. Bush might wish to have if the circumstances of the presentation are such that guests may be included.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment

Citation for the National Security Medal

for Mr. George Bush

Director of Central Intelligence

Having previously distinguished himself in the service of his country, George Bush has made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States as Director of Central Intelligence. His unique background for this assignment included management of a successful business, experience as a Congressman, and service in highly important diplomatic posts at the United Nations and in the People's Republic of China. The role of Director of Central Intelligence has many facets and George Bush was outstanding in each, as adviser to the President, as leader of the U. S. Intelligence Community, as spokesman to the Congress and as the operating head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As the leader of the Intelligence Community, he was directly responsible for major improvements in the allocation of intelligence resources and for increasing the responsiveness of the intelligence product to the needs of the policy makers and operating officials of the Government. His effectiveness as a spokesman, both within and outside the Government, did much to restore America's confidence in its intelligence agencies.

The achievements of George Bush in improving the responsiveness and the overall effectiveness of the Intelligence Community and the Central Intelligence Agency reflect public service of the highest order. His influence will long be felt as one of major significance to the accomplishment of the foreign intelligence mission of the United States Government.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 10431

NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established a medal to be known as the National Security Medal with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances. The medal and its appurtenances shall be of appropriate design, approved by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

2. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person, without regard to nationality, including members of the armed forces of the United States, for distinguished achievement or outstanding contribution on or after July 26, 1947, in the field of intelligence relating to the national security.

3. The decoration established by this order shall be awarded by the President of the United States or, under regulations approved by him, by such person or persons as he may designate.

4. No more than one National Security Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for subsequent services justifying an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the Medal.

5. Members of the armed forces of the United States who are awarded the decoration established by this order are authorized to wear the medal and the ribbon symbolic of the award, as may be authorized by uniform regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense.

6. The decoration established by this order may be awarded posthumously.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 19, 1953.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Executive Order 10431, the following regulations are hereby issued to govern the award of the National Security Medal:

1. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort. This contribution may consist of either exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility or of an act of valor requiring personal courage of a high degree and complete disregard of personal safety.

2. The National Security Medal with accompanying ribbon and appurtenances, shall be of appropriate design to be approved by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

3. The National Security Medal shall be awarded only by the President or his designee for that purpose.

4. Recommendations may be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council by any individual having personal knowledge of the facts of the exceptionally meritorious conduct or act of valor of the candidate in the performance of outstanding services, either as an eyewitness or from the testimony of others who have personal knowledge or were eyewitnesses. Any recommendations shall be accompanied by complete documentation, including where necessary, certificates, affidavits or sworn transcripts of testimony. Each recommendation for an award shall show the exact status, at the time of the rendition of the service on which the recommendation is based, with respect to citizenship, employment, and all other material factors, of the person who is being recommended for the National Security Medal.

5. Each recommendation shall contain a draft of an appropriate citation to accompany the award of the National Security Medal.

Approved:

HARRY S. TRUMAN
January 19, 1953.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Approved By</u>	<u>Presented By</u>
Walter Bedel Smith	21 February 1953	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Allen W. Dulles
Kermit Roosevelt	23 September 1953	Allen W. Dulles	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Joseph N. Wenger	6 August 1953	Allen W. Dulles	Allen W. Dulles
Edward G. Lansdale	14 April 1954	Allen W. Dulles	Dwight D. Eisenhower
John Edgar Hoover	21 May 1955	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Dwight D. Eisenhower
William F. Friedman	10 October 1955	Allen W. Dulles	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan	1 April 1957	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Robert D. Murphy	23 November 1959	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Allen W. Dulles	28 November 1961	John F. Kennedy	John F. Kennedy
Richard M. Bissell, Jr.	21 February 1962	John F. Kennedy	John F. Kennedy
John A. McCone	27 April 1965	Lyndon B. Johnson	Lyndon B. Johnson
Frank B. Rowlett	28 January 1966	Lyndon B. Johnson	Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice Adm. William F. Raborn	3 August 1966	Lyndon B. Johnson	Lyndon B. Johnson
Desmond FitzGerald	3 August 1967	Lyndon B. Johnson	Lyndon B. Johnson
Arthur C. Lundahl	5 July 1973	Richard M. Nixon	Vernon A. Walters
Lawrence R. Houston	21 November 1973	Richard M. Nixon	William E. Colby
Louis W. Tordella	30 January 1974	Richard M. Nixon	James R. Schlesinger
John Parangosky	14 January 1976	Gerald R. Ford	Gerald R. Ford
William E. Colby	21 January 1976	Gerald R. Ford	Gerald R. Ford
Vernon A. Walters	8 June 1976	Gerald R. Ford	Gerald R. Ford
George Bush	6 January 1977	Gerald R. Ford	Gerald R. Ford
Robert Ellsworth	6 January 1977	Gerald R. Ford	Gerald R. Ford
Leslie C. Dirks	12 December 1978	Jimmy Carter	Jimmy Carter
James R. Schlesinger	24 August 1979	Jimmy Carter	Jimmy Carter