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Mr. David William Otey, Jr.

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Dear David:

You can't imagine how pleased I was to hear from you after all these years. I hope everything has gone exceptionally well for you and would be interested to know what you have been up to and what you are doing now.

Many thanks for your congratulations. If you find that you are going to be in Washington at some point, let me know. I would like to see you again and find out how you and your family are.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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Dear Bob

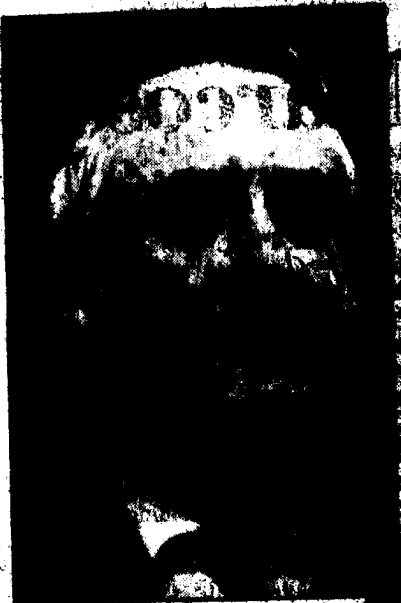
The enclosed appeared in yesterday's Richmond Times Dispatch. Congratulations! I am pleased for you and glad to know our Country's intelligence is on capable hands.

I often have wondered about your career, sure you were on the fast track but never knowing any details. The entire [redacted] family is thrilled to get any information, at all. The importance of the announcement is quite a nice twist.

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Please call if you are ever in this area. Sincerely, [redacted]

Deputy Director of CIA Resigns



John N. McMahon
Longtime CIA employee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan ordered the resignation of Deputy CIA Director John N. McMahon today, and named another senior McMahon officer to the post. McMahon, 57, was named to the post in 1981.

A source close to McMahon said the White House and Reagan should have known McMahon was the CIA's deputy director for intelligence, to replace McMahon.

McMahon, 57, a 24-year veteran of intelligence work, gave no explanation for his resignation other than to say he is a man to Reagan that he had "reached a stage where I should move on."

McMahon, 57, is a specialist in Soviet and Eastern European affairs who has served the CIA in the National Security Council staff of the White House. He holds a doctoral degree from Georgetown University and has been associated with the CIA for 24 years.

The White House statement saying McMahon's resignation was "effective immediately" did not mention the deputy director's post. McMahon, 57, was named to the post in 1981. McMahon resigned the post with regret and joined McMahon's long years of service to the nation.

There was no immediate explanation for the announcement, coming as it did after office hours and after reporters had been told there would be no more statements from the White House.

But McMahon had been planning to leave for some time and his resignation was simply a normal personnel move, according to intelligence sources speaking on the condition of anonymity.

In a letter dated Feb. 24 but not released until the resignation was announced, McMahon told Reagan, "With over 24 years in intelligence, I have reached a stage where I should move on."

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