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Ms. Julie Cooke
The White House
Mrs. Bush's Office
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Ms. Cooke,

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The enclosed information is provided per your request concerning the Langley Children's Center at the Central Intelligence Agency. We are very proud of this facility and delighted that Mrs. Bush will honor us with her presence at a brief ceremony and tour in mid-November. Either [redacted] or [redacted] may be contacted for additional information and to set the specific date for the First Lady's visit.

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Executive Assistant
to the
Deputy Director for Administration

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THE LANGLEY CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Langley Children's Center located on the Central Intelligence Agency's facility opened it's doors in September 1989. The center was specifically designed and constructed to provide child care services to working employees of the Federal Government. The idea for this facility was first advanced by the Agency in the early 1970's and became possible after Congress passed legislation enabling Federal agencies to provide space and services for child care without charge.

The Langley Children's center is an attractive, modern, one-story building consisting of 10,000 square feet of space divided into three areas designed for children in age groups ranging from three months through four years. It is equipped to accommodate 104 children and a staff of 28 coordinators, teachers, and assistants trained as Child Care Specialists.

Although certification by local regulatory authorities was not required, a special effort has been made to ensure that the building and equipment comply with all federal, state and local safety guidelines and statutes. Approval of the design and use areas was obtained from the National Capital Planning Commission.

Other facts concerning the operation of the Langley Children's Center are:

- The Langley Children's Center is run by a non-profit membership corporation headed by a board of directors elected by its' members. Membership is open to all Central Intelligence Agency Employees.
- The center is operated under a contract with Fried and Sher, a local business which provides consulting services on Day Care.
- The United States Government funds for space, utilities, and maintenance; user fees (tuition) fund the operation of the Center.
- The fee schedule ranges from \$95 to \$130 per week for each child. This fee, graduated by age group is competitive with fees charged by community and private centers in the Washington D.C. area.
- The selection of children for initial enrollment at the Center was determined by lottery from over 300 applications. 104 children are currently in attendance.

The Langley Children's Center has been a source of considerable interest among other federal agencies. Officials from several government agencies have toured the Center. The National Security Agency and the Pentagon have expressed interest in establishing similar facilities. We believe that the Langley Children's Center, while serving the interests of the Central Intelligence Agency, will also serve as a model for future facilities constructed to serve federal employees.

SUBJECT: White House Letter to Ms. Julia Cooke Regarding
Langley Children's Center and Visit of Mrs. Bush

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