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SUBJECT An Interview with CIA Director Bush

MIKE WALLACE: At no time in the 29 years of its existence has the Central Intelligence Agency come under such close public scrutiny as right now. Dirty tricks, excesses, failures, illegalities -- all have been aired before congressional committees and in the press.

Well, President Ford wants to refurbish the image of the CIA, to restore our confidence in it. Former Director William Colby was sacked. The new man is George Bush.

Mr. Bush has held almost as many public posts as Elliot Richardson: congressman from Texas, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Ambassador to the U.N., our man in China. He was sworn in as Director of the CIA two weeks ago. This past week in Los Angeles he talked to 60 Minutes.

His first public act as head of the agency was to announce the CIA would remove from its payroll all journalists working for U.S. news-gathering organizations. But he refused to reveal the names of reporters who had worked for the CIA, refused to reveal them either publicly or in confidence to Senator Frank Church's Select Committee on Intelligence.

Frank Church's committee in the Senate wants the names of those journalists. You will not give Frank Church's committee...

DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH: I won't, sir, no.

WALLACE: You don't trust his committee.

DIRECTOR BUSH: I trust Mr. Church and I trust his committee, but I am dedicated to the protection of sources...

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