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FOR : EYES ONLY JACK MARSH  
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

ADVANCE MAN DELIVERED YOUR LETTER. EVEN THOUGH I AM ADMITTEDLY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE, THUS MUCH OF THE FURY, I AGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT.

THE THING THAT MUST BE STRESSED IN TALKING TO THE SENATORS IS CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, THUS THE ABILITY TO LAY PARTISANSHIP ASIDE IN A NON-PARTISAN JOB. THE UN EXPERIENCE CAN BE STRESSED HERE PLUS MY ROLE IN CHINA.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

MANY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, PROPERLY BRIEFED, CAN HELP ON THIS. THE SPECTRUM COVERS A WIDE IDEOLOGICAL RANGE. FOR EXAMPLE MC MATHIAS COULD BE HELPFUL ON THIS POINT. SO WOULD JIM PEARSON, PACKWOOD, TAFT AND SOME OTHERS. ON THE OTHER SIDE MY FORMER HOUSE COLLEAGUES BEALL, ROTH AND JIM MCCLURE SHOULD HELP ARGUE WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES ON THESE SAME LINES. ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE MCGEE, BYRD OF VA. AND MAYBE SYMINGTON OR EVEN TUNNEY COULD BE APPROACHED AND ASKED TO VOUCH FOR ME ON THAT BASIS.

MANY HOUSE MEMBERS WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH THEIR COUNTER-PARTS. AS MENTIONED EARLIER STEIGER CAN GUIDE YOU ON THIS BUT MONTGOMERY, HAMMERSCHMIDT ESCH ETC. WILL WILLINGLY HELP.

THERE ARE SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF MY HAVING TO RESIST WHITE HOUSE PRESSURE DURING WATERGATE TIMES THAT TOM LIAS AT HEW CAN GIVE YOU IF YOU NEED THEM. WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS TO SENATORS, WHICH I WILL DO IF NECESSARY, THE THEME SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT BUSH DID WITHSTAND WH PRESSURE, BUT DID NOT DO IT GLAMOROUSLY ON THE FRONT PAGES. I WILL APPROACH MY CIA JOB IN THE SAME WAY.

FURTHER POINT SHOULD BE MADE THAT SOMEONE WITH SOME FEEL FOR PUBLIC OPINION MIGHT BETTER KEEP AGENCY OUT OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

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AS THE ARGUMENT OF RUBBER STAMP FOR PRESIDENT, SOME MIGHT MAKE THE POINT THAT BEING "CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT" IS ASSET RATHER THAN LIABILITY. THE VIEWS OF THE AGENCY MIGHT GET A BETTER PRESIDENTIAL HEARING THIS WAY. BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS IT COMES BACK TO CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY AS TO WHETHER ONE KNUCKLES UNDER OR NOT ON MATTERS OF DEEP CONVICTION. I WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID DISCUSSIONS ALONG THESE LINES WITH PRESS OR OTHERS, BUT PERHAPS THIS GENERAL THINKING MAY BE USEFUL IN QUIETING SOME OF THE CRITICS. ONE ABSURDITY THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SQUELCH IS THE IDEA THAT THE PRESIDENT RE-THOUGHT THE NOMINATION AND THUS ASKED COLBY TO STAY ON. I COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE LEFT BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GRATUITOUSLY INSULTING TO THE PRC IN MY OPINION. FRANKLY I'D LOVE TO HAVE BEEN THERE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AND I THINK THE DELAY HAS PERMITTED THE COLUMNISTS ALL TO PILE ON! BUT PERHAPS THAT POINT CAN BE MADE THAT AT TIMES ONE MUST DO WHAT IS PROPER AND RIGHT. PLEASE PROTECT THIS INFORMATION, BUT IT CAN BE USED TO HELP ON CONFIRMATION IN VERY PRIVATE WAYS. PLEASE KEEP ME ADVISED AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. WARM REGARDS.  
 GEORGE BUSH  
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