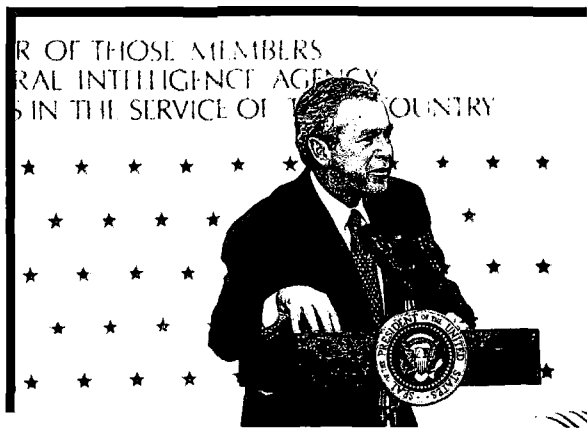




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(U) President Bush Visits Headquarters



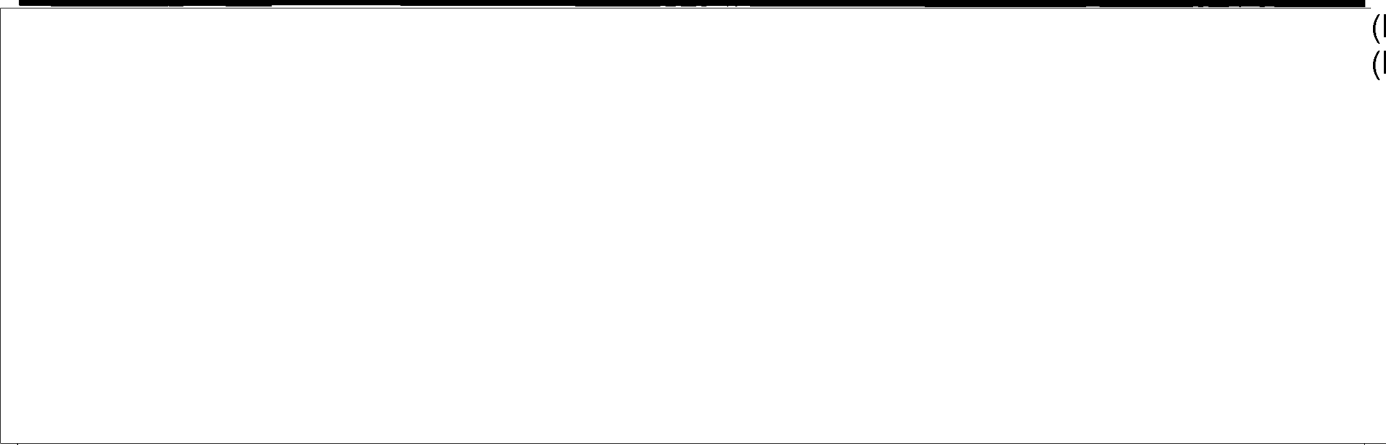
(U) The President addresses employees in front of the Memorial Wall.

On March 3, President Bush spoke before hundreds of Agency employees in the Main Lobby of OHB and thousands on Agency video networks. After shaking hands and talking with employees in the Main and Upper Lobbies, the President, accompanied by DCI Porter Goss; Dr. Stephen J. Hadley,

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Andrew H. Card, Chief of Staff to the President; Lewis Libby, Chief of Staff to the Vice President; Frances Townsend, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security; and J.D. Crouch, Deputy National Security Advisor; were briefed on several Agency programs. The President and the DCI met briefly with the news media on the Agency seal before the President departed.

In welcoming the President, DCI Goss said: "Thank you all. Mr. President, welcome back to the George Bush Center for Intelligence. I know you are well acquainted with somebody who has actually spent a bit of time here – so you should feel right at home today, sir. The men and women of CIA are obviously very excited that you are here today, including myself; just as we are excited about the job you have asked us to do on a

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global basis. You well know the extraordinary work the men and women of this Agency do each and every day. It is a wonderful job they perform. It's a risky and it's a thoughtful business; we all know that. We are all proud to serve you and the American people. Now, it is my high honor and great privilege to introduce the 43rd President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush. Welcome, Mr. President."

The President told the audience that he had come "to reassure, to comfort, and to exhort." He expressed great confidence in Porter Goss, noting the DCI's love for the Agency, his understanding of the importance of its mission, and his having spent a lifetime in intelligence. DCI Goss understands the culture, esprit de corps, and hard work of Agency employees, the President said.

The President's confidence extends to the Agency workforce as well. He told the audience of some 600 that he relies heavily upon his *President's Daily Briefing* sessions to keep him informed. He lauded the successes that Agency employees have made in the War on Terror and underscored to employees that the Agency's mission is to keep America safe and secure. The President also noted the Agency's

contributions to the overall expansion of freedom throughout the world, and that the Agency would continue to work with him in advancing freedom.

President Bush said that he had supported the recent intelligence reforms, which will ensure that the intelligence services can do an even better job and better integrate the work of the Agency with the rest of the Intelligence Community. DNI-designate John Negroponce, a well-respected user of intelligence, and DDNI-designate General Michael Hayden, a producer of intelligence, will make an excellent team, the President said.

In addressing the future of the Agency, the President stressed that the name "Central Intelligence Agency" will not change, reflecting that CIA will be the central place where intelligence is gathered and analyzed. He noted the increasing importance of human intelligence collection and getting more collectors in the field, getting the best analysis, and acting on actionable intelligence to protect the country.

The President's remarks to the Agency workforce and, before departure, the news media, are available on Video on Demand on CIA Link. (*This is UNCLASSIFIED when separated from the CONFIDENTIAL photos.*)

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(U) Kent Center To Host Panel on "Journalism's Practices and Ethics: Views of News Ombudsmen" on March 7

All employees are welcome to stop by [redacted] OHB on March 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., when the Kent Center will host an unclassified panel discussion by news ombudsmen as part of its Professional Development Seminar Program. This panel features experienced journalists whose job it is to critique their profession, discuss the ethics of their profession, and propose steps to improve the media's integrity, objectivity, and professionalism. As journalism shares some of the same missions that intelligence analysts have – presenting information in an unbiased fashion and challenging prevailing opinions – the Kent Center believes it will be a useful and stimulating opportunity to see how journalists deal with some of our common professional and ethical difficulties.

The three journalists are:

- David Okrent, *New York Times* "Public Editor." He recently penned articles with the following titles: "Is the *New York Times* a Liberal Newspaper (answer: yes but not systematically biased); "How Would Jackson Pollock Cover this Campaign?" (reporting is all over the map); "Political Bias at the *Times*? Two counter-arguments" (other reporters' comments on his critiques).
- Michael Getler, *Washington Post* "Ombudsman." He recently wrote articles with the following titles: "Self-inflicted Wounds" (on the CBS-Dan Rather case); "Is Balancing an Act" (on election reporting on the two campaigns); "Looking Back Before the War" (critiquing *WP* reporting prior to the Iraq War).
- Jeffrey Dvorkin, *NPR* "Ombudsman" and President of

the Organization of News Ombudsmen (ONA). Dvorkin leads the national organization of news professionals who critique the media, and he is also involved in *NPR*'s program "On the Media", which reviews what the media is saying.

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(U) The event will be video-taped.

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(U) Plan to come a few minutes early for good seating. The panel members will hold their remarks to 30-45 minutes, leaving ample time for questions and comments from the audience. [redacted]

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**(U) DS All-Hands Meeting
Scheduled for March 9**

The Directorate of Support will host an All-Hands meeting on March 9 from 1-3 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. The Deputy Director for Support's presentation to employees will be broadcast live

Tickets for the event originally scheduled for February 24 re(b)(3)alid for March 9. (This is UNCLASSIFIED.)



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