THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 18, 1977

Dear George:

I have your letter, and it is with deep appreciation for your contributions to this Administration and to our Nation that I accept your resignation as Director of Central Intelligence, effective January 20, 1977.

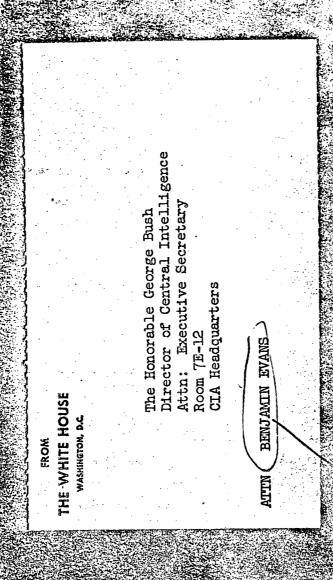
During the past year, you have successfully faced enormous challenges. Under your dedicated leadership and direction, the Agency has regained its balance. I am confident that it is now better prepared than ever before to fulfill its vital role. The progress that has been made is an impressive tribute to your energy, integrity, and outstanding abilities.

I am happy to have this opportunity to express my personal gratitude and that of all Americans for the fine job you have done. In the years ahead, I look forward to continuing our friendship. You have my best wishes for every success and happiness.

Warmest personal regards,

The Honorable George Bush Director of Central Intelligence

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