

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Benjamin Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Award of National Security
Medal to DCI Bush

To confirm our informal notification, the President has approved the award of the National Security Medal to Director Bush and wishes to make the presentation at a mutually convenient time during the week of January 10.

I enclose the approved citation. Will you please forward the Medal and the accompanying certificate to me. Also will you please give me an indication of any guests Mr. Bush might wish to have if the circumstances of the presentation are such that guests may be included.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment

Citation for the National Security Medal

for Mr. George Bush

Director of Central Intelligence

Having previously distinguished himself in the service of his country, George Bush has made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States as Director of Central Intelligence. His unique background for this assignment included management of a successful business, experience as a Congressman, and service in highly important diplomatic posts at the United Nations and in the People's Republic of China. The role of Director of Central Intelligence has many facets and George Bush was outstanding in each, as adviser to the President, as leader of the U. S. Intelligence Community, as spokesman to the Congress and as the operating head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As the leader of the Intelligence Community, he was directly responsible for major improvements in the allocation of intelligence resources and for increasing the responsiveness of the intelligence product to the needs of the policy makers and operating officials of the Government. His effectiveness as a spokesman, both within and outside the Government, did much to restore America's confidence in its intelligence agencies.

The achievements of George Bush in improving the responsiveness and the overall effectiveness of the Intelligence Community and the Central Intelligence Agency reflect public service of the highest order. His influence will long be felt as one of major significance to the accomplishment of the foreign intelligence mission of the United States Government.