

5 December 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the Standard Club of Chicago

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to address a luncheon meeting of The Standard Club of Chicago sometime at a date convenient to you on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in January, February, or March 1985.

2. Background: Mr. David W. Smerling, Chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of The Standard Club, at the suggestion of Club member Michael Shaw invited you to be the guest speaker at one of their luncheon meetings in Chicago. You declined at that time (mid August), but noted you would be willing at a later date. The Standard Club came back with a list of available dates for this fall, and you indicated that you could not commit at that time (mid September).

This is the third invitation requesting a specific date. You could expect an audience of approximately 300 people. [redacted] confirmed that The Standard Club is one of the city's most prestigious and respected social clubs, comparable in stature to Chicago Club that you addressed in April. The wealthy and influential membership of professional and financial leaders includes most of Chicago's prominent Jewish citizens.

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Recent speakers were Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Edwin Black author of "The Transfer Agreement", Katherine Wei author of "Second Daughter", and Joan Peters author of "From Time Immemorial" (Arab-Jewish conflict over Palestine). Since this is a private club, the media is not allowed to attend. Publicity is limited to the club's newsletter. According to the membership director, all members are U.S. citizens many of whose families have been members since the mid 1800's. Previously Mr. Shaw suggested that arrangements could be made for you to speak to the Chicago Bar Association, but their winter schedule is booked.

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3. Recommendation: None. If you wish to speak to this group, please indicate which month is likely to be the most convenient. Public Affairs will make the appropriate response.

[Redacted Signature]

George V. Lauder

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ACCEPT:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

January _____
February _____
March _____

DECLINE:

[Redacted Signature]

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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