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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Chief, New Building Project Office

FROM: Carla Scopeletis
Chairperson, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT: Placement of Bust of Vice President George Bush

1. As you may know, Mr. Vincent Melzac, the noted art collector who has loaned the Agency the paintings and sculpture that grace the first floor corridors, has offered as a gift to the Agency a bust of the Vice President. Mr. Casey has accepted this generous offer and has asked the Fine Arts Commission to act as the go-between with Mr. Melzac and to determine an appropriate permanent home for the bust.

2. The bust is slightly larger than life size and presumably would sit on a pedestal, which has yet to be chosen. It would need to be appropriately lighted and should be able to be viewed from all sides. The Commission at its last meeting discussed possible sites in either the original Headquarters building (OHB) or the new one. The bust should be displayed somewhere other than the main entrance of the OHB so that it does not compete with the life-size sculpture of General Donovan which, I understand, will replace the present "Ecce Homo" sculpture. The bust is now in the Vice President's residence but is available as soon as we are able to receive it.

3. The Commission asks your help in identifying an appropriate location in the new building where the bust could be permanently displayed. One consideration to keep in mind is that Mr. Bush is the only former DCI to be so honored with a bust. If it is determined that the new building would be the best choice, we might want to put the sculpture on display in a temporary site in the old building until the new site is ready. I think Mr. Melzac, who has had some health problems, is anxious to have it on display as soon as possible. And the Commission shares this view because it is a beautiful work of art.

4. I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as possible if you would be willing to work with us on this project.

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