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RE: Speaking Invitation
National Young Leaders Conference
Congressional Youth Leadership Council
National Press Club
Washington, D.C.
25 March or 29 March 1988

Director of the National Young Leaders Conference, Larry Guillemette, has invited you to speak at the Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council on Friday, 25 March or Tuesday, 29 March at the National Press Club. The suggested format is 10 minutes of remarks followed by 40 minutes of questions and answers. You are asked to speak on how the Agency fits within the Executive Branch or any other topic of your choice. The audience would include 350 outstanding high school students from throughout the US. The meeting is not open to the media. The Council is expecting Secretary of Energy John Herrington, Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel, and Secretary of HUD Samuel Pierce to speak at the Conference session covering the Executive Branch. (See opposite for background material.)

Since this is a high school audience, and we normally reserve our student briefings for the college level, I recommend that you decline this invitation. If you agree, a letter of regret is attached for your signature.

[Redacted Signature]

Bill Baker

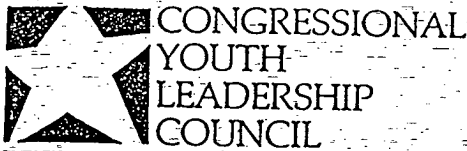
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January 20, 1988

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Director C.I.A.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Gates:

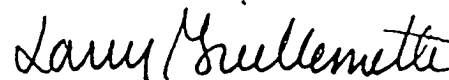
This spring the Congressional Youth Leadership Council will once again sponsor the National Young Leaders Conference. During a five week period, over 1,600 outstanding high school students will come to our nation's capital for an intensive educational program. This group represents the best and brightest of today's youth - tomorrow's leaders. The enclosed information will serve to illustrate the scope and content of our program.

The National Young Leaders Conference provides a unique opportunity for the students to gain an insider's view of government by interacting with those individuals who shape public policy. I know you share our concern for educating youth for responsible citizenship and join us in promoting active involvement in the democratic process. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization which encourages our students to consider all viewpoints as they endeavor to come to an understanding of current issues facing our nation. We certainly hope you can assist us by contributing to the balance of our program and will honor us by accepting our invitation to address the young leaders of tomorrow during one of the Conference weeks this spring.

It is our philosophy that we can be of no greater service to our country than by instilling an appreciation of our American heritage and democratic institutions in the "successor generation." It is our hope that your calendar can accommodate this request and we trust that you will respond favorably.

For your convenience I have enclosed an RSVP memorandum. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Rick McDonald at (202) 638-0008. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lawrence F. Guillemette, Jr.
Conference Director

Enclosures
1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 842
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 638-0008



CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

REPLY MEMORANDUM

TO: Lawrence F. Guillemette, Jr.
Conference Director
The Congressional Youth Leadership Council
1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 842
Washington, D.C. 20005

FROM: The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Director C.I.A.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

YES, I accept your invitation to be a speaker at the National Young Leaders Conference. (Approximately 375 scholars attend each session.)

I would prefer to participate on the following date(s):

- Friday, February 26, 1988
- Friday, March 4, 1988
- Wednesday, March 16, 1988
- Friday, March 25, 1988
- Tuesday, March 29, 1988

STAFF CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Rick McDonald at (202) 638-0008.

No, I cannot participate.

COMMENTS:

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Lawrence F. Guillemette, Jr.
Conference Director
Congressional Youth Leadership Council
1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 842
Washington, D.C. 20005

*Jefferson Road
Dept of Ag*

Dear Mr. Guillemette:

I accept with pleasure your invitation to address the National Young Leaders Conference on Friday, 25 March at the National Press Club. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting with you and speaking with these outstanding high school students.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert M. Gates

Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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