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Salt Lake City, Utah

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Director, Public Affairs

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Mr. William B. Smart
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Dear Bill:

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Please express my good wishes to all your members. I regret missing the opportunity for a return match with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

at in D.C, please bring your notebook.
Thanks for the clippings.

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/s/ William H. Webster

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JUDGE:

RE: Speaking Invitation
Bonneville Knife and Fork Club
Salt Lake City, Utah
September 1987 - May 1988

Senior Editor of the DESERET NEWS William B. Smart has invited you to speak to the Bonneville Knife and Fork Club at a convenient time during the period between September 1987 and May 1988. You spoke to this group on "Law Enforcement as a Judicial Process" in January 1983. Approximately 50 community leaders attended including the Governor of Utah. The Bonneville Knife and Fork Club is a local chapter of the national social dinner club of professional men and women. At this time, the Knife and Fork Club does not seem to be the best group for you to address, and I believe that you should decline the invitation. If you agree, I have attached a letter of regret to William Smart for your signature.

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[Redacted Signature]

Bill Baker

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WILLIAM B SMART
Senior Editor

March 10, 1987

William H. Webster, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Bill,

Heartiest congratulations on your appointment to direct the CIA and attempt to restore its stature and credibility as you did so effectively with the FBI. You are a great public servant, and it is remarkable how two different Presidents have turned to you in times of trouble. I join millions of Americans in wishing you all success in this difficult and tremendously important task.

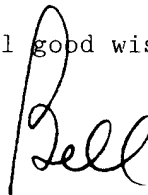
Now, a request. Would you consider a return trip to Salt Lake City to address the Bonneville Knife and Fork Club, the same distinguished group you addressed so effectively several years ago? Members of the club still speak of the splendid talk you gave, opening and broadening our understanding of the operations of the FBI. I can hardly imagine a more important talk that could be given here in the next few months than one helping our community leaders to understand better what the CIA is all about and what you are doing to improve it.

The timing would be any time between next September and May, 1988. We would make almost any accomodation to meet your schedule.

I have, of course, my own special agenda--a return of our friendly tennis competition. I so much enjoyed playing with you, and look forward to another match.

Again, our hopes and prayers are with you for success in meeting the great challenges ahead of you.

With all good wishes,



P.S. You may be interested in the enclosed local editorials on your appointment.

P.P.S. I have just read the TIME magazine article. My tennis game may not be as exciting as Eva Gabor's, but I will do my best.

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President's CIA Chief Choice Right Man at Right Time

President Reagan's decision to have William H. Webster head the Central Intelligence Agency is something akin to getting a full house on the first deal in a draw poker game; it's a very hard hand to beat.

Mr. Webster, who is in the last year of his 10-year term as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is eminently qualified for the new assignment. He has proven to be an excellent administrator and persistent innovator. These are qualities and qualifications that will stand him in good stead in the move to Langley.

As FBI chief he took over an outfit still racked by disclosures of its involvement in a wide range of unsavory activities, including domestic surveillance campaigns, illegal wiretaps and "black bag" jobs directed at radical and civil rights groups. Under Mr. Webster's guidance the FBI has been pulled into the modern era of law enforcement and its reputation restored.

Mr. Webster, during his tenure at the FBI, has assigned a special importance to the bureau's counterintelligence work, an interest that has been especially successful of late, and, as such, should give him a leg up in overcoming any lingering remnants of the historic feuding between the CIA and the FBI.

Most observers see his confirmation by the U.S. Senate as a definite shoo-in, and for good reason if one ex-

amines this former federal judge's attitude toward his FBI assignment, an attribute applicable to his role as director of central intelligence.

Some examples:

"I came here because I thought this institution (the FBI) was too important to lose . . . I was determined to see the institution viewed again as it had been in the past."

And also:

"We are doing the work [at the FBI] the American people expect of us, and we are doing it the way the Constitution demands of us . . ."

It is views like these that make this jurist-turned-law-enforcer well qualified to take over the nation's top intelligence gathering operation. He appears to deeply appreciate the absolute need for a well-run, effectively-manned spy agency. At the same time he is dedicated to enforcing the operational restrictions necessarily placed on an agency like the CIA in an open and free society.

William H. Webster is the right man at the right time. By his proven track record at the FBI he is singularly qualified to bolster morale at the CIA, while simultaneously lifting the cloud of suspicion hanging over the agency as a result of its involvement in the Iran-Contra fiasco. "Judge" Webster is definitely the sort of administrator needed, at this troubled time, at the Central Intelligence Agency.

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"The U.S. Constitution is . . . the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

— William Gladstone

Don't let the confirmation of Webster drag on and on

If there is anything the Reagan administration does not need it is to keep generating controversy over the Iran arms deal longer than is really necessary.

Likewise, if there is anything the Central Intelligence Agency does not need, it is to be deprived of a director for many more weeks.

Under the circumstances, acting director Robert Gates, 43, did the right thing for the country as well as for himself this week in withdrawing his nomination to become full-fledged director of the CIA. If confirmed, he would have been the youngest CIA director ever.

Despite his consistent denials of any wrong-doing in the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the scheme to divert profits to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, Gates was unable to satisfy Senators who questioned whether he should have used his position as deputy CIA director to warn the administration of poor policy.

Though the nomination might have been forced through the Senate, it would have required a long and acrimonious fight that no one wants or needs.

By promptly replacing Gates' nomination with that of FBI Director William Webster to lead the CIA, President Reagan showed a discerning eye for talent and a desire to rebuild his administration as quickly as possible in the wake of last week's scathing report from the Tower Commission.

A 62-year-old former federal judge, Webster has run the FBI for 10 years, longer than anyone but J. Edgar Hoover. Webster took over when the FBI

was still reeling from disclosures of civil rights and political abuses by its Agents. During his tenure, Webster has rebuilt public confidence in the agency. He also has developed good relations with Congress. Under Webster, the FBI has pursued a stepped-up counter-intelligence program that contributed to the series of unprecedented spy arrests the past two years. This background gives him credibility where the new CIA director will need it — on Capitol Hill and in the intelligence community.

As FBI director, Webster has warned that the U.S. faced threats by terrorists, but during his tenure acts of domestic terrorism declined. There were more than 100 terrorist acts in the U.S. in 1978, but the number fell steadily, reaching 13 two years ago.

If confirmed, Webster will be faced with the task of extricating the CIA from the Iran-Contra scandal. Both the Tower Commission and the Senate Intelligence Committee have reported deep CIA involvement in arranging the 1985-86 arms-for-hostages deal with Iran. The CIA is also under investigation by two special congressional committees and the independent counsel over the agency's apparent involvement in supplying the Nicaraguan Contras with arms in possible violation of U.S. law.

In any event, because Webster is so well known, the Senate should need little time to scrutinize his background and qualifications. Let's fill the vacancy at the CIA as quickly as possible and strive to keep the agency from being crippled by a long, bitter confirmation process.

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