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Mr. Jack Valenti
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 11 September about the Soviet Politburo. In the more open atmosphere since Gorbachev became General Secretary in March 1985, we have learned more about personal relations between Politburo members. In response to your specific questions:

- o At formal Politburo meetings, members usually begin by using other members' first name and patronymics. Since many members of the Politburo have known each other for decades, conversations frequently become more informal. At one public meeting in 1987, for example, Gorbachev used the familiar "thou" (ty) form in addressing old Politburo associates. Prime Minister Ryzhkov recently said that Politburo meetings are often characterized by "table pounding" and shouting. In these meetings, the members reportedly used first names and the thou form.
- o Gorbachev has two titles: General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and Chairman of the Supreme Soviet. A lower ranking party official would probably address him as Comrade General Secretary. During a Supreme Soviet debate, Soviet Parliamentarians would address him as either Comrade Chairman or--more likely--Mikhail Sergeevich. Politburo members address Gorbachev publicly as Mikhail Sergeevich. We believe that someone of Dobrynin's position would use the same formula.
- o An official visiting the Embassy in Washington--if he was of lower rank would use "Comrade Ambassador." If he was of the same rank, i.e., a member of the Central Committee or a senior official, he would use his first name and patronymic in public.

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Mr. Jack Valenti

- o Gorbachev's office is in the Central Committee building on Staraya Ploshchad (Old Square) outside the Kremlin.

All the best for your novel which I am looking forward to with delight. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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JACK VALENTI
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September 11, 1989

Dear Bruce

I come to you with some questions whose answers are required for a novel I am writing. I am nearing the end of this opus (you were kind enough to allow me to extract some information from the FBI when you were there) and I would so appreciate if you could pass this on one of your aides who might be able to furnish me this data.

1. How do Politburo members address each other in meetings and when they gather? Do they use the patronymic, and if they do, when do they use it?

2. What is the precise title of Gorbachev? How is he addressed, "Mr. General Secretary" or "Mr. President?" If someone lower in rank than Gorbachev addressed him, how would he? How would Politburo members address him, and how would, say, Dobrynin address him?

3. If a top ranking Soviet official visited the USSR embassy in Washington, how would the Ambassador address him and vice versa?

4. Is it not true that Gorbachev's office is in the Central Committee headquarters and not in the Kremlin?

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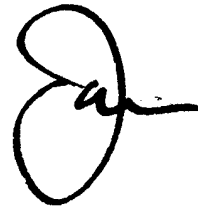
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I don't think any of these questions violates national security which is why I take the liberty of asking you to help me.

Many thanks, Bill.

Sincerely,

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