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Cheney Gives 'National Security' Response To ET Query On Talk Show

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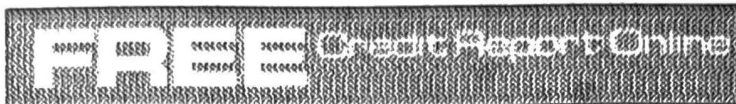


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Inside the Beltway

John McCaslin

Political tidbits and other shenanigans from around the nation's capital.

Scratching Bubba

One Supreme Court justice was dropped after one too many marriages.

Others have been nixed for messy divorces and other shenanigans.

The big question, as we look forward to this autumn's publication of the "Green Book," the Social List of Washington, D.C., for 2002, is whether former President and Mrs. Clinton's names will be erased for garnering "notoriously bad press."

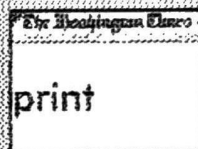
"There's no decision yet," David Howe, general manager of the Green Book, tells Inside the Beltway. "The board of governors will be making that decision, and won't consider . . . any deletions until June."

Yet suffice it to say, Mr. Howe adds, attracting bad press "is one of our standards."

That said, now that she's become New York's freshman senator, Mrs. Clinton and her husband are awarded a listing in the book's "Senators and Families" section. There's also separate listings for the White House, Supreme Court, Diplomatic Corps, Organization of American States, and Congressmen and their Families.

But the elite social list of individuals and families "prominent in Official and Social Washington" is another page — and story. One that official Washington socialites such

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as Commander and Mrs. Robert Butterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Camalier III, and the Honorable and Mrs. Robert C. Odle Jr., need to know.

As longtime Washington social observer Garnett Stackelberg wrote of the 70-year-old Green Book for the Palm Beach, Fla., Daily News: "It is important for hostesses or officials to refer to the book to know who outranks whom and to be able to seat guests properly."

What's Dick hiding?

With all that's happening in this world — not the least being this week's round-the-clock White House negotiations with Communist China — Vice President Richard B. Cheney certainly was taken aback by the very first question posed to him by a listener of Diane Rehm's national radio show.

The caller asked the vice president whether the Bush administration has developed a policy on "UFOs" and the little creatures flying them?

Raising an eyebrow, Mr. Cheney no doubt made the caller's day by replying that if he did attend such a meeting on UFOs, it most certainly would be "classified," and therefore he'd be unable to discuss it.

He then added, however, that since Jan. 20 — at least to his "knowledge" — he's not attended any such meeting.

Cut-rate Reno

Former Attorney General Janet Reno, no doubt relieved to be back home in South Florida, is keeping busy on the lecture circuit. The former Clinton Cabinet member's speaking fees are "steep" for everybody but nonprofits, we're told.

However, early last evening the former Dade County state's attorney and first-ever woman to head the Justice Department agreed to address students of the University of Miami School of Law "free of charge," a member of Miami Law Women tells this column.

Miss Reno has been a strong proponent of law students' setting the right moral course from the start, suggesting they enter the legal field "so I can protect people, so I can secure justice, so I can make a difference in the

lives of people in America."

She's long argued that newly graduated lawyers should bypass big paychecks and serve the legal system instead as prosecutors.

No ordinary king

King Abdullah of Jordan has been feeling right at home this week in Washington, where he met with President Bush. After all, as National Press Club President Richard Ryan pointed out, the young leader was once a student at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

In fact, 39-year-old King Abdullah, who became ruler of Jordan in 1999 upon the death of his father, King Hussein, did much of his schooling in the United States, not only graduating from Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts, but twice winning New England high school wrestling championships.

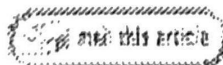
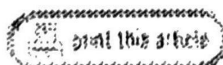
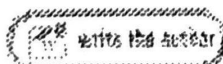
It was at Georgetown that he began his preparations for a military career that made him a pilot, parachutist and frogman. He eventually rose to the rank of major general in command of Jordan's elite special forces.

As for the tight security that now surrounds him and his wife, Queen Rania, the king told Mr. Ryan that one of his fondest memories was coming to the United States, renting a car and driving around the country — alone.

And can he ever drive fast. The king actually began driving race cars in 1982, and within a decade had become Jordan's national race car champion.

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Biography**Dick Cheney
Biography**

On July 25, 2000, Secretary Dick Cheney, current Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Halliburton Company, was asked by the Republican nominee for President, George W. Bush, to serve as his Vice Presidential running mate. Secretary Cheney has had a distinguished career as a businessman and public servant, serving under three presidents, and as an elected official. Throughout his service, Secretary Cheney served with duty, honor and unwavering

leadership.

Secretary Cheney grew up in Casper, Wyoming and was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 30, 1941. He earned BA and MA degrees from the University of Wyoming.

His career in public service began in 1969 when he joined the Nixon Administration, serving in a number of positions at the Cost of Living Council, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and within the White House.

When Gerald Ford assumed the Presidency in August 1974, Mr. Cheney served on the transition team and later as Deputy Assistant to the President. In November 1975, he was named Assistant to the President and White House Chief of Staff, a position he held throughout the remainder of the Ford Administration.

After he returned to his home state of Wyoming in 1977, Mr. Cheney was elected to serve as the state's sole Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was re-elected five times and elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee from 1981-1987. He was elected Chairman of the House Republican Conference in 1987 and elected House Minority Whip in 1988. During his tenure in the House, Secretary Cheney earned a reputation as a man of knowledge, character and accessibility.

Cheney also served a crucial role when America needed him most. As Secretary of Defense from March 1989 to January 1993, Mr. Cheney directed two of the largest military campaigns in recent history – Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East.

He was responsible for shaping the future of the U.S. military in an age of profound and rapid change as the Cold War ended. For his leadership in the Gulf War, Secretary Cheney was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush on July 3, 1991.

Secretary Cheney married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Ann Vincent, in 1964. Lynne Cheney, is a distinguished public servant in her own right, having served as chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is also a leader in developing high standards and sound curriculum for public schools. Mrs. Cheney was born in Casper, Wyoming. Secretary and Mrs. Cheney have two children, daughters Liz and Mary.

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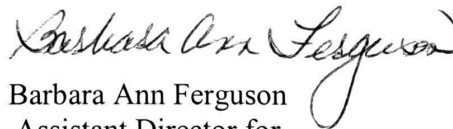
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is in response to your June 9, 2001 request to the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Your request was received in OSTP on June 18, 2001 and sought copies of "Documents related to UFO and or Extraterrestrial Intelligence in OSTP that have been collected since January 20, 2001."

Upon a thorough search of our files, we have found no records responsive to your request. If you consider this to be a denial of your request, an appeal may be made in writing 30 days of receipt of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act appeal." Determination of administrative appeals must be made within 20 working days.

Sincerely,



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Bush Runs, With a Lexicon of His Own

By FRANK BRUNI

AUSTIN, Tex., May 7 — Gov. George W. Bush has never been considered much of a wordsmith. But bit by bit, he is developing a political dictionary all his own.

For example, when Vice President Al Gore distorts the Texas governor's record and proposals, at least as Mr. Bush sees it, Mr. Gore is not "lying," two syllables that never escape Mr. Bush's lips. Rather, Mr. Gore is behaving in a manner that is "disappointing," four syllables that the governor much prefers and has begun to use ad nauseam.

And while Mr. Bush, the de facto Republican presidential nominee, says that he will soon identify numerous ways in which the government can save money, none of these plans will be "cuts," a four-letter word that the candidate avoids. They will be "savings" that make the government more "efficient" — kinder, gentler terms.

It is a name game all the more interesting for the fact that Mr. Bush, with little smiles and wiggles of his eyebrows, wholly acknowledges that he is playing it. And this unspoken but unmistakable admission has precipitated endless rounds of semantic jousting between Mr. Bush and reporters, who are constantly trying to get him to say what he clearly means.

On his campaign plane on Wednesday, as he flew from Austin to Palm Springs, Calif., he said the vice president was demonstrating a predilection to "stretch the truth."

Was that not the same as lying?

"I'm just disappointed," Mr. Bush said, with a "nice-try" twinkle and grin. "I think that's the word I'd like to use. It's a disappointing thing."

Mr. Bush, a savvy enough candidate, understands that in politics, diction establishes tone, and tone is everything. And he turns to euphemisms to resolve inherent tensions in his campaign, like his pledge to run a positive race and his simultaneous resolve to wage an aggressive fight that exposes what he believes to be Mr. Gore's shortcomings.

He did the same thing in the primaries, watering down the nouns and verbs he used to describe and disparage his principal opponent, Senator John McCain of Arizona. Mr. Bush's mantra at the time was that Mr. McCain "says one thing and does another."

Did that not make the Arizona senator a "hypocrite"?

Mr. Bush flinched at the mere suggestion. No, he said, it made the



George W. Bush, with a copy of Weekly World News, proof that his appeal has indeed stretched "across certain demographic lines."

senator a man practiced in the ways of "Washington," a word that was perhaps dirtier but much less explicitly mean-spirited.

Support From Far Away

Throughout the Republican primaries, the Bush campaign trumpeted seemingly any and every endorsement, whether it came from the governor of a large state or the secretary of a small sewing circle.

But last week, the Bush campaign took that tendency to the outer limits.

Mr. Bush showed reporters in the back of his campaign plane a recent copy of Weekly World News, a supermarket tabloid, with a cover story on the extraterrestrial support he was receiving. The front page featured a photograph of the governor standing beside an oblong, hairless, vaguely reptilian space alien.

This was not to be taken lightly. As the newspaper noted, the same intergalactic kingmaker had backed Bill Clinton when he was first elected president in 1992.

And as Mr. Bush noted, his alien encounter was further proof of his commitment to expanding the Republican Party's appeal.

"New faces, new voices," he said as he held the front page high. "It goes to show I'm willing to reach across certain demographic lines."

Earthier Exchanges

The exchange also went to show what a prankster and funnyman Mr.

Bush fancies himself, a persona on vivid display last week.

Mr. Gore was hurling accusations and put-downs in the governor's direction, and Mr. Bush was laughing, establishing a contrast that may not have been accidental in the least.

His humor was broad. Asked by reporters during an airborne news conference one afternoon if he would be giving a lengthy stump speech at the airport in Palm Springs, he blanched.

"Not outdoors!" he gasped, alluding to the desert heat and one of its less attractive effects on the human body. He tugged at the portion of his dress shirt covering his underarms. "Pit city," he said.

He recalled his exodus from Washington the week before, after several campaign stops there, and how one local man reacted to the passing of yet another motorcade by pulling down his pants.

But Mr. Bush said the man was really "mowing authority."

The governor seemed a bit less sanguine when the topic turned to a profile, in a major magazine, of the campaign's chief strategist, Karl Rove. Mr. Bush has a thing about advisers eclipsing the candidates they serve.

And he jokingly wondered what he should expect next: a Playgirl magazine pictorial of his campaign manager, Joe Allbaugh? Mr. Allbaugh is older and burlier than a typical centerfold, but Mr. Bush had a vision.

"I'm going to have him wear a bikini bathing suit," he said.

Associated Press

Bill Cook of Republican Party wife, Camille.

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Bush secures crucial alien endorsement



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The old man in front of me in line at the Store 24 placed two newspapers down on the counter -- The Standard-Times and the Weekly World News. As he fiddled through his change purse from another era, I noticed one of the front-page headlines in the local paper: "Race for president stirs little interest."

Yet, on the cover of the Weekly World News the headline read: SPACE ALIEN BACKS BUSH FOR PRESIDENT!

And there was a full-page cover photo of George Dubble-yah shaking hands with a tall, pasty white, naked, hairless space alien with a cranium the size of a beach ball. The alien looked something like an overgrown Frank Perdue gone to seed.

Apparently, the old man knew who I was because he turned to me and said: "Why don't you guys ever put this in your paper?"

"What?" I asked. "Space aliens?"

"Look at the picture," he said. "Seeing is believing.

"I'm seeing," I replied. "But I'm not believing.

"Let me ask you something," he said, putting his change-purse back into the pocket of his well-worn pants. "Who do you suppose sells more newspapers? You guys or these guys?"

"Well, I suppose you got me there," I said.

"And do you know why?"

"Why?"

"Because you're not paying attention to what the hell's goin' on!"

"Oh."

OK. Well, here goes ...

What has shocked political pundits is not the news that a space alien is backing GOP Presidential contender George W. Bush. What is shocking is that this is the same space alien that endorsed Democrat Bill Clinton in 1992, and we all know how that ended up.

This switching of party allegiance has stunned political observers and politicians throughout the nation -- with the possible exception of Brian Gomes, Tom Norton, David Constantine and Paul Walsh Jr., who know a thing or two about switching party allegiances.

Reportedly, the shocking announcement came after a hush-hush meeting in Washington, during which the extraterrestrial quizzed Texas Gov. Bush on his knowledge of international affairs, basic astronomy and plans for the future.

Given the alien's track record -- and George W. Bush's quizzical track record at the hands of Andy Hiller -- Bush supporters had serious misgivings when aides told him that the nameless extraterrestrial planned to question Bush on his knowledge of world affairs and space science and, possibly, the NRA's stance on safety locks for death-ray guns.

He was peppered with some pretty tough questions, ranging from the heads of state of tiny countries (to which Bush responded "The General" to every question) to the approximate number of stars in the Milky Way ("billions and billions").

The endorsement is supposed to come as a tremendous blow to Vice President Al Gore, who assumed he would inherit the space alien's support. By all accounts, it is a tremendous coup for Gov. Bush because in past elections, the alien endorsement has been a critical factor -- perhaps even the deciding factor.

The alien appears to stick his less-than-prominent nose in very close elections. It seems that research indicates that his planet also played a behind-the-scenes role in the photo-finish elections of 1960 and 1968.

Which would explain Richard Nixon.

The newspaper goes on to say that the Gore campaign has yet to issue a formal reaction to the endorsement, but the vice president is said to be "confused and disappointed."

And who the heck can blame him?

The story quotes an unnamed Bush campaign-insider as saying: "Gov. Bush is ecstatic. He's now convinced that he'll be a shoo-in this November."

If it does happen, you'll know who to blame.

The old man took his newspapers from the counter, and I couldn't resist asking him if he actually believed stories about space aliens who were backing politicians.

"Why would they print it if it wasn't true?" he asked. "It sure would explain one thing."

"What's that?" I asked

He smiled and winked and said: "How George Rogers manages to get re-elected every time."

Hmmm. Now that he mentions it ...

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SPACE ALIEN RATES GEORGE W. BUSH: 'HE STINKS!'

WASHINGTON -- The mysterious space alien whose endorsement of George W. Bush helped him win the election has issued a candid assessment of Bush's first 150 days in office -- and he gives our new commander in chief a humiliating D-minus!

The E.T. says that President Bush has already made a series of catastrophic blunders that "threaten the long-term survival of the human species" and warns that if he keeps going the way he has been, his presidency will spell disaster for "not only the United States and the planet Earth, but possibly the entire galaxy as well."

The extraterrestrial made the blistering comments in a six-page communique sent to the White House, according to Dr. Phil Braton, a D.C.-based UFO researcher who claims he obtained a copy from an unnamed National Security Agency source.

"The alien and his people are disappointed with the job President Bush has done so far," said Dr. Braton. "Their chief complaint is his handling of environmental issues -- they feel he's made decisions that will turn Earth into an uninhabitable wasteland."

"In fact, in the communique the alien pointedly says of Mr. Bush: 'He stinks!' "

The strange visitor from space first made headlines in 1992 when a startling photograph surfaced of him holding a top-secret meeting with Bush's father, who was then President. But later, in a surprising reversal, he ended up endorsing Democrat rival Bill Clinton in the '92 presidential election.

Last year, the E.T. stunned political pundits again when he backed George W. Bush over Al Gore. While the endorsement probably changed only a few thousand votes, experts say that was all Bush needed to win Florida and the White House.

The E.T. says these are the seven humanity-endangering goofs Bush has made:

1. Flip-flopping on his campaign pledge to cut pollution -- One of the main reasons the alien backed Bush was his vow to require mandatory reductions in carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants. By reversing his position once in office, Bush has put the world at risk, according to the E.T., who says, "Your planet is choking on these fumes."
2. Rejecting the international Kyoto treaty to limit greenhouse gasses -- "Global warming is a very serious threat to your planet," warns the alien. "If you don't stop it now, you soon face a worldwide environmental catastrophe of biblical proportions."

- 3.Boosting the level of arsenic allowed in the drinking water -- "We have seen this happen on other planets, where millions of people, including small, helpless children, have died excruciating deaths from polluted water," the alien writes.
- 4.Reviving "Star Wars" -- Bush's decision to toss out the decades-old ABM treaty and to deploy a space-based missile-defense system is "dangerously misguided," says the E.T. "Spreading your arms race into space will not only lead to the destruction of the human race, it also threatens other planets where such weapons are unknown."
- 5.Promising to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other protected lands to oil drilling -- "We cannot tell you how many planets there are which have become barren pits with no natural beauty because of this kind of folly," the E.T. says.
- 6.Cutting the budget for research into renewable energy and conservation by \$200 million -- "You simply cannot keep plundering the Earth's natural resources," the E.T. says. "Renewable sources of energy are your only hope for survival."
- 7.Proposing we build more nuclear power plants -- "Radioactive waste remains deadly for 10,000 years," the alien warns. "The disaster at Chernobyl is nothing compared to what awaits future generations of mankind if you build more of these monstrosities." The White House has not issued any public comment on the alien's thumbs-down rating, but privately, aides concede, President Bush feels betrayed by the fickle E.T.

According to an administration insider, the President said, "First this guy stabs my dad in the back, now he's doing the same thing to me."

-- By MICHAEL CHIRON

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>in Fayetteville, Arkansas. One of the offices he used to serve the people
>of the Arkansas Third Congressional District is located in this building.
>I did NOT seal the letter. I considered it only fair that Congressman
>Hutchinson should be allowed to read what I was asking him to deliver
to
>the Vice President of the United States. The letter was forwarded to

>Congressman Hutchinson by his office in Fayetteville. I was told by
his
>staff, that he had written a personal cover letter before forwarding
my
>letter to the Vice President. I was also told that Congressman Hutchinson

>very rarely did this when responding to a request from a constituent.
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>Several months went by. The letter I received from the Office of the
Vice
>President dated July 16, 2001 was a form letter that had nothing to do
with
>the letter I wrote to the Vice President. I did NOT ask for assistance
in
>dealing with an agency of the Federal government. NASA was not mentioned

>in my letter. The letter concerned a campaign promise made to me by
Gov.
>Bush 28 July 2000 in Springdale, Arkansas when I asked would he FINALLY

>tell us what the hell is going on concerning UFOs? Gov. Bush answered:

>"Sure. I will." This was a promise for a change of policy on the subject

>of UFOs at the highest level of the U. S. Government. In my letter
to the
>Vice President, I made suggestions as to how this might be done.
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>The reason I wrote to the Vice President was that a few minutes after
I
>asked Gov. Bush the UFO question, I saw both Gov. Bush and Mr. Cheney
again
>and Gov. Bush said, while pointing to Mr. Cheney, it would be the first

>thing he would do. Check on it. Since Mr. Cheney was a former Secretary

>of Defense he almost certainly would have been briefed on the subject
of
>UFOs. While recently appearing on a talk radio show, Vice President

>Cheney was asked a question by Grant Cameron concerning what he had
been
>told about UFOs when he was Secretary of Defense. His comment was that
if
>he had been briefed it was probably classified and therefore he could
not
>talk about it. Mr. Cheney is very bright and would have remembered if
he
>had been briefed, especially on such a strange topic. His evasive answer

>speaks for him. His integrity prevented him from a probable outright
lie

>by stating that he had never been briefed, or that there was nothing
on
>which to be briefed.
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>I have never met nor spoken with now former Congressman Asa Hutchinson.

>Over the years, he and his staff have gone far above and beyond the call
of
>duty in dealing with some of my rather strange requests. Requests that

>sometimes were actually not in the purview of what would normally be

>expected from a Congressional Office. I was saddened when he recently

>resigned from the U. S. House of Representatives to become head of the
Drug
>Enforcement Administration. We who live in the Third Congressional
>District of Arkansas have lost a fine Congressman.
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>I plan to continue with my attempt to have President George W. Bush fulfill

>his campaign promise to FINALLY tell us what the hell is going on
>concerning UFOs.

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Charles,

At 10:56 AM 08/11/2001 -0700, you wrote:

>Since I am away from home about four months of the year, I do
>not have a telephone. It is simply not cost effective
>considering the use it would get. I check my E-mail several
>times a week by coming mostly to the Springdale, Arkansas Public
>Library. There is simply too little time to try to find someone
>who might be home this evening and would be willing for me to
>use their telephone. It is 1235 hours Central Daylight Time
>here as I write this E-mail.

I understand - it was short notice. I would like very much, at some point in the not too distant future, to have you on the program. Perhaps, when you have the time you could arrange to be somewhere close to a phone that we call you on?

I'd also really like to be able to let listeners hear the recording you made of your encounter with Bush & Cheney.....

>Yesterday I wrote a letter which brings the information
>concerning my letter to Vice President Dick Cheney up to date.
>I will forward that letter to you immediately. It is actually
>to be used as a cover letter for a packet containing the Cheney
>letter plus letters from former U. S. Congressman Asa
>Hutchinson, now head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the
>person who personally forwarded my letter to the Vice President.
>I have mailed this packet to Randy Kitchur
>(RandyKitchur@hotmail.com) and he should have it in a few days.
>He plans to scan it and put it on the internet.

My thanks for the copy of your letter... it'll air on the program tonight... during the Lara segment. Steve Bassett will be on right after her and we'll doubtlessly talk about the Disclosure Project

*Indeed
Cahuffer
to John*

and Grant Cameron's Presidential research.....

>Please keep this topic on your priority list. It is long past
>time for the USA and Canada to release some of the UFO
>information. Two of the pages in the above mentioned packet
>concern OPNAV 94-P-3B, which shows that the USA and Canada did
>work together, and in all probability still do so, on the UFO
>problem. If Lara does indeed carry out her hunger strike to the
>bitter end, it is almost certain that President Bush will be met
>with shouts of 'Murderer' when he campaigns for re-election.

Rest assured that the topic will feature _often_ on the program.

Many thanks for getting back to me.

Warmly,

Errol Bruce-Knapp

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CIA Resurfaces, in the Oval Office

Tenet, Bush Develop Close Relationship

By Walter Pincus and Vernon Loeb
Washington Post Staff Writers
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The CIA and its director, George J. Tenet, have developed a close relationship with President Bush over the past six months, rivaling the bond between the agency and the first Bush White House, according to senior administration officials.

Tenet meets several times a week with Bush, a sharp contrast to what former CIA director R. James Woolsey recently called his "nonexistent" relationship with former president Bill Clinton.

By most accounts, Tenet is not a policy player. Unlike Secretary of State Colin L. Powell or Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, his official role is not to set policy but to provide information to the government's top policymakers, including Powell, Rumsfeld and other Cabinet members as well as the president and vice president.

Still, Tenet is the sole holdover from the previous administration in Bush's inner circle, and he has gained unusual access to the Oval Office.

The ties between the CIA and the White House vary from administration to administration and generally reflect the importance that each president places on the agency's reports.

Anxiety swept the executive offices on the CIA's seventh floor when stories circulated early in the previous administration that Clinton had little interest in intelligence, though that did not turn out to be true. Now, the agency's access to the Bush White House is boosting morale at CIA headquarters, which was renamed the George Bush Center for Intelligence two years ago in honor of former president Bush, the only president to have served as director of central intelligence.

Tenet and the current President Bush "have really hit it off," said a former senior agency official. One reason, he added, is that Tenet's unpretentious way of presenting serious material suits Bush's style.

"George is a very genial guy who a lot of people like, and he's doing a good job, and the agency is doing a good job," Woolsey said. "And I think the president senses that and finds it valuable. The director of central intelligence is not a policymaker. His overall responsibility is to pull intelligence and call it the way he sees it. He is the only adviser without any incentive to make it seem that things are working out."

Tenet would not discuss his relationship with Bush. But unlike many of his predecessors, the spymaster personally goes to the White House most mornings to discuss the "President's Daily Brief," a top-secret, 10-page compendium of reports and analysis that the agency prepares for the president and a few other top officials.

After a formal, 10- or 15-minute presentation by senior CIA analysts who regularly brief the president, Tenet or his deputy, John McLaughlin, expounds upon aspects of the daily brief with Bush, Vice President Cheney, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr.

Bush has also asked Tenet on several occasions to brief him at Camp David on weekends. And, for the first time, the president has started taking CIA briefers with him on international trips. In such instances,

the President's Daily Brief is encrypted and sent abroad over secure links.

The briefing "provides a very important opportunity for the president to think about issues and ask questions," Rice said. "It also helps the president to stay fully abreast of the most urgent matters."

One sign of Bush's trust was his decision in June to send Tenet to mediate a cease-fire between the Israelis and the Palestinians, reviving a role the CIA director had played during the Clinton administration.

Because their conversations center on intelligence matters that government officials routinely decline to discuss, it is hard to measure Tenet's influence on Bush. But on occasion, the president has sounded very much like his CIA director.

For example, Tenet frequently uses the word "inches" to describe his view of how to measure progress in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. When Bush emerged from a June 26 meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, he said: "Progress is in inches, not miles, but nevertheless an inch is better than nothing."

"The relationship between the president and the CIA director, if close, can assist enormously in the creation of foreign policy," said Robert M. Gates, CIA director under President George H.W. Bush from 1991 to 1992. But to be effective, Gates added, "the director has to be in the innermost circle."

During the Reagan administration, Vice President Bush was briefed daily by the CIA, while President Ronald Reagan was briefed by his national security adviser. But the agency's lack of face time with the president was offset by the fact that its director, William J. Casey, was Reagan's close friend.

When the first President Bush took office, the situation changed dramatically.

Gates said he met with the president once or twice a week if "there was something I ought to talk to him about. The best part about meeting face to face with the president was to get instantaneous feedback on what his agenda was. He asked questions and we would get answers to him, and thus had a direct dialogue with the president that is most often missing in the normal daily mix of things."

After Clinton's election in 1992, the president-elect began receiving regular briefings in Arkansas by a senior CIA analyst, often the deputy director for intelligence, "and was quite interested," according to a senior agency official.

However, after Clinton moved to the White House and named Woolsey to head the agency, his schedule became more haphazard. The intelligence briefing often was pushed to the afternoon and occasionally did not take place.

Unlike most of his predecessors, however, Clinton did read the President's Daily Brief each morning, and on occasion complained that there was nothing new in it.

Making things worse was the president's weak relationship with Woolsey, a Washington lawyer whom Clinton had never met before he named him agency director.

"I saw the president very, very rarely, except at National Security Council meetings, and only had two semi-private meetings in two years," Woolsey said.

Clinton had three directors during his eight years in office. Woolsey resigned in frustration at the end of 1994. John M. Deutch, a scientist and veteran Pentagon official, left at the end of 1996 after Clinton passed him over for the post of defense secretary.

At the start of his second term, the GOP Senate balked when Clinton nominated Anthony Lake, his first national security adviser, to run the CIA. Tenet, a former Senate aide who had served on the National Security Council staff before becoming Deutch's deputy, took over on an acting basis and was confirmed by the Senate in August 1997.

Before last fall's presidential election, Tenet's future seemed uncertain. He was thought to have a shot at -- but by no means a lock on -- reappointment by either Bush or the Democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore.

After Bush's inauguration, Tenet had one key supporter in his camp, the new president's father, for whom Tenet had rolled out the red carpet when the CIA's headquarters was named in his honor in 1999 under legislation passed by Congress. The elder Bush is said to have commended Tenet to his son.

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Randy,

I have just copied the correspondence to Vice President Dick Cheney and well as the letters from Congressman Asa Hutchinson. The "information" from NASA was included in Congressman Hutchinson's letter of 3 August 2001. This material will be sent to you today, 9 August 2001.

The letter to Vice President Dick Cheney was two pages long. I included four other pages of material to help explain the origin of many of my suggestions for the partial release of the UFO information.

The letter, plus inclosures, was hand carried by me to Congressman Hutchinson's office in the John Paul Hammerschmidt Federal Building located in Fayetteville, Arkansas. This is one of the offices he used to serve the people of the Arkansas Third Congressional District. I did NOT seal the letter. I considered it only fair that Congressman Hutchinson should be allowed to read what I was asking him to deliver to the Vice President of the United States.

I have never met Congressman Asa Hutchinson nor spoken with him. He and his very capable staff have provided service to me above and beyond the call of duty in several different matters over the years. I was saddened by his resignation from the U. S. House of Representatives.

Charles A. Huffer

Vice President Dick Cheney
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

7 February 2001

Honorable Vice President Dick Cheney:

President Bush is fulfilling his campaign promises at lightning speed and I want to be sure the one he made to me personally does not get lost in the shuffle.

On 28 July 2000 you and then Governor Bush were in Springdale, Arkansas. I had the opportunity to ask Mr. Bush if he became president, would he finally tell us what is going on concerning UFOs? Mr. Bush said: "Sure. I will." This question and the answer were recorded by ABC NEWS and broadcast (partly) on NIGHTLINE the same evening and (more completely) the next morning on CNN. Part of an interview with me conducted immediately after I asked the question appeared 29 July 2000 in the WASHINGTON POST.

Several minutes later I again saw both of you and Mr. Bush said to me, while pointing to you, it would be the first thing you would do. When I asked if you really would, you answered: "Yes Sir." I had my tape recorder going so I have this exchange on audio tape. As far as I am aware, this exchange was not recorded by the media. Since Mr. Bush tasked you with this explains why I am writing to you.

In view of what happened after the election and the resulting compressed time for the transition, it is entirely possible that the promise made to me was overlooked. As a former member of the Army Security Agency I held a Top Secret and a Cryptological security clearance. Therefore, I may have a little more appreciation of what is involved in releasing classified information than the average citizen. I realize that it is highly likely that not everything can be released at the present time. Back engineering projects currently underway would almost certainly be in this category.

Please consider the following as a possible partial disclosure scenario: In view of the historical importance, either you or President Bush would make the announcements. The information would be released in stages, perhaps in the beginning in one week to two week intervals. No questions by the press would be allowed in the early stages.

STAGE ONE would be a short announcement. It would be stated that the U. S. Government has not told the truth about UFOs in the past because of national security concerns. And that even now not everything can be released. Then, assuming the following is true, simply state that some UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial and/or interdimensional or both, that they have apparently been around for thousands of years, that several different groups are coming here from various places, (mention the star systems of origin, if known)(perhaps even from Zeta 1 or Zeta 2 or Epsilon Reticuli, if my own research is valid), release one still photo of a craft showing the outside only and close the press conference for stage one.

STAGE TWO would involve releasing more stills as well as motion pictures of various craft, again showing only the outside.

STAGE THREE would involve releasing stills and motion pictures of the inside of one or more crafts.

STAGE FOUR, perhaps four to eight weeks after stage three, would involve the release of a single still photo of an alien, with home star system, if known. Choose the most attractive photo possible.

STAGE FIVE would involve the release of stills and motion pictures of various aliens, if available, together with their place of origin, if known. The release of intercepted radio and TV transmissions would also be done at this time.

STAGE SIX would involve releasing information concerning contacts with aliens. The Holloman Air Force Base incident would be released at this time.

STAGE SEVEN would involve showing cadavers of aliens along with releasing the full autopsy reports as well as what has been learned about the body functions, structure and chemistry. Questions would now be allowed for the first time concerning these seven stages only. (Stage seven could be a place to halt for several weeks or months.)

STAGE EIGHT would involve an accounting of how many casualties we have undergone as a result of contact with aliens: planes destroyed or captured, abductions that ended fatally, deaths as a result of being too near a propulsion system, from weapon systems etc. Questions allowed.

STAGE NINE would involve introducing aliens with whom we have official or unofficial contact, if any. Questions allowed.

There is probably much that I have overlooked so I do not present this as a complete program for disclosure. But I do hope you will be willing to take it into consideration. If you could find it possible to invite me to be present for the announcement(s), it would be the greatest honor I have ever received.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles A. Huffer
19055 Callihan Drive
Springdale, AR 72762-0967

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1950

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Edging Moss or Glynis? Source

The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and jet pilots.

According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government had a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON, Calumet Air Force Station, Calumet,
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Date: May 25 1976

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OPERATIONS

In November this unit had a jet fighter, an F-89C type aircraft disappear over Lake Superior while on an active air defense mission under this unit's control. The Controller⁴ on duty had positioned the fighter for the final phase of the intercept and the blips merged on the scope. Radar and radio was lost with the F-89 at this time and the aircraft was never sighted again. The search for the missing aircraft was under the direction of the Canadian Air Force; and the United States Coast Guard, Air Force, and Canadian Air Force participated in the search. No trace was found of the plane and crew of two.

4. 2nd Lt. Douglas A. Stuart

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MERINT RADIOTELEGRAPH PROCEDURE

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Report immediately all airborne and waterborne objects which appear to be **HOSTILE, SUSPICIOUS** or are **UNIDENTIFIED**.



Guided Missiles



Surface warships positively identified as not U. S. or Canadian



Aircraft or contrails which appear to be directed against the United States, Canada, their territories or possessions



Submarines



Unidentified Flying Objects

2. SEND TO ANY

United States Naval Radio Station
Canadian Naval Radio Station
United States Coast Guard Radio Station
United States Commercial Radiotelegraph Station
Canadian Department of Transport Coastal Station

Receiving station will relay to military destinations

3. HOW TO SEND

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- EMERGENCY (For U. S. or Canadian Naval or Coast Guard Radio Stations) or
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5. SEND THIS KIND OF MESSAGE

Content—

- a. Begin your message with the word "MERINT"
- b. Give the reporting ship's name and signal letters
- c. Describe briefly the objects sighted
- d. Give ship's position when objects are sighted, also TIME and DATE
- e. If objects are airborne, estimate altitude as "low", "medium", "high"
- f. Give direction of travel of sighted objects
- g. Estimate and give speed of sighted objects
- h. Describe condition of sea and weather
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Example—

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(not applicable)
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6. SEND IMMEDIATELY

- a. DO NOT DELAY YOUR REPORT DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION
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IN REPLY REFER TO
Ser 00BF/L9
17 FEB 1977

Mr. Charles A. Huffer
Department of Mathematics
Berlin American High School
APO, New York 09742

Dear Mr. Huffer:

Your letters of 24 December 1976 and 21 January 1977 to the Office of Information, Department of the Navy have been forwarded by the Chief of Naval Operations (Naval Records Management Division) to this command for appropriate action and reply.

To answer some of your specific questions please be advised that OPNAV 94-P-3 is still effective. OPNAV 94-P-3A and OPNAV 94-P-3B were placards issued for posting in the radio rooms. While they supplement the information contained in OPNAV 94-P-3 the latter publication has not been updated since originally issued. The origin of reporting of vital intelligence sightings from Seaborne sources (short title - MERINT) dates back to the 1950 era and of course many different departments of the navy were involved.

Additional data is presently being assimilated in order to complete your request and you may expect another letter from this command in about 10 days.

Sincerely,

A. V. KROCHALIS
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Mr. Charles Huffer
19055 Callihan Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72764

Dear Charles:

I am writing to follow up on your request that I personally forward a letter from you to Vice President Dick Cheney. I appreciate this opportunity to be of service.

Since I am aware of the comments President Bush made to you in Springdale, I wanted to make sure that your letter got to Mr. Cheney directly. I was afraid that it might get lost if I handed it to him at an unrelated event. So, I decided to write a personal cover letter to accompany your correspondence. This was sent to Mr. Cheney's office and reminds him of the comments made in Springdale.

Please know that I will follow up and make sure that the Vice President has indeed seen the letter and plans to respond. I will let you know if I hear any news.

It was a pleasure to help you with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call, write or e-mail whenever you have questions or comments involving the federal government.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Asa Hutchinson', written over a stylized star graphic.

Asa Hutchinson
Member of Congress

AH:kjw



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

July 16, 2001

Mr. Charles A. Huffer
19055 Callihan Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72762-0967

Dear Mr. Huffer:

Thank you for contacting Vice President Cheney for assistance in dealing with an agency of the Federal government. The Vice President has asked me to respond.

We are forwarding your matter to the National Aeronautics & Space Administration. That agency will review the facts and either start a case, reopen your old case, or explain their previous decision on your former case, as applicable. We have requested that they respond directly to you with a copy to us for our files, and we expect this to be done at the earliest possible opportunity.

Thank you for contacting the Vice President. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecelia Boyer".

Cecelia Boyer
Special Assistant to the Vice President
for Correspondence

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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

NASA has been asked to respond to your letter of March 19, 2001, to Vice President Richard B. Cheney on behalf of Mr. Charles A. Huffer of Springdale, Arkansas. Mr. Huffer requested that the U.S. Government disclose information regarding Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and contacts with extraterrestrials.

NASA has no program for the investigation of UFOs, nor does the Agency have any factual evidence of the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life. Enclosed is a NASA Fact Sheet entitled "The US Government and Unidentified Flying Objects," that summarizes NASA's involvement in UFO studies.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and trust this information will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bingham".

Jeff M. Bingham
Associate Administrator
for Legislative Affairs (Acting)

Enclosure

cc:
The Honorable Richard B. Cheney

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The US Government and Unidentified Flying Objects

No branch of the United States Government is currently involved with or responsible for investigations into the possibility of advanced alien civilizations on other planets or for investigating Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). The US Air Force (USAF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have had intermittent, independent investigations of the possibility of alien life on other planets; however, none of these has produced factual evidence that life exists on other planets, nor that UFO's are related to aliens. From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated UFO's; then in 1977, NASA was asked to examine the possibility of resuming UFO investigations. After studying all of the facts available, it was determined that nothing would be gained by further investigation, since there was an absence of tangible evidence.

In October 1992, NASA was directed by Congress to begin a detailed search for artificial radio signals from other civilizations under the NASA Towards Other Planetary Systems (TOPS)/High Resolution Microwave Survey (HRMS) program (also known as the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project). Congress directed NASA to end this project in October 1993, citing pressures on the US Federal budget. The HRMS did not detect any confirmed signal before it was stopped. However, similar work continued through efforts of private groups and through academic institutions. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI Institute) in Mountain View, CA, effectively replaced the Government project, borrowing the signal processing system from NASA. The SETI Institute is a nonprofit corporation conducting research in a number of fields including all science and technology aspects of astronomy and planetary sciences, chemical evolution, the origin of life, biological evolution, and cultural evolution.

During several space missions, NASA astronauts have reported phenomena not immediately explainable; however, in every instance NASA determined that the observations could not be termed "abnormal" in the space environment. The 1947 to 1969 USAF investigations studied UFO's under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated December 17, 1969. Of the total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remain "unidentified."

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organizations that have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in *Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations*.

Responsible NASA Official: Mary F. Bell - [Comments](#)
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