

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

27 January 1976

The Honorable James W. Plummer
Under Secretary of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Jim:

As I turn the post of Director of Central Intelligence over to the exceedingly capable hands of George Bush, I would like to thank you and your entire organization for your support and cooperation in our Intelligence Community effort.

During this period when the Community has faced major challenges, both in its mission and from exposure and criticism, I believe it has held together as a true Community. This has enabled it not only to weather the storm, but to continue to produce what I call with confidence the best intelligence in the world. The major reason for this lies in the talent, dedication and cooperation of the people in the Community, and especially the members of the organization you head.

We have agreed, we have differed, and we have discussed in the frank and straightforward way that we in intelligence believe essential to meet the problems of the world around us. I thank you for your personal support of me, but I also thank you for your great contribution to our country during the time that I was privileged to serve it.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

17 February 1976

Colonel Harold P. Wheeler, Jr.
Director
Office of Space Systems, SAF
Room 4C1000
The Pentagon

Dear Hal,

It gives me great pleasure to receive and pass along to you the attached letter from Mr. Colby citing the major contributions you have made toward producing the "best intelligence in the world." I join the DCI in extending sincere appreciation for your talented and dedicated efforts.

Please pass the attached and my added commendation to all of your people.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

24 February 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STAFF

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

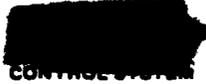
It is with great pleasure and considerable pride that I forward the attached letters from Mr. Plummer and Mr. Colby commending our office for the contributions to intelligence collection.

Each of you on the Staff can be justly proud of your individual role in providing the satellite reconnaissance platforms that provide the greater majority of the hard intelligence available to this country. I would like to add my personal and wholehearted thanks for your efforts on behalf of the Intelligence Community and in support of me.



HAROLD P. WHEELER, G.R.
Colonel, USAF
Director

Attachments


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