

GEORGE BUSH

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Dear Bob,

Rich Bond, among others, told me of your very kind and generous words about me out there in St. Louis. For that and for so much else I send my thanks.

Barbara and I are adjusting. Private life will treat us fine, I'm sure. I can't say that I don't miss some of my former incarnation. There's a lot I don't miss.

One thing I do miss is working with you. I will say it one more time. There is no way I can possibly tell you of my respect and admiration for the way you conducted yourself as leader when I was there in the White House.

For my part , far more important than the professional relationship was the personal one that developed. We started from some stormy beginnings; but you gave me your loyal support. You offered me sound judgment. You never left me out to dry. You never complained. You showed a lot of class, a lot of guts and courage. And you cared deeply.

I have a little more time to think now- to quietly reflect. There is no one in D.C. for whom I have more respect than you.

This may be my last "thank you" but it comes from the bottom of a grateful heart.

Sincerely,

