

RETIRING CIA DIRECTOR LIMITS TOPICS

Bush Asked Breakfast Question: Rolls With Punch

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Ruling out politics, sensitive information and foreign policy observations as topics for discussion, retiring Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush found the first question put to him at a press conference Tuesday one he could almost answer.

"What did you have for breakfast?" was the question.

"It was a very good breakfast," was the laughing reply.

Although he would not comment on a report that the Howard Hughes-built Glomar Explorer had salvaged all of a sunken Soviet submarine off Hawaii in 1974 Bush did find he could an-

swer most questions.

In Los Angeles for a speech to the World Affairs Council, Bush said he had met with President-elect Carter four times and that Carter "has a good grasp of foreign affairs."

Bush said that they share a concern about the potential increase in oil prices by the oil-producing nations.

Asked what advice he would give to whomever Carter picks to succeed him, Bush who has resigned effective the day Carter takes office in January, said:

"Keep direct access to the President, keep his confidence" and have that confidence and support reflected when going to deal with Congress and other governmental bodies.

His stop in Los Angeles, Bush said, is part of a trip to argue for a strong and capable intelligence operation, to discuss the quality of the people and work done at the CIA and "to dispel certain myths that exist."

—He denied the CIA withheld any information about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy from the Warren Commission.

—He explained the FBI is in charge of dealing with alleged activities of foreign agents in this country, noting "we are not in the domestic business."

—He said the CIA is "under control, operating efficiently and effectively." The charges that the CIA was a rogue elephant have been discarded.