

# Carter Says Nice Things About CIA Chief Bush

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Jimmy Carter said yesterday that CIA director George Bush has done a better job than FBI director Clarence Kelley in instituting reforms and that the Carter staff made "a serious mistake" in revealing an embarrassing memo about Bush.

The Democratic presidential nominee made the comments at a half-hour news conference he and California's Governor Brown held at the old depot serving as Carter's local campaign headquarters.

Brown met with Carter Thursday to discuss campaign plans in California and then spent the night at his house.

Carter was questioned about a staff memo prepared in support of statements he made earlier this week in speech to the American Bar Association. On that occasion, he charged that the Nixon-Ford administrations filled important federal jobs with defeated GOP candidates and other party faithful.

One of those named as a defeated candidate placed in the "dumping grounds" of the federal payroll was Bush, who briefed Carter Thursday on foreign affairs. A Carter aide handed out the memo while the briefing was in process.

"That was a serious mistake on some staff member's part to reveal an intra-staff memorandum," Carter said. "I've never seen it myself."

"I happen to think a lot of George Bush. I would not include George Bush among those who were appointed without qualifications."

Carter said Bush has kept his commitments to congressional com-

mittees about instituting the reforms in the CIA.

"From the evidence I have, he has done a good job in correcting these defects," Carter said.

But Carter joined his running mate, Senate Walter Mondale, in charging that Kelley was not in control of the FBI.

Carter said Kelley claimed that FBI agents no longer are committing burglaries or violating the law.

"Recently, he said his subordinates — I think I'm using the word he himself used — had lied to him," Carter said. "I agree with Senate Mondale he has not gotten adequate control over his organization."

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