

Washington D.C. January 16, 1869

Dear Bush

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In case of our success here, I shall push for that foreign appointment in your behalf unless you say hold.

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McKullen is here and wants to be relieved from the Governorship of Washington Territory by an appointment somewhere else. He said (and in real earnest) that he would be willing to go out as minister to France.

As to Adair, when I get place and power here, I will see what can be done. I did not see him as I left Dryer on my way here. Smith went on shore at Astoria and saw Adair but I do not think he committed himself to cause as to Adairs tenure of office, altho' Adair mentioned the subject.

There is some Presidential talk here in view of '60- Lane has some strength that way- more than you would believe. I will write you more of this soon.

Yours Most Truly

L.F. Grover

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