

Boris & Bill

The only memory from Jim, and it concerns Boris Yeltsin, was submitted some years ago by Mel: Jim was the keynote speaker at a conference on renewable energy in Hawaii.

Mel reports that Jim regaled him “with his tales about being CIA chief and, among other things, negotiating a list of 28 items with Boris Yeltsin--after Boris had had ‘six beers, two vodkas, and four glasses of wine’--and ‘still remembered all 28 items and went down each item from memory.’ It turned out to be, by serendipity, a wonderful oneto-one mini-reunion!”

Another memory, which Jim has recounted to numerous classmates over the years, is that when he was the president's spy-in-chief he never once was called to the WH, and basically he had no contact with Clinton.

From Jack Carley's Class Notes, some years ago: “This past fall my wife and I attended a gathering for the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, chaired by a friend of hers from her media days, in an exquisite Fifth Avenue apartment. The speaker was Jim Woolsey, who gave his view that the world was engaged in World War IV, the Cold War having been the third. Chillingly clear, Jim told his audience that we would be fighting this war for a long time which we could not afford to lose. It was a sobering talk in elegant surroundings.”