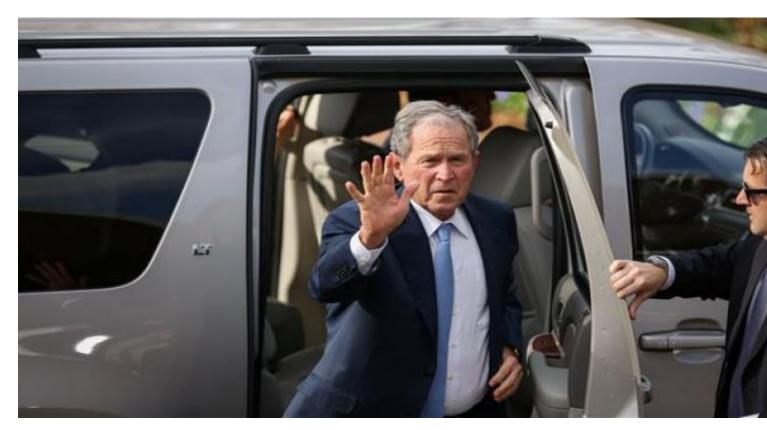
Former U.S. president George W. Bush says Trump makes him look good



Washington, March 7 (RHC)-- Former U.S. President George W. Bush has said that President Donald Trump makes him "look pretty good," according to a Republican source. The source close to the Trump administration made the comments in an interview with National Journal.

"Bush is often heard to remark, unable to stifle his trademark smirk: 'Sorta makes me look pretty good, doesn't it?'" read the report. The comments were made amid a war of words between the two Republicans, demonstrating the rift within the party.

"He's shaking his head like everyone else wondering why they can't get their act together," the source said. "He wants the guy to succeed but thinks a lot of his problems are self-inflicted."

At a closed-door event with Republican donors in Florida, Trump reportedly attacked Bush over his decision to launch a bloody war against Iraq. "Here we are, like the dummies of the world, because we had bad politicians running our country for a long time," said the president, according to a recording of his remarks, obtained and released by CNN, mockingly calling Bush a "real genius."

In early 2003, the US, backed by the UK, invaded Iraq under the pretext that the regime of Saddam possessed weapons of mass destruction (WMD). No such weapons, however, were ever found in Iraq.

The new report runs counter to Bush's relatively reserved approach towards Trump, unlike his father, former President George H.W. Bush. In a book published last year, George H.W. Bush directly said that he does not like the New York billionaire, who was nominated by his party ahead of the 2016 presidential election and finally managed to beat his Democratic contender Hillary Clinton.

"I don't like him," George H.W. Bush said, according to the book. "I don't know much about him, but I know he's a blowhard. And I'm not too excited about him being a leader."

The latest report was released as Trump was struggling with handling the White House, which has seen scores of dismissals and resignations.

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