

Chill expected in Bush, Gore meeting

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WASHINGTON -- Observers predict "a very uncomfortable moment" at Monday's ceremonial greeting of U.S. Nobel laureates when President Bush greets Democrat Al Gore. Gore's former presidential campaign manager Donna Brazile told ABC News the 3 p.m. ceremony where Bush congratulates U.S. Nobel Prize winners was likely to be frosty. "This is going to be a very uncomfortable moment for both of them," Brazile said. "I think after the president looks at Al Gore and says 'congratulations,' Al Gore will probably depart the room." Gore, who served as vice president under Bill Clinton, won the Nobel prize for his work in climate change, including the Oscar-winning movie, "An Inconvenient Truth." He lost the presidential race to Bush in 2000 in a bitterly disputed race that came down to contested ballots in Florida, where Bush's brother was governor. After the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Gore referred to Bush as his commander in chief, but in his latest book, "An Assault on Reason," he accuses the president of repeatedly breaking the law.

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