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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) Recommendations with Respect to SIGINT

REFERENCE: Memorandum to SecDef and Chairman, USIB, from McGeorge Bundy, 7 February 1964, subject: The National Signals Intelligence Program

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The annexed memorandum has been prepared for your signature by way of comment on the recommendations of the PFIAB concerning SIGINT. There were five recommendations in all. You, in your capacity as Chairman, USIB, were asked to submit comments with the Secretary of Defense on recommendations one and four. These recommendations are in substance:

a. that steps be taken to introduce effective evaluation techniques into the SIGINT community, and

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3. Recommendations two, three and five (on which comments were not requested from the DCI) concern:

a. the establishment of a special operations research and systems analysis group;

b. the initiation of long range studies to improve [redacted] and 25X1

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c. the initiation of a long range study to improve COMSEC.

4. Dr. Fubini asked me to meet him in the Pentagon at 6:00 Tuesday, 10 March to approve a proposed joint comment (Tab B) to McGeorge Bundy to be submitted, presumably over the signature of the Secretary of Defense.

5. General Blake, who was also present at the meeting, and I both objected to the draft on the grounds that it was too long, involved and in certain respects confusing and obscure. I also objected on procedural grounds, indicating that you would want to comment separately and as DCI.

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7. Dr. Fubini tried to get an extension of the deadline for submission, which is 15 March 1964. This was refused by Mr. Coyne on the grounds that the President's Board meets on the 2nd of April and must have the report by 15 March. As I understand it, a modified form of the Fubini memorandum will be submitted to Cy Vance for signature on Saturday. I have advised Fubini's office that we would probably comment directly to the President's Board with copies to appropriate elements of DoD.

8. [redacted] and I believe that the annexed letter (Tab A) is all that is necessary under the circumstances. 25X1

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Attachments:
A. Proposed letter to Bundy
B. Fubini draft
C. Letter to Fubini

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