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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PFIAB Meeting, 4 June 1976

I attended as an observer the meeting of the PFIAB. The purpose of the meeting was to present a briefing at their request on [REDACTED]. The briefing was originally proposed by Dr. John Foster following his briefing by SAFSP.

The briefing was comprised of two parts: (1) requirements by John Hughes, DIA, and (2) system and technology by Lt Colonel Kaminski of SAFSP. Dr. Foster set the tone initially when he commented that the intelligence establishment is not well disposed to respond to "holes" in their programs. They are more inclined to show masses of good things they are doing because filling holes takes resources from other things they want to do.

Mr. Plummer then introduced the briefing which was extremely well presented and well received. Mr. Plummer concluded the briefing with charts illustrating the fiscal dilemma facing the CFI/EXCOM this summer in structuring the FY 78 and subsequent program.

Questions were raised by Dr. Baker with respect to the integration of the [REDACTED] a total operational system and by Mr. [REDACTED] comparative vulnerability with respect to other systems.

After the meeting Mr. Plummer related an exchange I did not hear originally. Before the briefing began, Dr. Baker mentioned to Mr. Plummer that in the preceding hour's session the PFIAB had discussed with Mr. Ellsworth the Defense intelligence organization; in particular, the position of the NRP in the ASD/DDI. Dr. Baker said that the PFIAB had stated misgivings about and objections to the way the organizational charts are presently constructed, and that they urged retention of the special organization status that has characterized the NRP in the past.

Mr Plummer and Mr Byers agreed that we should go back to PFIAB for a day for an all-day session. *[Signature]*

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