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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Byers

While in the EOB on June 26 I stopped by and saw Wheaton Byers. I learned that Mr. Byers is the new Executive Secretary of the PFIAB and that Gerry Burke has moved back to [redacted]. Wheaton informed me that although the PFIAB has not [redacted] been officially reconstituted an announcement is expected soon. Adm. Anderson will continue as Chairman and four members will be added to replace four who are departing. In our brief conversation Byers inferred that they had held discussions with Secretary Clements and that Secretary Clements had indicated that he desires to be a principal on the ExCom. Byers was also aware that Dr. Hall had been the DOD member at the last ExCom. We also discussed briefly the decompartmentation issue. I stated that if normal classification rules were effective the decompartmentation scheme likely would work but that we were apprehensive that a decision would be made to implement without sufficient planning.

Byers asked me if our management was being incumbered by outside influences. I replied by saying that we were experiencing some difficulty. He requested that our annual report contain strong references to our problems and some recommendations for their alleviation. I agreed that we would draft some reasonably strong paragraphs but that these may not prove to be appropriate for submitting to the PFIAB.

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