MEMORANDUM FOR IC STAFF

SUBJECT: National Reconnaissance Office Membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB)

The Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO) has, in the past, sat with the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) for matters affecting the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP). This relationship was recognized in the 1965 NRO Agreement signed by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Secretary of Defense. As discussed with Mr. Bush at the USIB meeting on 15 April 1976, this relationship will continue in the future. The Director, or in his absence the Deputy Director, of the NRO will sit with the National Foreign Intelligence Board for matters affecting the NRP or the NRO and have a voice in the deliberations.

It is our interpretation that paragraph 2. c. of the proposed DCID 1/19 will cover our participation in USIB because the covert nature of the organization precludes specific mention of the NRO.

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MEMORANDUM

26 April 1976

Jack,

If not already done, I suggest that this be made a matter of record in the USIB minutes.

Charlie