

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

April 9, 1969

General [REDACTED]

Mr. Coyne's memorandum, attached, addressed to the SAFRD was passed to [REDACTED]

He has noted it to you, asking "should he or would you notify Mr. Coyne." He also asks if Dr. McLucas should act on the material in the packet.

I have prepared, for your signature, a response to Mr. Coyne advising him of the change in command and indicating that you would continue to serve as liaison in particular reference to the request of the last paragraph of his letter.

We are recommending no action on the material in the packet -- since it is intended as information and guidance. It does confirm the new membership (which we have already adjusted on our charts) and it does, for the first time, give us an indication of the Board's charge (albeit in the most general terms).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

7 April

B/G

I presume that this memo should have been addressed to Dr. McLucas.

Would you, or should I, notify Mr. Coyne.

Is there any action you would recommend Dr. McLucas take on this packet?

[REDACTED]

Recommend you sign the letter to
Mr. Coyne.



Lt Colonel, USAF

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~~(S)~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 11, 1969

THE NRO STAFF

Pat
Dear Mr. Coyne:

This is in response to your memorandum of April 2, 1969 concerning U.S. Foreign Intelligence Activities.

As you know, the new Under Secretary of the Air Force -- Dr. John L. McLucas -- was designated the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO) on March 17, 1969 and has assumed those responsibilities previously carried by Dr. Alexander H. Flax.

The NRO Staff will continue to be the supporting staff for Dr. McLucas. I will continue to serve as liaison between your office and the NRO.

I am looking forward to a continuing close working relationship with your office.


Sincerely,


Brigadier General, USAF
Director

Mr. Patrick J. Coyne
The President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

April 2, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Research and Development)
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT: United States Foreign Intelligence Activities

For the information and guidance of your Agency there are enclosed copies of the following unclassified documents relating to the subject.

1. Executive Order 11460 which was approved by the President on March 20, 1969, and which defines in general language the mission and functions of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.
2. A release issued by the White House Press Secretary on March 20, 1969, concerning reconstitution of the Board by the President and listing the personnel currently associated with the Board.
3. An excerpt from the statement of the President on the anti-ballistic missile problem wherein the President assigns an added responsibility to the Board to make an annual independent assessment of the strategic nuclear threat.
4. A memorandum from the President to the Secretary of State et al dated March 24, 1969, requesting that the Departments and Agencies concerned furnish complete information and full cooperation to the Board.

I would appreciate your naming a representative of your staff to act as liaison between our offices and, as in the past, I shall be in touch with you personally from time to time on matters of interest to the President's Board.


J. Patrick Coyne
Executive Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN
INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES

My issuance on March 20, 1969, of Executive Order Number 11460 establishing the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, is in keeping with this Administration's objective of strengthening wherever possible the collection, evaluation and timely dissemination of reliable foreign intelligence by the military and civilian agencies of Government. The Board is charged with the responsibility of being able to assure me at all times of the quality, responsiveness and reliability of the intelligence provided to policy-making personnel.

I shall look to the Director of Central Intelligence to continue to provide coordination and guidance to the total foreign intelligence activities of the United States with the view to assuring a comprehensive and integrated effort on the part of the United States Government agencies.

As provided in the Executive Order, it shall be the responsibility of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to review and keep me advised concerning all significant aspects of foreign intelligence and related activities in which the Central Intelligence Agency and other elements of the intelligence community are engaged. Because of the importance of the strategic nuclear threat, I have also assigned to the Board a

EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF MARCH 14 ON THE ANTI-
BALLISTIC MISSILE PROBLEM

"In making this decision, I have been mindful of my pledge to make every effort to move from an era of confrontation to an era of negotiation. The program I am recommending is based on a careful assessment of the developing Soviet and Chinese threats. I have directed the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board -- a non-partisan group of distinguished private citizens -- to make a yearly assessment of the threat which will supplement our regular intelligence assessment. Each phase of the deployment will be reviewed to insure that we are doing as much as necessary but no more than that required by the threat existing at that time. Moreover, we will take maximum advantage of the information gathered from the initial deployment in designing the later phases of the program."

special responsibility to make a yearly, independent assessment of the nuclear threat, supplementing regular intelligence assessments made thereon by the intelligence community.

In order that the Board may be enabled to fulfill its tasks, I ask the heads of the Departments and Agencies concerned to furnish complete information and full cooperation to the Board for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities to me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Nixon". The signature is written in dark ink and is located to the right of the main text block.

March 20, 1969

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Today's Order reorganizes and reconstitutes the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board originally established by President Eisenhower in 1956 as the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities and continued by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Under the terms of the Order the Board is charged with the responsibility of keeping the President advised with respect to the total foreign intelligence effort and of reporting periodically to the President its findings, appraisals and recommendations for achieving increased effectiveness of the United States foreign intelligence effort. The Board will make its reports after conducting an objective review and assessment of foreign intelligence and related activities of the Central Intelligence Agency and other United States Government departments and agencies.

The members of the Board have been chosen by the President from qualified persons outside the Government. The members of the Board in whose qualifications and integrity the President has the fullest confidence are as follows:

Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman
President, Institute for Defense Analyses

George W. Anderson
Former Chief of Naval Operations

William O. Baker
Vice President, Research, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

Gordon Gray
Former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Edwin H. Land
President, Polaroid Corporation

Franklin B. Lincoln, Jr.
Mudge, Rose, Guthrie and Alexander

Franklin D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board, Los Angeles Times

Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board, Corning Glass International

Frank Pace, Jr.
President, International Executive Service Corps

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Governor of New York

J. Patrick Coyne has been appointed by the President to serve as Executive Secretary of the Board. He has served in this capacity with similar Intelligence Advisory Boards utilized by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson

March 20, 1969

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

**ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN
INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as "the Board". The Board shall:

- (1) advise the President concerning the objectives, conduct, management and coordination of the various activities making up the overall national intelligence effort;
- (2) conduct a continuing review and assessment of foreign intelligence and related activities in which the Central Intelligence Agency and other Government departments and agencies are engaged;
- (3) receive, consider and take appropriate action with respect to matters identified to the Board, by the Central Intelligence Agency and other Government departments and agencies of the intelligence community, in which the support of the Board will further the effectiveness of the national intelligence effort; and
- (4) report to the President concerning the Board's findings and appraisals, and make appropriate recommendations for actions to achieve increased effectiveness of the Government's foreign intelligence effort in meeting national intelligence needs.

SEC. 2. In order to facilitate performance of the Board's functions, the Director of Central Intelligence and the heads of all other departments and agencies shall make available to the Board all information with respect to foreign intelligence and related matters which the Board may require for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities to the President in accordance with the terms of this Order. Such information made available to the Board shall be given all necessary security protection in accordance with the terms and provisions of applicable laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. Members of the Board shall be appointed by the President from among persons outside the Government, qualified on the basis of knowledge and experience in matters relating to the national defense and security, or possessing other knowledge and abilities which may be expected to contribute to the effective performance of the Board's duties. The members of the Board shall receive such compensation and allowances, consonant with law, as may be prescribed hereafter.

SEC. 4. The Board shall have a staff headed by an Executive Secretary, who shall be appointed by the President and shall receive such compensation and allowances, consonant with law, as may be prescribed by the Board. The Executive Secretary shall be authorized, subject to the approval of the Board and consonant with law, to appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary for performance of the Board's duties.

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SEC. 5. Compensation and allowances of the Board, the Executive Secretary, and members of the staff, together with other expenses arising in connection with the work of the Board, shall be paid from the appropriation appearing under the heading "Special Projects" in the Executive Office Appropriation Act, 1969, Public Law 90-350, 82 Stat. 195, and, to the extent permitted by law, from any corresponding appropriation which may be made for subsequent years. Such payments shall be made without regard to the provisions of section 3681 of the Revised Statutes and section 9 of the Act of March 4, 1909, 35 Stat. 1027 (31 U.S.C. 672 and 673).

SEC. 6. Executive Order No. 10938 of May 4, 1961, is hereby revoked.

RICHARD NIXON

THE WHITE HOUSE,

March 20, 1969.