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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

SUBJECT : TAGBOARD

The Board on August 9 discussed the question you put about the TAGBOARD project, concentrating almost entirely on the political advantages of using an unmanned rather than a manned vehicle. It was agreed that if one of these vehicles came down in unfriendly territory the adverse political and propaganda reaction would be greater if a pilot were recovered. A good deal would depend on the circumstances surrounding the event, on the international situation at the time, on the country in which it happened, and on how much that country might wish to make of the possession of a captured pilot. Nevertheless, the Board thought that, by and large, the difference would in most cases probably not be very substantial.

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