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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

1. General Taylor told me today that he has scheduled the first meeting of the new PFIAB for Thursday and Friday, April 17th and 18th. There is as yet no agenda, and Coyne told me separately that he thought it might be more in the nature of a "get-together" than anything really substantive, but he can't be sure. Coyne assumed the DCI would be scheduled for the second day, as usual. General Taylor said that he hopes to have a conversation "across the street" in the very near future to get guidance on what is expected of the new Board. Following that he intends to visit the DCI to discuss with him exactly what the Board should try to do, how it should work, etc. General Taylor also said that he will be considering how to respond to the President's charge on the Board to make an annual threat assessment. He said that Mr. Lincoln and Admiral Anderson have already shown great interest in the Board's activities and he expects them to be vigorous and enthusiastic participants.

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2. Lincoln sat in on the two DDI/DDP briefings [redacted] today. He did not have very much to say but was obviously interested and impressed, and he commented that he had learned a lot. General Taylor seemed to me to adopt a subtly proprietary air toward the CIA briefers vis-a-vis Mr. Lincoln, and I found this rather appealing. Some of his questions seemed deliberately designed to bring out the best aspects of the Agency's operations for the benefit of the new member. He made a particular point of saying to Lincoln what a good show we were running [redacted] for an amount he obviously thought very modest. He was clearly pleased with his boys.

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3. The Chairman will probably want to have the four new members--Lincoln, Murphy, Anderson and Rockefeller--security briefed just before the opening session on April 17th. Coyne will let us know when FBI clearances are received.

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