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Honorable Clark M. Clifford  
Chairman  
President's Foreign Intelligence  
Advisory Board  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clark:

During the last few months I have been impressed as well as somewhat surprised by the fact that even many of the better informed people in Washington are ignorant of the supervision of the Central Intelligence Agency which is exercised by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board as well as by our four congressional subcommittees. This ignorance is one of the factors leading to much of the misinformation about and criticism directed at the Agency. You are aware, I am sure, of newspaper stories, comments by columnists, and congressional statements that the Agency is not supervised and acts independently of or counter to U. S. Government policy. I believe no one knows better than you that this is not the case.

Our congressional committees are considering taking some action to remedy this, if only to note for the record the number of times the Agency appears before them. It appears to me that some report by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board along the same lines would have a most salutary effect. Executive Order 10938, which established the Board, provides that it shall report on its continuing review and assessment of the Agency and the other intelligence components to the President each six months or more frequently as deemed appropriate. I realize that the substance of such reports would normally be highly classified, but there have been numerous occasions in the past in our Government where such classified reports have been forwarded by means of an unclassified letter

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which states the nature of the Board's action and gives some specifics on the manner in which it carries out its function. If you agree that such an unclassified report of the Board's activities would have merit, I would be glad to discuss it with you in further detail.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

**W. F. Raborn**  
**Director**

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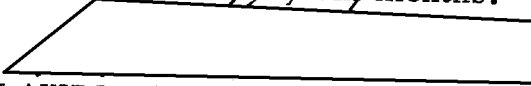
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General Counsel

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ~~██████~~ DIRECTOR

You will recall that McGeorge Bundy had some doubts as to the propriety of the President's Board making a public report. I believe such a report would not only be consistent with but is called for in the Executive Order, and I have written the attached letter from the Director to Mr. Clifford suggesting a public report forwarding the classified detailed report every six months.

  
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

The Director

*Strongly recommend  
your signature.*

25 February 1966  
(DATE)

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