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Membership will initially be composed of senior officers from Treasury, CIA, State, CIEP, CEA, STR, Commerce, Export-Import Bank, and Agriculture.

3. History of RAB:

a. February 1973--Established under the auspices of Secretary Shultz, as Chairman of the Council on Economic Policy.

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c. June 1973--General Walters forwarded the RAB requirements to NSA. The Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee has since commissioned a survey of NSA's ability to respond to these requirements. (This falls under Resource Management Objective 3, Objectives for FY 1975.)

d. July 1973--Kenneth Dam suggested to an officer on the Intelligence Community Staff that State/INR and NSA be brought into the RAB family as observers. Subsequently, Len Weiss, then in State, and [REDACTED] of NSA welcomed this suggestion. 25X1A9A

e. August 1973--General Graham met with Kenneth Dam, William Morell, Deane Hinton, and Andrew Marshall, then of the NSC Staff. It was generally agreed that representatives of economic intelligence users should be incorporated into the NSCIC apparatus. It was further agreed that not all intelligence support for economic policymakers would be sought through the NSCIC group; rather day-to-day support would be sought through other channels, both formal and informal.

f. July 1974--The DCI spoke with Secretary Simon of his belief that the RAB should now be reactivated. A proposed draft letter on this subject was sent to Secretary Simon. (Copy attached.) No reply has yet been received. (A milestone for achieving Resource Management Objective 3 calls for RAB reactivation prior to 1 November 1974.)

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Mr. William N. Morell, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Secretary
for National Security
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Bill:

Herewith a draft of the letter I would
send to Dr. Kissinger for clearance to dis-
patch to Secretary Simon. If you approve,
I will send it to Secretary Kissinger.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

The Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Bill:

As we have discussed, I agree that we should reactivate the Requirements Advisory Board (RAB) for international economic intelligence. I have discussed this matter with Dr. Kissinger, as Chairman of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee, and he is in agreement. The purpose in reactivating this Board is to ensure that the intelligence collection agencies receive guidance from a senior level rather than, as has sometimes been the case in the past, solely from analysts and other specialized consumers. I see the RAB as a useful and necessary supplement to the informal networks of contact between consumers and producers of intelligence.

Given the particular focus of my Key Intelligence Questions for this year and the fact that the Treasury Department is a member of the United States Intelligence Board, I think it would be appropriate if the Treasury representative to the RAB were to serve as Chairman. I understand that your nominee as the Treasury representative will be the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Charles A. Cooper. I also think it would be appropriate if my nominee to the Board, the National Intelligence Officer for Economics, [REDACTED] were to serve as the Executive Secretary.

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If these appointments are agreeable to you, I have Dr. Kissinger's approval to make them as Deputy Chairman of NSCIG. I will then be in touch with the heads of the other Departments and Agencies in foreign economic policy-making to request their nomination of senior-level representatives to the Board.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby