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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: FBI-CIA Relations

1. During the PFIAB's meeting with the President on 4 October, Admiral Anderson mentioned the need to improve the relationships between the FBI and CIA and exploit the human source potential within the United States. Admiral Anderson secured the President's approval to show to the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI the PFIAB report on human sources.

2. The President commented that he also wanted to see an improvement in the relationships between the FBI and CIA. He said he had told FBI Directors in the past that he wanted this relationship to be good and that he would do so again. He turned to me and said that he wanted to make it very clear that precisely the same direction applied to CIA. He said he knew there were honest differences of opinion and emphasis but that these should not be allowed to interfere with proper collaboration. 25X1

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I responded to the President by expressing my full agreement with his direction and said that I had lunched the day before with the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI to start a new and better relationship. I said that we both were agreed that basic working relationships were good, whatever the difficulties may have been at the senior levels in earlier times. At the same time, I said that I am resolved in CIA not to turn to the FBI to ask it to do our job of foreign intelligence collection but, rather, to assume this responsibility within CIA and coordinate and keep the FBI informed as appropriate.

WEC

W. E. Colby  
Director

PFIAB review completed.

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