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COMMENTS: C/PRB RECOMMENDATION
ON [redacted] MANUSCRIPT

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-- The operationally/substantively concerned PRB members (DDO/DDA, including Security and Central Cover as separate members) agreed that additional deletions should be made. The procedurally/philosophically concerned members (DDS&T/DDI) do not. All agree that a tougher stance on the first go-round with [redacted] should have been taken. However . . .

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-- Thus political/legal concerns, in effect, outweigh security if further deletions are not made.

-- My understanding of the PRB consensus, and OGC view, is that [redacted] won't accept the original deletions and will take us to court anyway.

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-- In today's world, I would think our credibility with the courts would be better if we demonstrated that we were not arbitrary or capricious in our standing firm when we know that something proposed for release is, or should be, classified, or would tend to reveal sources and methods -- rather than yielding because of previous error.

-- I repeat my earlier view that the [redacted] manuscript is so extreme in its revelations which depend so heavily on his classified case officer professional experience, that I think it is a classic to have taken to court.

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