

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : DDCI Meeting with USIB Committee Chairmen

25X1 1. At 1430 hours, 13 January 1969, Admiral Taylor held a meeting with all USIB Committee Chairmen, except Dr. Chamberlain who was represented by [] Chairman, SIC. Admiral Taylor explained that he was meeting with them at the request of the DCI and not as CIA Member of USIB.

2. He stated that the USIB committee chairmen represented the staff elements which made it possible for the Board to function. He complimented them on the magnificent job being done by all of the committees. Admiral Taylor explained, however, that with the new administration taking office the DCI wanted the chairmen to give some thought to certain factors involved in dealing with activities outside of the intelligence community.

3. The DDCI said that he referred particularly to reports, studies, or other papers in process in the committees which had not yet been reviewed and approved by the USIB. Admiral Taylor noted that in some cases certain committees were authorized to provide such data outside the intelligence community. He stated, however, that the DCI wanted all committee chairmen to understand and so inform their committees that reports, studies or other information having resource implications or involving sensitive intelligence data developed under USIB committee auspices are not to be disseminated outside the intelligence community unless so authorized or approved by the DCI or USIB. Admiral Taylor said that this instruction was particularly concerned with information to be provided to the PFIAB and the BoB. He commented that it is not fair to the USIB or the DCI if their opinions were to be pre-empted outside the intelligence community before they have been thoroughly discussed and have passed on such papers. The DDCI noted, however, that there are certain exceptions to these instructions which are clearly delineated in DCIDs and other documents.

4. Admiral Taylor stressed in particular that USIB committee chairmen should be cognizant of existing instructions concerning the procedures for making USIB documents or decisions available to the Bureau of the Budget and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Accordingly, Admiral Taylor read excerpts from the USIB Minutes of 19 May 1966 and 28 November 1962, copies of which were distributed by the Executive Secretary, USIB, at the meeting.

5. Admiral Taylor explained that there was no intention to inhibit normal and sound arrangements which have been authorized. Therefore, he said that any existing authorizations approved by the DCI or USIB regarding dissemination of USIB Committee information outside the intelligence community remain in effect.

In addition he noted that dissemination within USIB member departments or agencies is not affected by the DCI's instructions in the above paragraph 3. Admiral Taylor stressed that if divergent views are going to be aired outside the community, they should be aired by the USIB member who has such views and not through the committee. The DDCI requested that each USIB committee chairman review all pertinent directives and procedures concerning this matter, and remind the committee members to do their best to adhere to them. Admiral Taylor added that in CIA there are instructions regarding relations with agencies outside the intelligence community, especially the BoB, and these are going to be reviewed, reinforced and enforced.

6. Admiral Taylor then turned to another feature which he requested committee chairmen to bear in mind. He realized that each committee chairman may have his own opinion and if it is divergent from his committee's and he thinks it important, he should address the DCI and let him know what his views are. Such views should not be aired outside the intelligence community.

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8. In conclusion, Admiral Taylor said that he would like to say a few words since this might be the last time he would meet with the committee chairmen as a group. He stated that having worked in and around the intelligence community for many years he knew that the USIB committee chairmen and their committees were really the principal source of strength to the USIB which could not function without the basic knowledge they provided. He said that he was proud to have been associated with the USIB structure and its predecessor the USCIB. Admiral Taylor felt that the committee chairmen should also be proud of their major contribution to the Board's work.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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