

I. 1978 IN INTELLIGENCE

A. Execution of the E.O. and Other Organizationl Matters

5.b. NFIB

(U) The National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), which serves me as a corporate board of advisors, has enjoyed a stable year. Following substantial changes in its membership and mission last year, the Board has been able this year to concentrate on its two major areas of responsibility by advising me on the production of national intelligence and on the National Foreign Intelligence Program and Budget.

(U) As a means of promoting a greater sense of Community and shared purpose, the three Community deputies sit as NFIB members. They are the focal points for directing the work of the DCI committee structure and serve to channel the work of the Community in supporting the DCI in his primary responsibilities:

- the production of national intelligence
- the tasking of national collection systems
- the management of national intelligence resources.

(U) The representatives to the NFIB are a cross section of program managers, collectors, producers, and, in many cases, consumers of national intelligence.\* In recognition of the growing importance of economic intelligence, a representative of the Secretary of Commerce

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\* Members: The Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman  
The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Chairman  
The Deputy to the DCI for National Foreign Assessment

The Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management  
The Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking  
The Director, Intelligence and Research, Department of State  
The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy  
The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Communications, Command, Control and Intelligence)  
The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
The Director, National Security Agency  
The Under Secretary of the Air Force  
The Special Assistant to the Secretary (National Security), Department of the Treasury  
The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Department of Energy  
The Counselor to the Attorney General  
The Assistant Director, Intelligence Divison, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Observers are:

The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army  
The Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy  
The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, United States Air Force  
The Representative of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
The General Counsel, Department of Commerce  
The Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for Support

has joined the NFIB as an observer. In addition to the advice offered by NFIB principals on national intelligence estimates, they convene to review the program and the budget for the Intelligence Community. In both instances, their advice is sought as full participants in the overall national intelligence process, not as advocates for any specific program.

(C) To enhance the Board's usefulness as a corporate advisory body to the DCI in my new role as head of the Community, I find it most helpful to set aside a portion of each NFIB meeting for executive sessions with the principals. These sessions enable me to review issues facing the Community and to consider solutions in an atmosphere of mutual confidence. The issues considered are as broad as the new membership and have included:

- proposed charter legislation
- development of National Intelligence Topics
- disclosure of intelligence budget data
- guidance for the National SIGINT Reconnaissance Program
- collection activities against North Korea
- the DCI's Community deputy structure
- security guidance on
  - handling sensitive compartmented information
  - travel of cleared personnel
  - ADP systems and networks
- National/Tactical Interface
- new NIO for Warning

compartmentation systems survey

relations with foreign intelligence services

review of intelligence activities in crisis areas.

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