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Mr. Colby:

Prior to your departure for Europe, you received an invitation from the Rand Corporation to attend its 11 April Annual Meeting of Trustees (Tab A). You indicated that you probably should regret but asked for comment from DDS&T, DDI, D/DCI/IC and D/DCI/NIO.

I asked Judy to phone Rand, explaining that you were out of town and would reply on your return (Tab B).

Comments I collected are summarized as follows:

DDI (Walsh) - you would not gain much, agree you should regret

DDS&T (Steininger) - you might profit from attending

D/DCI/IC no need to attend and probably shouldn't

D/DCI/NIO (Carver) - mixed feelings, proceed cautiously

I personally feel there is no requirement for you to accept and that you should steer clear of setting a precedent with a major government contractor such as Rand. Therefore, I have drafted the attached regret (Tab C).

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