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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

TALKING POINTS FOR SWEARING-IN OF THE PRESIDENT'S

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1976

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I WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF MY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE  
ADVISORY BOARD AND ALL OF YOU. THE MEMBERS ARE JOINING  
A DISTINGUISHED INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER  
TWENTY YEARS AGO. IT HAS SERVED EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE THAT  
TIME BY PROVIDING ADVICE ESSENTIAL TO THE NATION'S SECURITY.

I RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE FIRST MAJOR CHANGE IN  
OUR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SINCE THE END OF  
WORLD WAR II. MY ACTIONS WERE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN OUR  
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO BE CERTAIN THAT AMERICA  
HAS THE INFORMATION IT REQUIRES.

I ALSO ANNOUNCED SPECIFIC REFORMS TO ENSURE THAT THE  
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE FULLY  
PROTECTED.

MY DECISION TO ENLARGE THIS ADVISORY BOARD  
DEMONSTRATES OUR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE  
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THIS PANEL OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS ACTS AS A BRIDGE  
BETWEEN A BASIC STRENGTH OF AMERICA, / THE GENIUS AND  
INNOVATION FOUND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, / AND THE GOVERNMENT'S  
RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

SUCH CAPACITIES ARE VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND  
FOREIGN POLICY. THE STRENGTH OF AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN  
FOUND IN GOVERNMENT ALONE. IT IS IN THE SUPPORT  
AMERICAN CITIZENS LEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENT.

I LOOK TO ALL OF YOU, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
CHAIRMAN LEO CHERNE, TO PROVIDE ME WITH CANDID ADVICE  
ON THE QUALITY OF OUR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS.

YOUR DIVERSE BACKGROUND AND INDIVIDUAL RECORDS OF  
ACHIEVEMENT WILL MAKE THIS BOARD EXCEPTIONAL ASSETS IN  
EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL SERVE AMERICA WELL.  
I WILL MEET WITH THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
JUSTICE POWELL ADMINISTERS THE OATH.

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