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TALKING POINTS FOR SWEARING-IN OF THE PRESIDENT'S
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1976

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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