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Counsel to the President

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

February 18, 1987

FOR: RHETT DAWSON  
DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD

FROM: BRETTON G. SCIARONI <sup>BGS</sup>  
COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Request for PIOB Documents

I have received an inquiry from the White House Counsel's office as to the status of the President's Intelligence Oversight Board's response to your letter of February 10, 1987. As I noted in my memorandum to you of February 13, 1987, I do not have the authority to transfer any Board documents without the approval of the members of the Board. And, as I also mentioned in my memorandum, such coordination is made difficult, if not impossible, by the high level of classification that you gave to your request and the fact that two of the three Board members do not live in the area. If you would like to send a declassified version of your request to me, I could proceed with the coordination of your request with the Board members.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN  
CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON *PJW*  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Tower Commission Request for Documents

On February 10, 1987, the Tower Commission requested certain information from the President's Intelligence Oversight Board relating to legal advice the Board provided to the President on covert actions (a copy of the Tower Commission's request is attached). Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board, has informed Ambassador Abshire that he needs specific authorization before he can make the requested information available. The attached memorandum from you to Dr. Campbell would provide this authorization.

Attachments

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR GLENN CAMPBELL  
CHAIRMAN  
PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

FROM: DONALD T. REGAN  
CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Tower Commission Request for Documents

Pursuant to the President's pledge to cooperate fully with the President's Special Review Board (Tower Commission) in its review of United States government activities relating to the sale of arms to Iran and any diversion of funds to the anti-Sandinista forces, you are hereby authorized to provide to the Tower Commission the following information:

- (a) All memoranda providing legal advice to the NSC staff in 1985 and 1986; and
- (b) In respect of a memorandum from the PIOB to Poindexter dated April 8, 1986, information as to what prompted the advice and to whom it was distributed before or after April 8, 1986.

This information should be provided as soon as possible.

cc: David M. Abshire  
Peter J. Wallison

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

## PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

February 26, 1987

TO: RHETT DAWSON  
DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD

FROM: BRETTON G. SCIARONI *BGS*  
COUNSEL

SUBJECT: President's Intelligence Oversight Board  
Documents

It has come to our attention that the President's Special Review Board has in its possession certain documents generated by the President's Intelligence Oversight Board (PIOB) that were transferred to you without the permission of the PIOB. Specifically, your letter of February 10, 1987 mentioned a memorandum from the PIOB to Admiral Poindexter dated April 8, 1986.

It is our view that such documents have been made available to you improperly and in violation of relevant executive orders regarding the transfer and dissemination of classified information. Executive Order 12576 (December 1, 1986), provides in relevant part as follows: "The heads of Executive Agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide the [Special Review] Board with such information as it may require for the purpose of carrying out its functions." (Emphasis added.)

Thus, documents should be made available to the Special Review Board only to the extent and in the manner provided by law. In that regard, Executive Order 12356 on National Security Information (April 2, 1982) states in relevant part as follows:

Section 4.1 General Restriction on access... (d) Except as provided by directives issued by the President through the National Security Council, classified information originating in one agency may not be disseminated outside any other agency to which it has been made available without the consent of the originating agency.

The entity which transmitted the PIOB's document to the Special Review Board should have first gained the consent of the PIOB as the entity that created and classified the documents before they were released to any other party.

We are aware of no authority that this requirement to consult the originating agency before releasing documents to any other entity has been waived. Thus, it is our belief that, other than those documents transmitted to you by the PIOB at the direction of the Chief of Staff to the President, you are improperly holding documents of the PIOB. Therefore, in addition to those documents transmitted to you by this Board, all other PIOB memoranda currently in your possession should be returned to us.

✓ cc Peter J. Wallison

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