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Office of the Director of National Intelligence

29 January 2026

Reference: ODNI Case No. DF-2017-00401

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) received on 11 September 2017, requesting the following information:

- The agenda from each PDB Policy Advisory Meeting from 1 January 2014 to the present.

This request was processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. ODNI located seven (7) documents responsive to this request. During the review process, we considered the foreseeable harm standard and determined that certain information must be withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b)(3), which applies to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statute includes the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, specifically:
 - Section 102A(i)(1) (codified at 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1)), which mandates the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure; and,
 - Section 102A(m) (codified at 50 U.S.C. § 3024 (m)), which protects the names and identifying information of ODNI personnel.
- (b)(6), which applies to information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Calabria". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bonnie Calabria
Chief, Information Review and Release
Information Management Office

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 2:56 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: FW: PDB Advisory Board meeting Friday on 1April (no joke) from 11:30-12:30 (b)(3)

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(b)(3)

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Executive Project Coordinator, CTR
[President's Daily Brief Staff](#)
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 2:18 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: PDB Advisory Board meeting Friday on 1April (no joke) from 11:30-12:30 (b)(3)

Classification: ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

(b)(3)

Thanks,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Chief of Staff
President's Daily Brief
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 2:07 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: PDB Advisory Board meeting Friday on 1April (no joke) from 11:30-12:30 (b)(3)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

I will plan on attending in person for (b)(3). Thanks.

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 12:58 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: PDB Advisory Board meeting Friday on 1April (no joke) from 11:30-12:30 (b)(3)

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(b)(3)

Good afternoon!

(b)(3), (b)(6) and (b)(3), (b)(6) will be hosting a meeting of the PDB Advisory Board on Friday, 1 April from 11:30-12:30 in room (b)(3)

Discussion Topics

- We published the PDB Coordination Rules about six months ago, and we'd like to discuss what is working well on coordination and what we may need to refine or clarify for IC analysts and managers. In conversations with analyst and managers across the community, we have heard a bit of frustration with conveying and receiving coordination comments on drafts. One best practice, for example, is to convey to the author an Agency's "red lines" on a draft that may push a coordinator to dissent, and then asking to see the draft again before DNI review.
- The PDB staff is refining a short PDB dissent procedures document, and if we have time, we'd like to also hear feedback on whether you think the draft will be helpful. We will bring copies of the draft or try to disseminate prior to the meeting.
- We welcome any other topics.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please RSVP – including whether you will attend in person or via SVTC – to (b)(3), (b)(6) I will send out the SVTC details later in the week.

Thanks!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 2:50 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: FW: PDB Advisory Board on Monday, 6 February at 1:30 in (b)(3)

Importance: High

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Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Executive Project Coordinator, CTR
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Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:57 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: PDB Advisory Board on Monday, 6 February at 1:30 in (b)(3)
Importance: High

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(b)(3)

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Greetings!

(b)(3), (b)(6) will host us for their first PDB Advisory Board meeting next Monday, 6 February, from 1:30 until 2:30 in Room (b)(3)

- We would like to recognize the members of the PDB Transition Working Group, who worked for a year to ensure we were well positioned for transitioning the PDB from the previous to the current Administration (they are cc'ed on this note and I hope they are able to attend.)
- We will then cover some of the changes we have made to the PDB, and possible changes in the future.

Please try to attend.

For those on the cc line (being recognized for work on the PDB Transition Working Group), please let (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) know if you plan to attend.

Thank you!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

SVTC INFO:

For those who plan to attend via SVTC (b)(3), (b)(6) will need to know from what location if you are from (b)(3)

For others, the Conference ID: (b)(3)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent:

Friday, July 8, 2016 5:42 PM

To:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc:

Subject:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

to host PDB Advisory Board on Tuesday, 19 July

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(b)(3)

Good afternoon!

Thanks to you and all of your analysts and managers who are contributing to and supporting the PDB. We continue to receive great feedback from our customers, who in their eighth year remain extremely engaged, and look to your insightful analysis to support important policy decisions.

I hope you are able to attend the next PDB Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, 19 July from 1-2:00 in room (b)(3)

We have four topics to discuss.

- Supplemental PDB material for POTUS-elect: Immediately after the election, we will offer supplemental information for each PDB to the POTUS-elect and VPOTUS-elect (which can last well beyond inauguration.) DC/PDB (b)(3), (b)(6) and PDB Managing Editor (b)(3), (b)(6) will present lessons learned from previous transitions to help us consider what we will do for the new Administration.
- Emails as sources for the PDB. C/PASS (b)(3), (b)(6) will be presenting a proposal for documenting important international meetings via emails in a way that is sharable with coordinators and retrievable for any future queries.

- Contractors and the PDB: I'd like to get the Advisory group to help us normalize how we consider contractors in authorship and coordination.
- Time permitting, [REDACTED] will give us an update on the preparations for candidate briefings.

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6) will send out the SVTC number next week for you.

I hope to see you at the meeting!

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

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[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6)

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PDB Advisory Board Agenda

20 January 2015, 1100-1200, (b)(3)

1. Discussion of proposed changes to how we count “PDB authorship.” Members will receive the proposal before the meeting so they can consider it and come to the meeting with any issues.
2. Tee up of a plan to convene an IC-wide group to review current PDB coordinate rules and determine if we need to update them.
3. Discussion of the professional development plan for the PDB briefers. Tee up of request that members consider allowing themselves to be shadowed for a day or two at the end of briefers’ tours.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent:

Thursday, October 13, 2016 7:05 AM

To:

(b)(3), (b)(6)



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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject:

PDB Advisory Board meeting on the transition of the PDB -- Tuesday, 18 October, 10:30-11:30, Room (b)(3)

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(b)(3)

Good morning!

This is a reminder that (b)(3), (b)(6) will host a PDB Advisory Board meeting, updating how the PDB will be impacted during the transition, on Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 in room (b)(3). I will send any read-ahead material on Monday so that it will be available for those who plan to attend via SVTC.

I hope to see you all there!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

SVTC Information:

Conference ID: (b)(3)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, Jul 26, 2017 2:25 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June
Attachments: (S_NF) PDB Coordinator Survey _ Preview (b)(3), (S_NF) PDB Lead Author Coordination Survey _ Preview (b)(3)

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(b)(3)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Please see attached for the materials that will be used in the meeting today.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Executive Project Coordinator, CTR
[President's Daily Brief Staff](#)
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:25 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Thank you!

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:15 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

I have added (b)(3) to the VTC. The conference ID is: (b)(3)

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Executive Project Coordinator, CTR
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Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:13 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Thanks (b)(3), (b)(6) implied she would prefer folks attend in person. I do have some conflicts on the schedule, but I think I can attend via VTC. Would that work for you all as well? I do not know how much I'll need to contribute live during the debate/discussion on the survey results.

I'll stand by
best

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:36 AM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

This will now be the PDB/IC Coordination meeting with Tiger Team members, held in (b)(3), (b)(6) The Advisory Board will be rescheduled for later in the summer.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Executive Project Coordinator, CTR
[President's Daily Brief Staff](#)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 5:57 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

Hi (b)(3), (b)(6) ust to confirm, this won't be an Advisory Board meeting but a regular meeting in a different room. The advisory board will be at another time down the line?

Best

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 5:00 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

UPDATE RE: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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(b)(3)

(b)(3)

Hi all,

We have A LOT of fantastic data, and it is taking longer for us to get through than I thought it would. So I'd like to have an interim meeting with our normal PDB Monthly IC Reps and members of the Tiger Team before we take it up a notch with concrete recommendations.

For ease of schedules, let's meet at the same time BUT MOVE TO (b)(3) next Wed at 3:30-4:30. I'd like as many people to be there in person as possible, because it will be harder for us to go through the data remotely.

Please let (b)(3), (b)(6) know if you need VIP parking or if some of you will VTC.

We have a lot of findings to discuss, and I'd like us to brainstorm on how we can crunch the numbers to answer any questions that we haven't already asked.

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:06 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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Subject: Invitation to PDB Advisory Board meeting...26 June

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We are hoping to see you at our PDB Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, July 26th at (b)(3) (b)(3). Please RSVP to (b)(3), (b)(6) on the cc line). As noted in a previous "save the (b)(3), (b)(6) will host this meeting.

The planned agenda is as follows:

- 1. Accomplishments and best practices/exemplars

We hope to use this session to highlight what is going well in supporting our customers, and provide some examples of pieces and graphics that have been most successful.

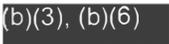
- 2. Coordination Study preliminary findings and way ahead.

We are in the last few days of taking input for the month of June and beginning to pull together the data and sort out the main findings. We plan to share these and begin our conversation on next steps.

- 3. Issues that matter to you. Some of you have raised issues like opportunity analysis and the Expert Brief process. We will open the floor for any and all to put issues on the table for discussion. While we probably won't have time to delve into them in this session, I hope this will give us a start on the agenda for the next meeting or for the PDB monthly meetings.

Many thanks in advance for your time and your ongoing contributions to the PDB.

(b)(3), (b)(6)



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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From:
Sent:
To:

(b)(3), (b)(6)
Friday, October 30, 2015 2:07 PM
(b)(3), (b)(6)

Cc:

Subject:

Reminder: PDB Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, 3 Nov 1:00-2:00, (b)(3) and SVTC info if needed

Categories:

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(b)(3), (b)(6)
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and I will be hosting the PDB Advisory Board on Tuesday (10/3) from 1:00-2:00 in

Many of you have already RSVP'd, but if you have not, please send a note to (b)(3), (b)(6) or to your IC rep on the PDB staff.

Our topic is "The State of the PDB," and more specifically:

- a comparative discussion of metrics from FY14 and FY15 as a tool to see how we've done better and areas we can grow;
- a review of the new coordination rules and how we think they are being implemented so far;
- dissent guidance and how we think dissents are working;
- tradecraft in the PDB, best practices and areas we can continue to improve; and
- a look toward FY17 and the transition to a new Administration.

Hope to see you all there!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Here is the SVTC info if you need it:

(b)(3)



Conference ID: (b)(3)

Conference Name: **PDB ADVISORY BOARD**

Subject: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Notes: (b)(3), (b)(6)

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Start Setup Time: **03 NOV 2015 12:50 EST**

End Conference Time: **03 NOV 2015 14:00 EST**

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Requestor: (b)(3)

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