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President's Intelligence
Advisory Board

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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for meeting with the President's Intelligence Advisory Board (PIAB) staff on December 21, 2011, to discuss your memorandum, dated 27 January 2011, "Fundamental Classification Guidance Review." In accordance with the guidance received, we have completed the required classification review and provide the following information for your records.

The PIAB is a unique organization that exists within the Executive Office of the President, and its founding Executive Order gives the PIAB co-chairmen original classification authority. In practice, however, they do not regularly exercise that authority as the Board does not produce original classified information, and PIAB classification markings are derived from the originators of the classified national security information that the Board uses to conduct its work. The Board does not have declassification authority, but partners with the National Security Staff (NSS) to review PIAB material for declassification. Based on its small size and unique status, the PIAB does not have a separate classification guide; rather it bases its derived classification markings on Executive Order 13526, Intelligence Community Directive 710, and close coordination with intelligence originators and the NSS. The Board complies with the Information Security Oversight Office yearly request for completion of the SF-311 review, and forwards the data to the NSS for compilation and forwarding to your office.

If additional information is required, please feel free to contact my Security Officer, Demetria Cobb, directly at 202-456-2352.

Sincerely,



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