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WASHINGTON, DC

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October 2, 2020

Re: ODNI Case DF-2018-00215

Mr. Greenewald:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request dated and received by the Information Management Office on 19 June 2018 (Enclosure 1), in which you requested the review for release of “*all ‘non-responsive’ portions of the records*” found in FOIA Case DF-2017-00392.

A review of DF-2017-00392 has been conducted and four records responsive to your request were located (Enclosure 2). With regard to only the eight sections previously released as “non-responsive,” all records are being released to you in part with the following exemptions:

- (b)(3), which applies to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are: the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 3024(m)(1), which protects, among other things, the names and identifying information of ODNI personnel; and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1), which protects information pertaining to intelligence sources and methods.
- (b)(6), which applies to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

All reasonably segregable, non-exempt information has been released to you.

You may contact me, the FOIA Public Liaison, at [dni-foia-liaison@dni.gov](mailto:dni-foia-liaison@dni.gov) or (301) 243-2025 for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (“OGIS”) of the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the mediation services they provide. OGIS can be reached by mail at 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001; telephone (202) 741-5770; facsimile (202) 741-5769; Toll-free (877) 684-6448; or email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you may administratively appeal by submitting a written request to the Chief FOIA Officer, c/o Director, Information Management Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC 20511 or [dni-foia@dni.gov](mailto:dni-foia@dni.gov). The request letter and envelope or subject line of the email should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this letter.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Requester Service Center at [dni-foia@dni.gov](mailto:dni-foia@dni.gov) or (301) 243-1499.

Sincerely,




Sally A. Nicholson  
Chief, Information Review &  
Release Group  
FOIA Public Liaison  
Information Management Office

Enclosures

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and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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# Enclosure 1

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, including "The Hon. Mr. Justice G. D. C. O'Connell, Chief Justice of the High Court of Justice, Dublin, Ireland."

DF-2018-00215

**From:** John Greenewald <john@greenewald.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** DNI-FOIA  
**Subject:** FOIA REQUEST

JUN 19 2018

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

Please reference the responsive records in FOIA Case DF-2017-00392. I have archived them here for reference:  
<http://documents.theblackvault.com/documents/odni/odni-DF-2017-00392.pdf>

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of these responsive records again, however, I please ask that you review and unredact all "non-responsive" portions of the records. Preferably, you can send the entire document as a response with these redactions removed (or properly cited) but if this is problematic, I do agree to limit the pages released to me to only those pages that originally had "non-responsive" redactions on them.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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# **Enclosure 2a**





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

**Subject:** FW: Updates on the PDB  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 10:27:20 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Derived From: ODNI CG v3.0 31 May 2016  
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V/R,

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

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

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

(b)(3)

**Subject:** FW: Updates on the PDB  
**Importance:** High

(b)(3)

(b)(3) CIA

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(b)(3), (b)(6) asked me to pass along the below as the current updated guidance on the PDB production and changes for the new Administration.

Regards,

(b)(3)  
[Redacted]

**Section previously marked non-responsive**

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)  
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:25 AM  
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)  
Subject: FW: Updates on the PDB  
Importance: High

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Derived From: ODNI CG v3.0 31 May 2016  
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(b)(3), (b)(6)  
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Deputy Director, President's Daily Brief

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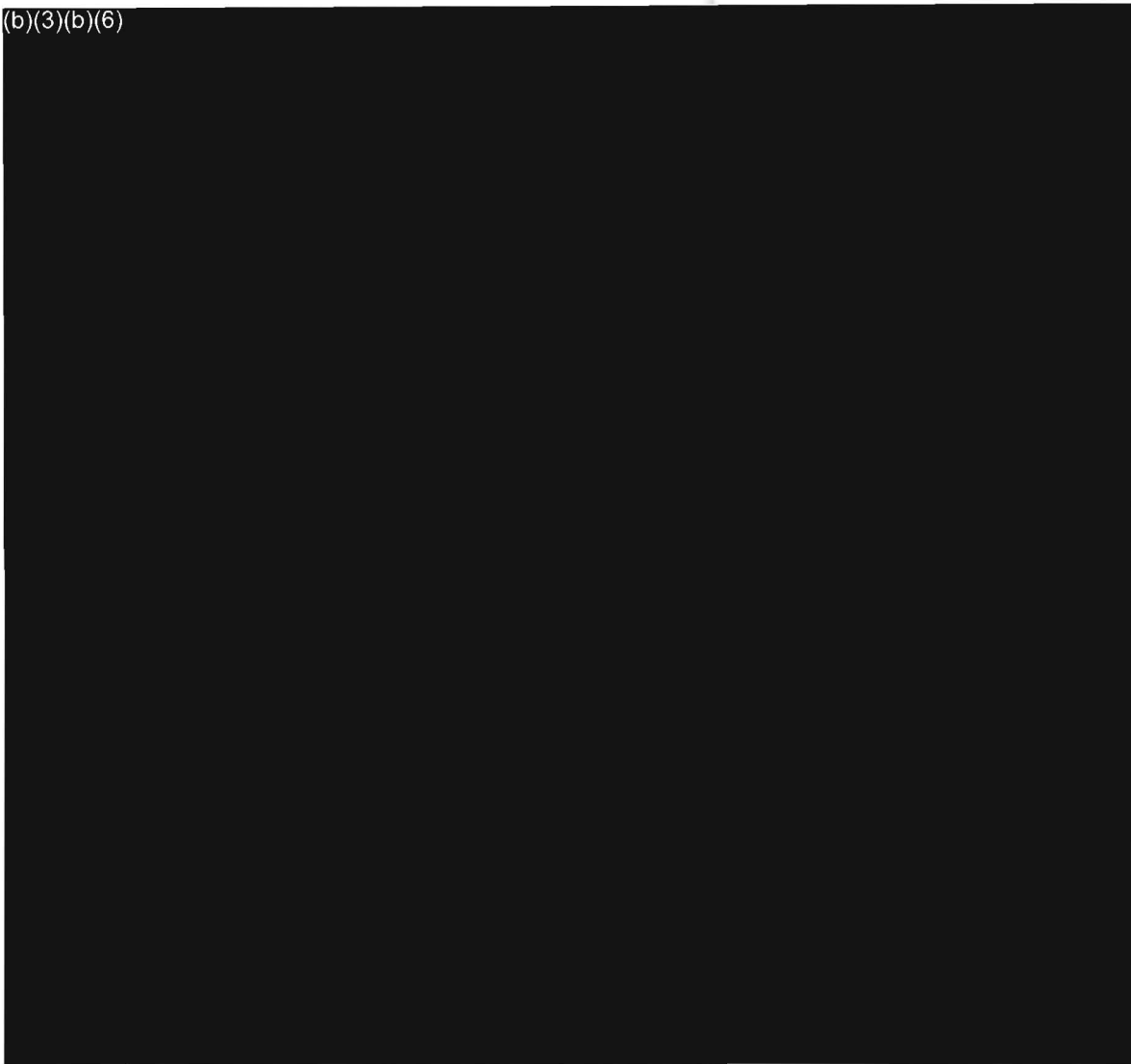


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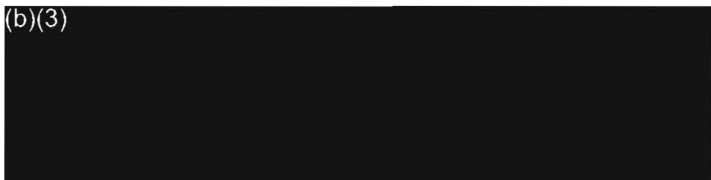
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Subject: Updates on the PDB  
Importance: High

(b)(3)



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First, I'd like to thank you and all your officers who have been amazing in helping us to get through the period between the election and the inauguration. As with every transition, we worked hard to get to know our newest customers while we continued our exceptional service to the Obama administration.



As we begin to serve President Trump, we will introduce some small changes to the PDB. Each administration is different in how, when, and what they want in their PDB, and as we obtain more feedback from our customers, we may introduce additional changes.

\* Beginning Monday, the book will consist of three, one(ish)-page articles and a short Executive Update. The "ish" means we may allow a few of lines to float to a second page, but in general, we will hold pieces to one page.

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My Replacement:

You may have heard that my replacement will be Beth Sanner, currently Deputy Chair of the NIC. In mid-March, she will begin her read in, and my last day will be 31 March. We have two months of hard work together, and I look forward to continuing our exciting mission. Please join me in welcoming Beth as the next Director of the PDB.

\* I am still firming up my next assignment, as I will first be taking two months off to sleep :). It has been an honor working with you!

(b)(3)



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Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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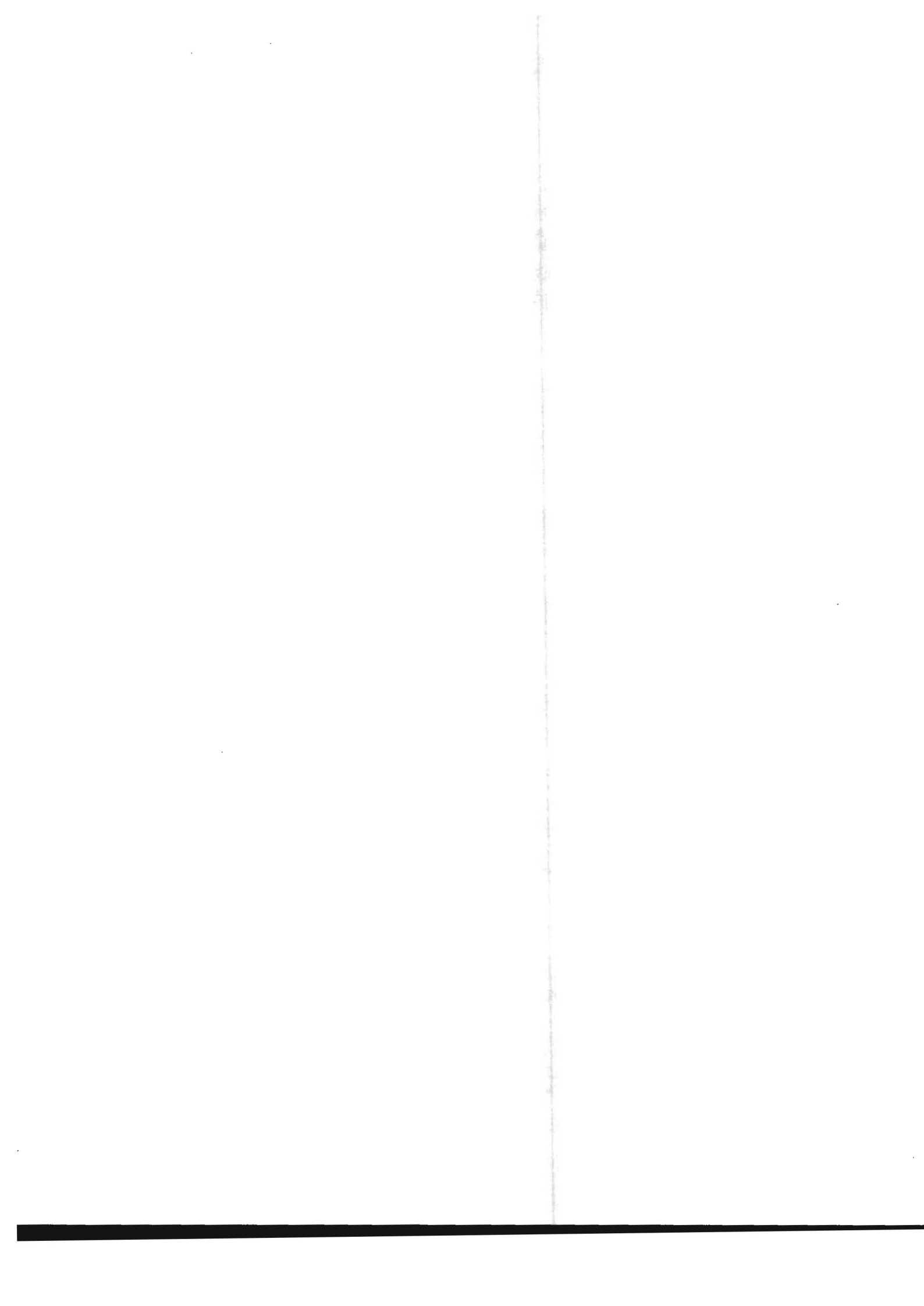
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# **Enclosure 2b**





**From:** (b)(3)  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Minor updates FYSA  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 2:04:02 PM

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(b)(3) CIA  
[Redacted]

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Very Respectfully,

(b)(3)  
[Redacted]

**From:** (b)(3) & (b)(6) CIA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(3)(b)(6) CIA  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Minor updates FYSA

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(b)(3) CIA  
[Redacted]

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Briefers, **Section previously marked non-responsive**

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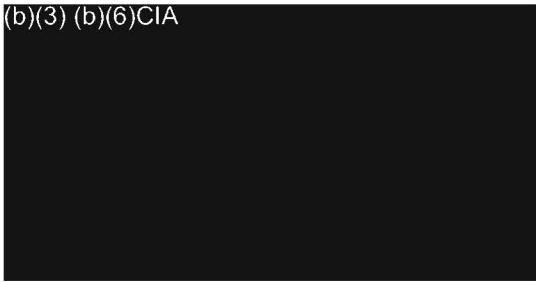
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Thanks and have a good rest of the week, (b)(3) (b)(6) CIA

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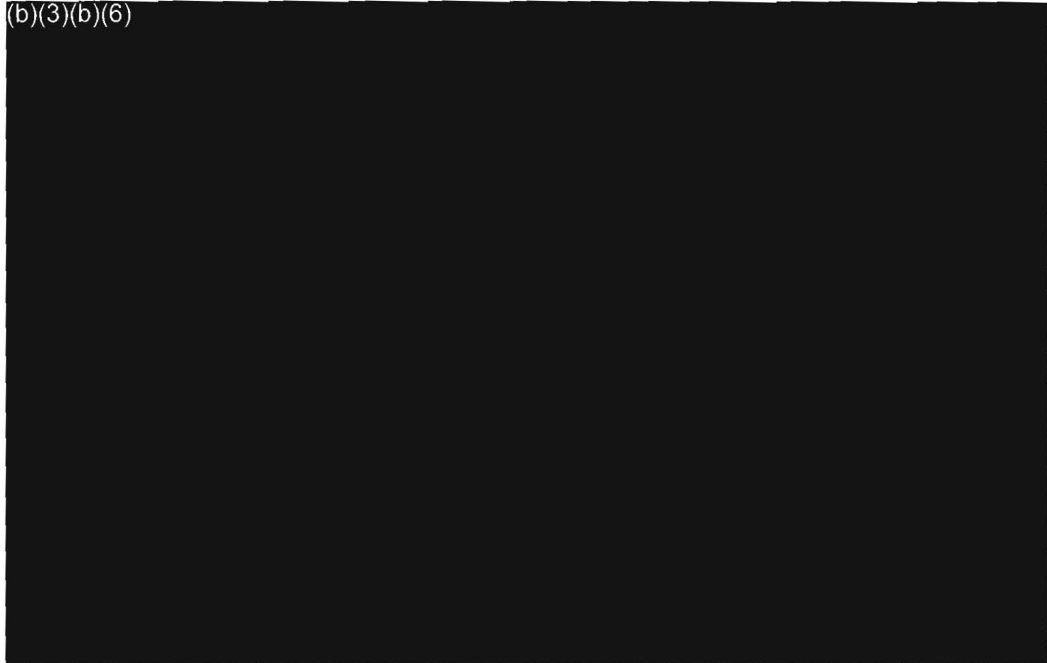
# **Enclosure 2c**

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**From:**  
**To:**

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



**Cc:**

**Subject:** PDB Best Practices...please share with your workforce  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:31:05 PM

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm hoping that your summer is going well...it is NOT over yet! As we move toward fall, I thought it would be a good time to share some feedback from key customers about what is working and where we might seek to adapt to their needs. Please feel free to share this note widely among analysts and managers.

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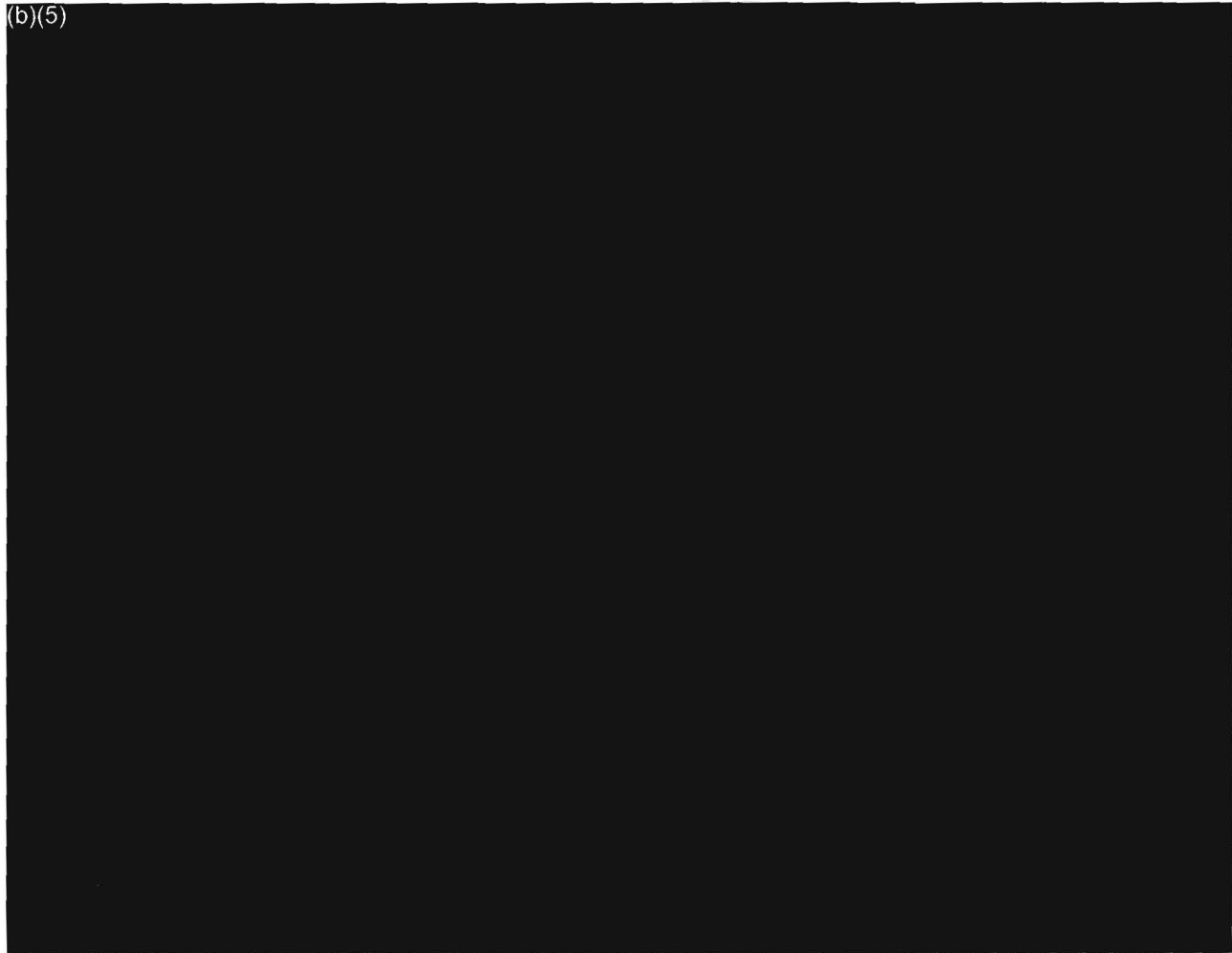
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(b)(5)



**Format.** We are not stuck with one paragraph and multiple tics IF the topic deserves a longer treatment. If you have two clear analytic judgments, you can use two paragraphs. (b)(5)



**Visuals, visuals, visuals.** It remains true that a picture is worth a thousand words. Too often we are asking for visuals in the very last stages of review; this limits our ability to generate sophisticated graphics. Assume that most pieces benefit from a visual. Try to limit the amount of text and give your graphic designer license to be creative in telling your story...you may be surprised. We are open to ideas for videos as well.

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# **Enclosure 2d**



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**From:** (b)(3), (b)(6)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: Updates to PDB 4.0 Print version for Izzy and Review  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 1:17:05 PM  
**Attachments:** 1-12\_PDB 4.0 Print updates.pdf

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(b)(3)

Very Respectfully,

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

**From:** (b)(3)(b)(6) CIA

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:34 PM

**To:** (b)(3) (b)(3)(b)(6) CIA

**Cc:** (b)(3)(b)(6) CIA

**Subject:** Updates to PDB (b)(3)

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(b)(3) CIA

Hi (b)(3) and (b)(3)(6) CIA

(b)(5)

I will drop off a printout of the pdf tomorrow morning (b)(3) would you mind printing out a copy of the PDF on the printers that the (b)(3) will use?

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A new set of restricted handling markings were developed for the PDB 4.0 print and tablet versions

to clarify handling instructions and meet compliance requirements for accessibility.

- **Consistency and Handling:** Handling markings in previous versions of the PDB have not been consistent in size, page placement, or labeling. These inconsistencies increase the time it takes the reader to identify the level of handling required. The new handling markings address these areas of concern without additional distraction. The new markings place handling instructions closer to the content to which they pertain, creating a stronger connection between the information. In addition, the location of the new marking permits seamless placement on subsequent pages, reinforcing the handling requirement throughout the article.
- **Accessibility:** The corner marking system poses accessibility problems for individuals with color blindness or visual impairments, as red is not an easily discernible color and the corner marking does not include a text-based alternative. The new handling markings establish clear information hierarchy and sets handling expectations up front. The association of the text with the stripe icons provides an additional way through which a reader with visual impairments can determine the required handling of the content.

Thank you!

(b)(3) CIA



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