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Intelligence Panel Expanded by Ford

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President Ford announced yesterday that he is expanding his Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 10 to 17 members and two former Cabinet officers, John B. Connally and Melvin R. Laird, will serve on the panel.

In a statement, Mr. Ford said he was expanding the panel as part of his overhaul of the Central Intelligence Agency and other intelligence-gathering agencies. Mr. Ford said New York economist Leo Cherne will serve as board chairman.

"My actions were designed to achieve two objectives," the President said. "First, to ensure that we have the best possible information on which to base our policies to other nations. Second, to ensure our foreign intelligence agencies do not infringe on the rights of American citizens."

Connally is a former Treasury Secretary and Laird formally served as Defense Secretary.

Connally had served on

the board but resigned last year while he was on trial on bribery allegations. He was acquitted.

Mr. Ford also announced that he was appointing to the panel for the first time former Rep. Leslie C. Arends (R-Ill.); former Army Secretary Stephen Ailes; Washington lawyer Edward Bennett Williams, a prominent Democrat; broadcast executive Gordon Gray; retired Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer; former diplomat Robert D. Murphy, and William J. Casey, a Washington lawyer.

Reappointed to the board were former Ambassador Clare Booth Luce; retired Adm. George W. Anderson; atomic scientist Edward Teller; Edwin H. Land, chairman of the board of the Polaroid Corp.; Robert W. Galvin, chairman of the board, Motorola Inc.; John S. Foster Jr., vice president TRW Inc., and Energy Systems Group; and William O. Baker, president, Bell Telephone Laboratories.