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Subject: Re: ONI Compliance with the JFK Act
From: Ron Haron/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Jim Goslee/ARRBFrom: Douglas Horne/ARRBDate: 06/08/98 08:51:39 AMSubject: Re: ONI Compliance with the JFK ActRon, perhaps I should explain this in another way:The 25,000 boxes are not germane to the issue. Here's why:-ONI's mission is, for example, to figure out where enemy ships, airplanes and other targets are located;-To then assist tactical forces in targeting information;-To then assist in post-mission damage assessment (such as the "BDA" you saw discussed so frequently during the Gulf War);-Therefore, I suspect that record group 289 contains such "non-germane" (to the JFK Act) material. We were informed by Pike that the defector records were found in there by accident--and shouldn't have been there. (So, asking for 135s would have been of no use in finding them.)-The Head of ONI wore another hat as "N2" on the CNO's staff--his Chief of Staff for Intelligence...same as "G2" for the Army. Thus, his own correspondence records, ONI is telling us, should be found in the OPNAV (CNO) files, RG 38. It all makes sense to me. I will call OPNAV this week.It does not make sense to me to tell LCDR Bastien that we do not believe him regarding what is or is not generically in his own record group, RG 289. Everything he has told us so far about ONI and NCIS and their division of responsibilities has panned out as correct.The 25,000 boxes not completely searched are not completely searched under EO 12958, not the JFK Act.I repeat, I have received assurances (from Pike and Doolittle) and have every reason to believe that LCDR Pike and LCDR Doolittle made responsive searches to all JFK Act-related areas, as specified by us and by the CNO (in response to our letters to DOD).Whether LCDR Bastien can reconstruct, after their departure, their search methodology down to a gnat's breath, is doubtful. But my letter to him records for posterity what Pike and Doolittle told Barger, Masih, Wray and I about their searches, and I am satisfied.I am finished with my efforts with LCDR Bastien--I now have to concentrate on the huge box of Federal Records he gave me, and prepare for their review at the next declass. session. ENDTo: Douglas Horne/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Jim Goslee/ARRBFrom: Ron Haron/ARRBDate: 06/05/98 06:31:39 PMSubject: Re: ONI Compliance with the JFK ActDoug -- I appreciate your point that ONI has searched what we have targeted them to search. However, ONI itself says that its search "remain[s] incomplete" with respect to 25,000 archival boxes in the Washington area. The Final Declaration thus suggests that there is a large body of RG289 (ONI) records that have not yet been looked at, inventoried, or screened at all. It seems to me we need some assurance that they do (or did) some kind of screening of these files (e.g., by reviewing the SF-135 forms). As it now stands, it is unclear whether ONI made any preliminary determination as to the general identity or subject matter of these ONI records (including whether these records might contain files of the ONI Director). If, however, ONI actually did
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