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MEETING REPORT DOCUMENTS AUTHOR: CHRISTOPHER BARGER/ARRB Date Created: 03/11/97 Meeting Logistics
Date: 03/11/97 Agency Name: Department of the Navy-- Office of Naval Intelligence Attendees: LCDR Terri
Pike, LCDR Paul Doolittle, CAPT Wayne Pelaec (pronounced "Puh-LAY-us"), LCDR Rick Bastein, ONI, Tim Wray,
Christopher Barger, Joseph Masih, ARRB Topic: Initial Meeting and Report of Progress Summary of the Meeting
On March 11, 1997, ARRB staff met with the ONI team responsible for heading the search for records under
the JFK Act. This team is directed by Lieut. Cmdr. Terri Pike; LCDR Doolittle works in the ONI FOIA office; Pike
reports to Capt. Pelaec; LCDR Bastein is the JAG. For reasons not entirely clear to either the ONI team or the
ARRB staff, the tasking for this project only trickled down to them on Friday, March 7, 1997. They were a little
confused as to why they were only being tasked with this now, but expressed a willingness to do everything
they possibly could to achieve the objectives of the Act. Wray began by giving the ONI team an overview of the
Act, the factors which led to its passage, and the process as it has gone down so far, including what work has
been done with the Navy and NCIS. Pike then presented us a small written briefing package detailing what
they had identified that they are required to do, and the process they will use to go about the review. She
noted that their first priority was to identify the records collections they need to search, then determining
the physical location of the records. Most of these will be at Suitland, she said, but there will others located in
district offices around the country, in locations like Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, New Orleans, St. Louis and
Boston. They have also identified a need to determine standard subject identification codes which should cause
a document to be searched, and she concluded by detailing the records disposition procedures within
ONI. Despite the fact that they had only learned of this tasking on Friday, they had located and designated
approximately 125 cubic feet of documents that directly relate to subjects we mentioned in our letter to the
Navy. These will be reviewed page-by-page. She anticipated being able to complete the review by the stated
deadline set by the Navy and ARRB of April 30, 1997. In addition, she said that ONI had identified about 950
cubic feet, or approximately 2.4 million pages, of records which might be related to the topics we were
interested in, but that we had not specifically mentioned. These, she said, they would like to review page-by-
page as well, with the reviewers given a "clue sheet" as to which topics or subjects to look for. She told us that
it would take approximately six months to complete this review, which we were amenable to. At the
conclusion of this process, ONI will make available to us a documentation of their process, which records were
searched, and the names of persons involved in the review, should we choose to contact or interview any of
them. They undersatnd the importance of documenting this process and having a record of everything they
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