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Date: 04/21/97 Agency Name: Department of the Navy-- Office of Naval Intelligence Attendees: Terri Pike, Paul Doolittle, Doug Horne, Christopher Barger, Joe Masih Topic: Follow-up/progress report Summary of the Meeting The ARRB Military team met with LCDR Terri Pike and LCDR Paul Doolittle of the ONI records team on Monday, April 21. The purpose of this meeting was threefold: to check on the progress made by the ONI team reviewing records; to have the ARRB military team review several records that ONI thought merited our attention; and to allow Doug Horne to meet LCDRs Pike and Doolittle. Pike began by informing us that ONI has completed their review of the first 123 cubic feet of records (those specifically requested by ARRB). They are in the process of writing a summary of what their review revealed, and which records were checked; this review is forthcoming and should be delivered to ARRB around April 30. This review apparently turned up very little in the way of records ARRB listed as relevant; however, they are aware of our need to document negative result, so they have documented their search. There were no records in the way of "operational details" such as changes in alert status; these, Pike suggested, might be found in OPNAV records. [Ed. note: ARRB staff can confirm that records of this sort have been seen in other records groups, such as PTC records.] ONI retained about .8 cubic feet of records that they believed matched our criteria. These had to do with active US military defectors to the Communist Bloc. There are records dealing with general policy regarding such incidents, and examples of what was done when other Navy or USMC personnel defected. Most interesting is a log book listing US active Navy defectors by year. Lee Oswald's name does not appear on the 1959 list; both ONI and ARRB staff agree that this is most likely due to the fact that Oswald was not active duty at the time of his defection. There are a total of 18 folders of material which ONI has determined should go into the JFK collection and have earmarked for delivery to us. (Note: they are currently negotiating a procedure whereby they can deliver the original documents, not photocopies, to us. They would just as soon that these records be taken care of and taken out of their hands as soon as possible.) They expect that these records will be boxed and delivered to us within 2-4 weeks. Pike explained that most of the relevant records they found were discovered by "accident;" that is to say, they were misfiled in boxes outside of where they should have been. This is important for two reasons: 1) had they been filed where they "should" have been, they would have been routinely destroyed by this point; and 2) as they continue their review of the approximately 900 cu. ft. of records they have self-identified, they expect that they might well continue to discover records of interest to us. To document her point that most records were routinely destroyed, Pike gave us a photocopy of one page

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