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Summary of the Meeting On Wednesday, March 25, 1998 Doug Horne and Kim Herd met at NCIS in the Navy Yard (BLDG 111--the "Forge Building")--with Jean Conover (Information/Privacy Act Coordinator) and Henry Persons (Records Management Officer). Jean Conover had the corporate knowledge about DIO/NIS/NCIS matters extending back to 1964; and although Henry Persons has spent most of his career with the Army (and not with NCIS), he personally participated in, and was cognizant of, records searches conducted in 1996 in response to the JFK Act. First, Kim Herd passed 9 Warren Commission records (circa 1963) to Jean Conover for declassification review--the same records ONI had recently refused to review--and they were all reviewed immediately and stamped open in full. Next, Ms. Herd and I discussed ONI and NCIS record groups with Mr. Persons and Ms. Conover. I told them both that I was cognizant of the Assassination Records Review Certification they had both signed, dated 30 April 1997, and submitted to Navy OGC, but that in terms of what record groups had been searched, the precise meaning of that document was somewhat obscure to me. Mr. Persons was eager to explain which record groups he had searched in 1996, and gave me specific answers to my questions. First, I asked him which part of the Navy should search for DIO records for the period 1959-1964 (including 119 reports)--ONI, or NCIS? He told me that in 1996 he personally, and his group within NCIS, had conducted those searches within RG 181 as part of a larger, E.O. 12958 effort within that same record group, with negative results. Second, I asked him which part of the Navy should search RG 38 (CNO) for correspondence of the Director, Naval Intelligence for the period 1959-1964, and he said that his NCIS group has also conducted that search during 1996 as part of a larger, E.O. 12958 effort. [The categories I specifically asked about in regard to DIO records were records of the Dallas office from Oct 59-Sep 64; the New Orleans office from Apr-Dec 63; and the San Diego office from Oct 59-Jun 60. He confirmed that ALL materials from those offices from 59-64 were part of his search criteria, as long as they pertained to LHO's defection, LHO as accused assassin, Jack Ruby, or Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit.] Mr. Persons provided a lead within NARA whom he designated as the "expert" on Navy Records, a Mr. Dick McKay, at (301) 713-7110, X236. He said Mr. McKay's title is "Appraisal Archivist." Next, Mr. Persons provided us with copies of two SF 258s documenting information related to the Kennedy assassination (or Kennedy administration) that NCIS had transferred to NARA on November 18, 1987, and February 16, 1994. These photocopies are appended to Record

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