

April 13, 2017

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Re: Assassination Records Review Board Request for Additional Information and
Records No. DIA-2

Dear Ms. Winner:

This is our second request for additional information, pursuant to the same authority as outlined in our letter of July 2, 1997, identified as "DIA-1." The Assassination Records Review Board hereby requests that the Defense Intelligence Agency locate any and all records relating to its work in assisting then Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara in responding to a written request from Chairman Earl Warren of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

Background: On September 10, 1964 Chairman Earl Warren of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the "Warren Commission") signed out a letter to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara requesting from him an affidavit which would respond to the issue of whether or not accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had ever been an informant or agent of any military intelligence agency (attachment 1). On September 21, 1964 Secretary of Defense McNamara signed out a reply to Earl Warren which forwarded an affidavit of the same date which certified, under oath, that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an informant or agent of any intelligence agency under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (attachment 2). Four days prior to the issuance of Secretary McNamara's response, the Defense Intelligence Agency, apparently acting in its capacity as the intelligence arm of the Secretary of Defense, on September 17, 1964 had issued a request for information to the 3 Service Secretaries soliciting information upon which Secretary McNamara could base his reply to the Warren Commission (attachment 3). On September 19, 1964 the Army's ACOS for Intelligence responded to the Director of the DIA (attachment 4), and on

September 21, 1964 the Director of ONI responded to the Director of the DIA (attachment 5). The ARRB is not aware of any extant response from the U.S. Air Force to DIA's inquiry, nor are we aware of the manner of transmission of the replies received by DIA to the Secretary of Defense. [Examination of the Warren Report and its accompanying exhibits indicates that Secretary McNamara provided only the Army's response to DIA's tasking as an enclosure in his reply to Chairman Warren. Possibly ONI's response, dated the same day as McNamara's, arrived too late at DIA to be included in McNamara's letter as an enclosure. It is not known whether the Air Force responded to DIA or not; nor is it known whether DIA ever forwarded ONI's response, or any Air Force response, to the Secretary of Defense.]

Requested Action: Accordingly, the Review Board requests that DIA attempt to locate all documents related to this matter and provide them to the ARRB for review and subsequent inclusion in the JFK Collection at NARA. [I should point out that the DIA tasking letter of September 17, 1964 and the ONI response dated September 21, 1964 were both recently provided to the Review Board by the Navy following its search of SECNAV files for assassination records, and the Army's response was published among the Warren Report's exhibits as CE 3138.] Included in the records we are searching for are not only formal correspondence between the Director of DIA and the respective Service Secretaries and the heads of their intelligence arms, but internal office memoranda within DIA, memoranda for the record, and even notes of telephone conversations, if such records exist. The Review Board's goal is to reconstruct, to the most complete extent possible, the record of how Secretary McNamara's response to the Warren Commission was formulated, and upon what it was based. We will, of course, be directly contacting OSD and the Air Force about this matter also, but since DIA was the originator of the tasking to the Service Secretaries on September 17, 1964, we are approaching DIA as our primary source for documents related to its request of September 17, the replies received, and the manner in which the replies were transmitted to Secretary of Defense McNamara.

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Sincerely,

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