

## Chronology of Key Events in ARRB-ONI Interface (As of Jan 29, 1998)

- 14 Nov 1995 Navy OGC forwards earlier OGC memo of 9 Nov, 1995 (and its enclosures, DOD General Counsel memo of 9 Nov 1995, and ARRB letter of 26 Oct 1995) to ONI for action.
- 27 Nov 1995 Director, ONI responds to CNO (N09BL) by letter, stating that the Office of Naval Intelligence holds no records responsive to the tasking of 14 Nov 1995.
- 25 Feb 1997 Navy OGC repromulgates tasking to search for assassination records to major components of the Navy, using enhanced guidelines from the ARRB.
- 28 Feb 1997 CNO (09BL) forwards Navy OGC memo of 25 Feb 1997 to ONI for action.
- 11 Mar 1997 ARRB staffers Wray, Barger and Masih meet with CAPT Pelaez, LCDR Bastien and LCDR Pike of ONI and discuss JFK Records Act and its requirements; LCDR Pike identifies ONI action taken and intended searches. Intended searches would begin in Suitland at the Federal Records Center, but would later include district offices within CONUS. (ARRB Meeting Report and 4-page handout distributed by LCDR Pike memorialize the results of this meeting.)
- 21 Apr 1997 ARRB staffers Horne, Barger and Masih meet with LCDR Pike and LCDR Doolittle of ONI. LCDR Pike stated that review of the first 123 cubic feet of ONI records had been completed, and that as a result .8 cubic feet of records (18 distinct files) on defectors had been identified as responsive to the CNO tasking; these records were presented to ARRB staffers at the meeting for cursory review. Completion of declassification review and delivery of the original records to the ARRB was tentatively promised within 2-4 weeks. LCDR Pike also mentioned that approx. 950 cubic feet of additional records had been identified which *might be* responsive to the topics the ARRB was interested in, and said that review of this material would take approximately 6 months. (ARRB Meeting Report memorializes the results of this meeting.)
- 23 Apr 1997 LCDR Bastien signs out ONI letter to CNO (09BL) in response to CNO's 28 Feb tasking, forwarding LCDR Pike memo of 22 Apr detailing both ONI's completed, and intended, records searches. Search of the initial 123 cubic feet of records was listed as completed; LCDR Pike further stated that ONI remained responsible for searching an additional 950 cubic feet of records located in Suitland, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco, and stated those searches were scheduled for completion during fiscal year 97.
- 12 May 1997 LCDR Pike faxes LCDR Bastien's letter to CNO of 23 Apr to the ARRB; the cover sheet for her fax indicated that she had finished declassification review of the .8 cubic feet of defector records, and had prepared a page-by-page index

- of same. She indicated that transmittal of these documents would occur in the near future.
- 14 May 1997 ARRB staffer Chris Barger sent fax to LCDR Pike explaining the statutory requirement in the JFK Act to prepare RIFs (Record Identification Forms) for each assassination record in accordance with a standard software format prepared by NARA. ARRB offered to obtain required software for ONI from NARA.
- 6 June 1997 ARRB mails RIF software disks to LCDR Pike, so that .8 cubic feet of defector files can be RIFed prior to transmission to the ARRB.
- 2 June 1997 ARRB staffer Ron Haron sends letter to Navy OGC (Lt. Col. Finnie, USMC) memorializing results of 19 May meeting between ARRB staff and Navy OGC regarding Navy-wide compliance with JFK Act. This letter formally transmitted ARRB's expectation of receipt of the .8 cubic feet of ONI records on defectors, and ARRB's request that ONI find and search the files of the ONI Director at both the time of Oswald's defection (1959-1960), and at the time of the Warren Commission (1963-64), for assassination-related material.
- 19 Aug 1997 ARRB staffer Doug Horne called Terri Pike and requested that ONI look for "119 Reports" covering an alleged ONI investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's October, 1959 defection to the Soviet Union. LCDR Pike accepted the tasking, but ARRB never received any feedback on its results. (ARRB Meeting Report of 16 Sep 1997 interview with retired NIS investigator Fred Reeves memorializes in detail the rationale for this search request.)
- 3 Dec 1997 Navy OGC submitted Final Department of the Navy Statement of Compliance to the ARRB, less ONI; Final Statement of Compliance for ONI was promised at a later date, pending completion of ONI efforts.
- 8 Jan 1998 ARRB wrote letter to Navy OGC requesting meeting with ONI to discuss program status.
- 29 Jan 1998 Present meeting between ARRB staff (Doug Horne and Jim Goslee) and ONI (LCDR Bastien)