

ARRB Requests (As of Jan 29, 1998)

- I. The ARRB desires to ensure that ONI records searches have included the categories in attachment 1 (the Navy OGC memo dated 25 February, 1997) highlighted by red arrows, namely: paragraphs 2b., 2e., 2f., 2k., 3e., 3i., 3j., and 3p.
- II. The ARRB requests that ONI conduct an agency-wide search for records related to any investigation that may have been conducted by ONI or NIS into the October 1959 defection of former Marine Lee Harvey Oswald to the USSR; such records would include OPNAV forms 5520-152 ("152s"), OPNAV forms 5520-119 ("119s"), and any final reports, or conclusions, that may have been generated as a result of such an investigation. This search should include the existing files from the office of the Director of Naval Intelligence during the period 1959-1960. (See attachment 2 for supporting rationale.)
- III. The Secretariat of the Navy recently located a memorandum from the Director, ONI (Rear Admiral Rufus Taylor) to the Director, DIA dated 21 Sep 1964, which forwards an affidavit from Rufus Taylor certifying that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was never utilized as an agent or informant for the Office of Naval Intelligence. (This document, and associated documentation from outside of ONI, is provided here as attachment 3.) The ARRB requests that ONI conduct a search of existing files of the Director, ONI for the calendar years 1963-1964 for any documentation internal to ONI which would reflect on the process by which Director Taylor's was able to render this key finding.
- IV. The Secretariat of the Navy also located a memorandum from RADM Taylor to SECNAV, dated 16 April, 1964, which forwarded to Under Secretary Paul Fay a proposed memorandum for his signature, answering certain questions posed by the Warren Commission. (This document, and associated documentation from outside of ONI, is provided here as attachment 4.) This is provided as further evidence that the Director, ONI was from time to time engaged in contact with the Warren Commission in a manner that generated records. Any additional such records that can be located by ONI for the 1963-64 period would be valuable additions to the JFK Records Collection at the National Archives.
- V. Finally, attachment 5 forwards yet another document generated by Rufus Taylor, in this case a memo to the CNO, Admiral McDonald, dated 27 Nov 1963. (This record is from the "ONI" file placed in the Archives in 1993 by the NCIS.) The first line of the text indicates that there was an ONI office in Dallas, Texas. The ARRB requests that ONI conduct an agency-wide search for assassination-related records from its Dallas field office for the period 1962-1964, inclusive; search criteria should include not only obvious subjects such as Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby, but also the broad range of criteria set forth in the 25 Feb 1997 tasking memo generated by Navy OGC.

