

July 7, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Finnie, USMC  
Office of the General Counsel  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Re: Assassination Records Review Board Request for Additional Information  
and Records No. Navy -1 (ONI Information)

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Dear Colonel Finnie:

The Assassination Records Review Board ("Review Board") hereby requests additional information relating to Office of Naval Intelligence ("ONI") records from 1957 to 1964. This information is being requested to assist the Board in accounting for certain ONI record categories that may be relevant to the assassination. While we recognize ONI's current efforts to locate assassination-related records, the Review Board requires further information about ONI records beyond that set forth in ONI's April 23, 1997 initial report regarding its search for assassination records.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, we hereby request:

- (1) that you identify the location of all records related to any Naval intelligence operations that

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<sup>1</sup> The Assassination Records Review Board **may** will be sending to you, as the JFK Act Compliance Official for the Department of the Navy, **other** requests for additional information and records to facilitate the completion of the Board's responsibility of assembling the most complete record possible of the assassination of President Kennedy. Under the JFK Act, we are empowered to request additional information and records from government agencies to assist us in this process. *See* 44 U.S.C. § 2107.7 (j) (1)(C)(ii). *See also* 36 C.F.R. 1400.2. Any records that we **may** request under this provision do not automatically become "assassination records," nor will they necessarily be included in the JFK Collection in the National Archives. We will be numbering **any such** these requests for additional information as "Navy-1," "Navy-2," etc., in order to help track our requests and your responses to them.

may have been conducted in (or through) Moscow or Minsk, USSR, between 1959-1962 (based on our review of ONI's April 23, 1997 initial report, it does not appear that any such records have been located or accounted for);

(2) the names and identifiers for persons who had knowledge of such operations or activities during the time period cited, including the identities of any Naval intelligence personnel stationed or present in Moscow or Minsk between 1959 and 1962 and the identities of all ONI personnel in the U.S. with responsibility for any intelligence operations in the USSR between 1959 and 1962;

(3) that you identify the location of the records of the Director of ONI from from 1959 to 1964 (again, based on our review of ONI's April 23, 1997 initial report, it does not appear that these records have been located or accounted for);

(4) the name of a person (or persons) within ONI today who is most familiar with both ONI activities and records from for the time period 19567-1964. (Areas of interest include U-2 operations out of Atsugi, Japan; any records of a possible damage control assessment after Oswald's 1959 defection, or a possible investigation of Oswald after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963; any intelligence or counterintelligence operation in Japan involving U.S. servicemen during 1957 and 1958; any operations involving military or civilian personnel in Eastern Bloc countries in the 19567-64 period; and any ONI "false defector" program designed to plant pretended defectors in the USSR during the 19567-64 period, if there were such a program or operation).

(5) the identities of all individuals (and their current addresses if alive) who were on the staffs of Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Director of ONI at the time of the assassination, and Admiral McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations at the time of the assassination.

My designated point-of-contact for these matters is Mr. Douglas Horne (Chief Analyst for Military Records) or myself at (202) 724-0088.

Sincerely,

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for Research and Analysis

cc: LCDR, Florence T. Pike, ONI