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Subject: One J-Track project...
Yesterday at the meeting with ONI/NCIS, I asked specifically about the possibility of doing a search for something like "fake defectors." I explained the basis of our question, and told them that our source was unsure of the title. I asked Henry Persons if it was possible to do a subject search if we were unable to get a specific title. He said that he doubted it could be done without a specific title, as something like that, if it existed, would likely not have been labeled in such a way as to make them easily located. He was pretty sure we needed titles of programs to search. In a sense, this J-track task is completed, because all we wanted to do was ask ONI about this. Here is what I believe we need to do to follow this lead up. I believe the first and most obvious step is to recontact Monier and find out exactly what it would take to make him comfortable with talking to us, whether that is a letter from an aspect of ONI or DoD, or whether he wants us to come to him or him to come to us, and whether he would like to be subpoenaed. We tried this a few weeks ago, but Reno was in the midst of floods at that point, and he could not be reached then. Since that time, other things have come up which have supplanted this as priority for the military team. Understanding this, we should still do this as soon as we can. Where we go from there is a matter of preference. I suggest the following possible steps: 1. Formally interview Monier. We should see if he is willing to repeat the same story he told us before, and see if his memory has been jogged as to the name of the project. Without speculating as to the validity of his statements, it seems to me that once this issue has been raised, we had ought to at least follow it out to see where it leads. What we do with the information he gives us depends on what he tells us. 2. Peruse Monier's personnel file and identify units he was attached to. The purpose here would be to try and find out if there are any unit histories available for these units which might reference such a program, and also to obtain rosters of others in that unit. We could contact any colleagues of Monier's we locate to ask both if they remember similar activities, and also as to Monier's general reliability. If they tell us he was considered less than trustworthy, then we may wish to end this pursuit at that point. On the other hand, if he was considered a solid and honest person, then we might want to dig further. Also, we would then have corroboration from others that this program isn't a figment of someone's imagination. A charge made independently by more than one person is a far stronger lead than something from one person. 3. Depending on what Monier tells us, make a request of ONI/NCIS for a search. I should emphasize that Persons seemed very receptive and open to helping us wherever he could. If we could give him a specific thing to search for, I've no doubt that he would willingly do it. If Monier sticks with "Code 30" or gives us something else to work with, we could follow that up with Persons. On the other hand, if Monier can't give us any specifics, even if he seems credible, we won't
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