

A. CHRONOLOGY

10/18/39 Lee Harvey Oswald born in New Orleans.

10/1/45 Truman terminates OSS operations. Some OSS components sent to State, others to military. At this point Truman wants State to take lead in coordinating intelligence. Neither State nor military wants to cede intelligence responsibility to a third agency.¹

1/22/46 Truman creates a National Intelligence Authority (NIA) comprised of Secretaries of State, War, and Navy and President's representative. Under NIA would be a Central Intelligence Group headed by a DCI who would be responsible for coordinating intelligence. The CIG produced the first national intelligence estimate.²

1947 National Security Act creates CIA, JCS, NSC.

1950 CIA BLUEBIRD program is forerunner of MKULTRA; engaged in human experimentation. Under the control of the CIA Office of Security and Office of Scientific Intelligence. Name subsequently changed to ARTICHOKE.

6/50 CIA fails to predict North Korean invasion of South Korea.

10/50 Walter Bedell Smith becomes DCI. William Jackson becomes D/DCI.

1950-53 CIA undergoes reorganization.

-1952 DDI formed (includes ONE and ORR)

-1952 DDP³ formed (assuming functions of Policy Coordination and Special Operations)

1952 NSA created.

1953 MKULTRA officially launched. Under control of Technical Services Division of DDP.

1953 Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) established for the purpose of evaluating covert operations.⁴

¹Lowenthal, *U.S. Intelligence* 13-14.

²Lowenthal, *U.S. Intelligence* 15.

³Renamed DDO in 1973.

⁴Jeffreys-Jones, *CIA & American Democracy* 92. See 2/61.

1953CIA operations in Iran, Costa Rica.

1954CIA operation in Guatemala.

1954Dolittle Reports cites CIA for poor management. Eisenhower rejects findings.

1954Diem and Lansdale arrive in South Vietnam within one month of each other.⁵

1955Oswald association with David Ferrie in CAP?

3/55NSC 5412/1 establishes "Special Group" (or 54-12 Committee) with the stated task of authorizing covert operations.⁶

1956Berlin Tunnel becomes known.

6/56First U-2 flight.

10/24/56Oswald joins Marines.

10/31/56Suez Crisis begins.

1957Diem becomes Chief of State in South Vietnam.

1957Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) at State reorganized to integrate production and collection.

9/12/57-11/2/58Oswald stationed in Japan. His unit is temporarily based in Taiwan and Philippines during this period.

10/4/57Sputnik I launched.

⁵Newman, *JFK and Vietnam* 25.

⁶Jeffreys-Jones, *CIA and American Democracy* 92.