Lieutenant Colonel Mike Finnie, USMC Office of General Counsel 1000 Navy Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Re: Department of the Navy Compliance with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Colonel Finnie:

In your letter of December 3, 1997, you confirmed the present understanding between the ARRB and the Department of the Navy that a Final Statement of Compliance from ONI will be forthcoming at a later date, separate from the Navy's Final Statement of Compliance submitted on December 3, 1997.

To assist us in completing our ongoing evaluation of ONI efforts, we request that you facilitate setting up a working meeting between ARRB staff and the ONI official most knowledgeable about ONI records management. Specifically, we are interested in learning about the different types of ONI records and their disposition protocols, and the locations where records from the late 1950s and early 1960s are presently archived. During this meeting we should also be able to pursue some specific issue-related questions pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald, and establish a new management level direct point-of-contact with ONI.

Mr. Jim Goslee, a Senior Analyst with the Review Board staff, and I look forward to meeting with the appropriate ONI official to gain a better understanding of ONI records management and retention policy. We request that you arrange this meeting for the week of January 26-30, 1998, if possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088 regarding the details of setting up such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne Chief Analyst for Military Records