

July 8, 1997

RE: Letter to Navy

Jeremy & Doug--

After speaking with Doug and Chris, I took another look at the letter to Finnie.

Attached is a new proposed draft. It is the original letter, but added text is in **bold** and deleted text is crossed out so you can see exactly what I would change. Most of the changes are additions.

Basically, I wanted to accomplish the following:

1. Minimize the appearance that we are commencing discovery at this late date (hence, I moved the intro paragraph to a footnote).
2. Explain this request in light of what ONI has done to date.
3. Request that Navy locate records of the ONI Director for 1959-64.
4. Request that we be provided with the names of the people on the staffs of the ONI Director and the Chief of Naval Operations at the time of the assassination. (I think these people are likely to have the substantive knowledge about ONI and its records that we are seeking; presumably, someone on their staffs would have knowledge about any intelligence operations in USSR or any reports re Oswald).

---Ron