

June 28, 2017

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Re: Assassination Records Review Board Request for Additional Information and
Records No. DIA-2 (McNamara affidavit supporting documentation)

Dear Ms. Winner:

The Assassination Records Review Board requests that DIA conduct a thorough search of its records to locate all documentation relating to an affidavit signed by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara on September 21, 1964 (*see* Attachment A).¹

Background: On September 10, 1964, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Chairman of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the "Warren Commission"), sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara requesting an affidavit that would address the question whether accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had ever been an informant or agent of any military intelligence agency (*see* Attachment B). On September 17, 1964, DIA issued a request for information to the three Service Secretaries requesting information upon which Secretary McNamara could base his reply to the Warren Commission (*see* Attachment C). On September 19, 1964, the Army's ACOS for Intelligence responded to the Director of the DIA (*see* Attachment D), and on September 21, 1964 the Director of ONI responded to the Director of the DIA (*see* attachment E). On September 21, Secretary McNamara responded to Justice Warren's request and forwarded an affidavit of the same date that certified that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an informant or agent of any intelligence agency under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (Attachment A).

¹This is our second request for additional information, pursuant to the same authority as outlined in our letter of July 2, 1997.

The ARRB is not aware of any extant response from the U.S. Air Force to DIA's inquiry, nor are we aware of the manner of transmission of the replies received by DIA to the Secretary of Defense.²

Requested Action: The Review Board requests that DIA attempt to locate all documents related to this matter and provide them to the ARRB for review. Included in the records for which we are searching are not only the formal correspondence between the Director of DIA and the respective Service Secretaries and the heads of their intelligence arms, but all internal office memoranda within DIA, memoranda for the record, and even notes of telephone conversations, if such records exist. The Review Board's goal is to reconstruct, to the greatest extent possible, the record supporting Secretary McNamara's response to the Warren Commission. We will, of course, also be contacting directly OSD and the Air Force about this matter. However, since DIA originated the tasking to the Service Secretaries on September 17, 1964, we are approaching DIA as our primary source for documents related to its request of September 17, the replies received, and the manner in which the replies were transmitted to Secretary of Defense McNamara.

²The DIA tasking letter of September 17, 1964, and the ONI response dated September 21, 1964, were both recently provided to the Review Board by the Navy following its search of SECNAV files for assassination records; the Army's response was published among the Warren Report's exhibits, along with Secretary McNamara's affidavit, as CE 3138.

We have examined the Warren Report and its accompanying exhibits, and have identified only the Army's response to DIA's tasking as an enclosure to Secretary McNamara's reply to Justice Warren. It is possible that ONI's response, dated the same day as McNamara's, arrived too late at DIA to be included in Secretary McNamara's letter as an enclosure. It is not known whether the Air Force responded to DIA or not; nor is it known whether DIA ever forwarded ONI's response, or any Air Force response, to the Secretary of Defense.

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Enclosures