

Response by Earl Richey:

1. Dates of your employment: My employment was from March 2, 1952 until February 29, 1980, in Chicago, Great Lakes, San Diego, and Headquarters.
2. Dates you were in the position of Director: I was Deputy Director from 1976 until my retirement.
3. Your title as the top civilian leader: Deputy Director.
4. Your pay grade: As Deputy Director I was an SES level 4. I should note that at that time I was actually on the OPNAV payroll as Special Asst. to the DNI for counter intelligence matters, with additional duty as Deputy Director, NIS. This was a fiction created because since NIS was not a major claimant OPM would not authorize any super grades. My only contact with ONI was to attend occasional staff meetings.
5. Name and grade of your military counterpart: Directors during that period were John Edwards, Barney Martin, Lew Connell and Jerry Soriano, all Captains, USN.
6. Name(s) of the organization during your tenure: The organization was referred to as ONI until 1966 when it became NIS.
7. Your biggest challenges during your tenure: Our biggest challenges were always money and personnel. Although the situation slowly began to improve, there was never enough of either to properly fulfill our mission.
8. What was the size of the budget? I believe between \$12 – \$15M
9. What are your proudest accomplishments? I am proudest that despite the foregoing challenges we were able to continue the development of a force of professional investigators, a process begun by my predecessor, Jack Lynch, and continued until today. NCIS is rightly considered to be tops in its field.
10. Where was the headquarters located? Hoffman Building, Arlington, VA.
11. What was the size of the organization? 1200 to 1500 Special Agents plus professional support staff.
12. What was the most important case the agency conducted during your tenure? The espionage case code-named 'Lemonade' at Lakehurst, NJ worked out of the New York office.
13. Additional information you believe should be included: NA
14. What are you doing now? After retirement, I spent over 20 years buying, selling and repairing antique

clocks, especially high-grade ships clocks. Until 2004 I had a shop in Annandale, Va., and an active web site business. Since May 2005 I have been completely retired.