

Response on behalf of Charles R. “Dick” Wilson:

In that former Associate Director Wilson is deceased, we used an article prepared by former SA Blair Gluba who drew on, among other things, biographical data he obtained from a 1988 interview of former Associate Director for NIS, Mr. John W. (Jack) Lynch. ONI Special Agent credential number 001 was issued to Charles R. ‘Dick’ Wilson on April 2, 1952 at the time credentials and badges were changed and standardized by the Office of Naval Intelligence. Prior to that time, there had been several different types and styles of credentials and badges issued both by ONI Headquarters and the various District Intelligence Offices (now our NISROs). Mr. Wilson was born in Washington, DC in 1910 and graduated from the National Law School (now George Washington University School of Law) in the late 1930’s. At that time, Mr. Wilson was employed as a clerk by the FBI and in about 1940 became the personal secretary to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Circa 1939, Mr. Wilson was commissioned in the Naval Reserve as an IV(s) (now 1630 intelligence officer) and at the beginning of WWII entered on active duty at ONI Headquarters in Washington, DC. After WWII, Mr. Wilson became a member of the small cadre of civilian professionals who were retained at ONI to form our modern day NIS Special Agent corps. He was a Commander at the time of his civilian employment and began his career as a regular civil service employee and the head of ONI OP-921 (Investigations Branch). Mr. Wilson was highly respected both within the Department of the Navy and the federal investigative community for his professionalism and dedication to national security. He saw the organization through the difficult and formative years of our ‘youth’ and retired on May 1, 1966, shortly after the establishment of the NIS. Mr. Wilson retired as the Associate Director (senior civilian position of NIS at the time) to a home in the Northern Neck of Virginia where he passed away in July 1980. The Special Agent corps of today owes a debt of gratitude to Dick Wilson for his dedication and hard work, which led to the establishment of the modern NIS.