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Subject: Re: ONI/NIS/NCIS FIREARMS
 Jon,

Thanks for asking on this endeavor.

The following are suggestions for ONI/NIS/NCIS firearms and related equipment. Note those marked with an asterisk (*) are the most representative:

WWII: Model 1911 or 1911-A1 .45 semi automatic pistol*
 Colt Detective Special Revolver - 2" barrel*
 Model 1928 Thompson sub machinegun*

Transition WWII - 1965: Various .38 Special revolvers - Colt and Smith & Wesson (S&W) - S&W 2" Model 36 Chief Special Revolvers - 4" barrel Colt & S&W .38 special revolvers

1965 - beginning of standardization to S&W - S&W Model 19*, blue steel, 4" barrel, round butt .357 Magnum revolvers marked "ONI" on the left side of the frame under the cylinder window - and the S&W Model 36, 2" barrel, blue steel, Chief's Special .38 .38 special revolver*

1970 - all special agents issued S&W Stainless Steel handcuffs* marked "NIS" followed by an inventory number

1975 - SA William E. Gray, Head, Training Division, standardized shotguns by calling in all shotguns of various makes and models and issuing Model 870 Remington Police Models* - dull finish, wood stocks with 18" barrels During OPERATION RED BLANKET (1981-82) many of these shotguns were modified to 14" barrels with folding stocks and sent to the protective service details (PPS) in Italy

At the same time UZI Sub Machineguns * were procured for PPS details and other high risk operations - this was the first time since WWII that sub guns were in the agency's inventory

1978 - 1979 - a search was undertaken for new issue revolver - stainless was preferred to ease maintenance - the final revolver selected was the Ruger Speed Six .357 Magnum Revolver" - this is a stainless steel, 3" barrel, round butt

east to carry and conceal

revolver - many of the old S&W Model 19 revolvers were pulled from service

1988 - 1989 - At the director J. Brian McKee we started a review to determine of semi-auto pistols should be issued to special agents and reserve agents - I headed this project and procured 50 Glock Model 19 pistols - most of which were sent to NISRO Philippines for duty test and evaluation - they were roundly liked -

1995(?) - Adoption of the SIG-SAUER Model 228 (M-11) 9MM pistol

Other history matters. The badge collection is most valuable as it contains several rare badges. The first is the "Star" badge - marked "Special Agent" and Aide for Information - WWI vintage and used by civilian special agents and ONI officers who functioned as collectors much like modern Naval Attaches. The small "shield" badge came to us via the NISRO Charleston - it came from an elderly gent (long deceased) who periodically called on to conduct investigations.

Another historical item of interest. I received a collection of items from the son of Rear Admiral Cecil Coggins which not only included several copies of the 1941 Manual For Investigations, numerous books on espionage, but also the Daily Deck Log (bound ledger) for ONI OP 921Y (us in 1941 - WWII). Mentioned in the log was the arrival/assignment of Commander Ina Fleming, Royal Navy ONI. Commander Fleming was assigned to the Psychological Warfare Section of the Code 40 (muck like our 0022 - or Natal Security Div). The head of the section was the noted author, Ladislav Farago, who went on to write several books about WWII espionage and the ONI breaking of the Japanese Naval codes under PROJECT PURPLE.

Jon, these are ramblings which are quick and dirty. I will begin a log of items which may be of interest and look forward to a sit down with you.

Thanks again for the courtesy of including me in this project.

Take care, be well and stay safe.

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> Jon,

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> I received the email from Bob Powers. I'll be pleased to assist on
> firearms, and other items (holsters, handcuffs, etc). I am involved in
> the NCISHQ tour and luncheon tomorrow and will get back to you Thursday
> - glad to help.

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