

CAPTAIN JOHN Q. EDWARDS, USN August 1970 - June 1973

Captain John Quincy Edwards, first came to NIS in 1967 as Commanding Officer, NISO San Francisco and served in that capacity until July 1969 when he was assigned duties as Deputy Director, NIS. He assumed duties as the Commander on 1 August 1970. Captain Edwards served as Commander during a time of organizational change and budget reductions. During this period, the Navy experienced dissidence, personnel unrest and a significant increase in certain criminal acts. Captain Edwards's aggressive pursuit of the mission and professional managerial and operational leadership overcame these factors and allowed for the maintenance of a first-rate investigative and counterintelligence organization. His key word was "Service" and he assured that it was provided whenever and wherever it was needed. He never lost sight of changing requirements and demonstrated the foresight and courage to develop and implement dynamic programs to meet these needs. He will be long remembered for developing new approaches to combating the high incidence of theft of naval property and of narcotics activity. Captain Edwards was especially aware of the needs of the fleet and expanded the agent afloat concept to provide afloat units with a full time professional investigative and counterintelligence capability.