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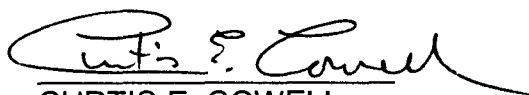
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# COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION

## CHAPTER I

### Lineage:

The Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA) was the repository for Air Force historical documents. The Air Force's historical collection began in Washington, D.C. during World War II (WW II). Dr. Albert F. Simpson served as the Air Force History Program's first historian from 1946 to 1969. Largely due to his efforts, the Air Force moved the USAF Air Historical Section (assigned to Headquarters (Hq) & Hq Squadron, Air University) to Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB) circa September 1949. The base was located in Alabama and was the site of Air University. Later, under the Air Force redesignation of Historical Research Division (HRD) and assigned to the 3825th Academic Services Group (ASG), the Division researched the historical collection for professional military education students, the faculty, visiting scholars, and the general public. On 15 May 1972, the Air Force redesignated the HRD to the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center (AFSHRC) as a named activity and assigned it to the 3825th Support Group (Academic), Air University. From 1972, the Office of Air Force History exercised operational control over the Center. On 1 July 1977, the Air Force inactivated the 3825th and reassigned the Center to the 3800th Air Base Wing, which exercised its administrative and logistic support.

On 25 May 1979, the Air Force constituted Hq AFSHRC as a Direct Reporting Unit (DRU) and assigned it to the USAF for activation, and on 1 July 1979, activated the Center. Also on 1 July 1979, Hq Air Training Command inactivated the AFSHRC (not to be confused with the newly activated Hq AFSHRC), reverted unit designation control to the Department of the Air Force and transferred its mission to the new Center. Eventually, Air Force agencies began to seek more and more support from the Center. The designation "Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center" became an anachronism, in that the name did not properly reflect the Center's role and mission in the Air Force. Its

role crystallized when the Air Force redesignated it as Hq United States Air Force Historical Research Center (Hq USAFHRC) on 1 December 1983, but the building housing the Center retained the name of Dr. Albert F. Simpson.

The Air Force changed the status of the Center from a DRU to a Field Operating Agency (FOA) of the United States Air Force on 5 February 1991, and the Air Force Historian, Hq USAF, provided technical direction and guidance to the Center. The Air Force redesignated the Center as Hq Air Force Historical Research Agency (Hq AFHRA) on 1 September 1991. During 2003, the 11th Wing, located at Bolling AFB, DC, exercised administrative and logistic support for the Center. Throughout 2003, the Agency remained assigned to Hq USAF as an FOA. The Agency continued to maintain a central archive, exceeding 100 million pages, of documents devoted to the history of the service, and it held the world's largest and most valuable organized collection of documents on U. S military aviation.

#### Mission:<sup>1</sup>

The Agency preserved Air Force history and provided data and analyses to support Headquarters Air Force and field commands. The Agency furnished information to all levels of the U.S. government and the general public. It also administered the lineage and heritage of Air Force organizations, provided manpower and historical support for contingency operations, prepared reference works, conducted an oral history program, and operated an Air Force-wide automated historical data system. In accomplishing its mission, the Agency:

- Collected, preserved, and managed the Air Force historical document collection, including periodic histories and supporting documents prepared by Air Force organizations, monographs, studies, reports, operational data, recorded interviews, personal papers of retired or deceased Air Force personnel, and other source materials.

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<sup>1</sup> AFMD 30 (U), "Air Force Historical Research Agency," 11 May 95, SD-1.

- Answered requests for historical information, from both government agencies and the general public.
- Operated classified and unclassified reading rooms, which provided patrons with ready access to source materials.
- Prepared books, monographs, research reports, studies, document collections, bibliographies, and other historical works about the U.S. Air Force and military aviation.
- Supported the professional military education programs of the Air University.
- Determined the lineage and honors of Air Force units and establishments.
- Verified combat credits of Air Force units and establishments.
- Confirmed the aerial victory credits of Air Force personnel.
- Maintained organizational record cards on all active, inactive, discontinued, and disbanded Air Force units and establishments.
- Prepared the Air Force Organizational Status Change Report (RCS: HAF-HO (M) 7401).
- Compiled and issued a semiannual list of active Air Force organizations.
- Advised manpower and organization offices at Headquarters United States Air Force (HQ USAF), major commands (MAJCOM), direct reporting units (DRU), and field operating agencies (FOA) on the selection of units and establishments activated or inactivated and related organizational matters.
- Maintained the records of the Air Force seal and flag and those of organizational emblems and flags. Reviewed, approved, and processed requests for new or changed emblems and provided Air Force guidance on heraldry.
- Reviewed classified holdings for downgrading or declassification in conjunction with the Secretary of the Air Force Administrative Assistant, Deputy for Security and Special Programs Oversight (SAF/AAZ) and Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Police, Information Security Division (USAF/SPI).
- Notified and advised the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and other holders of Air Force historical records about downgrading or declassification of material in the Agency collection.

- Microfilmed historical documentation and provided or sold copies to NARA, AFHRA/OL-A, Air Force field history offices, and public requesters.
- Operated and maintained the Inferential Retrieval Indexing System (IRIS) and related information system resources, which helped manage the Agency collection.
- Assigned, trained, and equipped Contingency Historical Information Preservation (CHIP) teams of historians and imagery production technicians for deployment during wartime or contingencies to record Air Force operations and retrieve combat data.
- Conducted and indexed oral history interviews (OHI) of current and former Air Force leaders and other knowledgeable people.
- Solicited, organized, and preserved the private papers of retired and deceased personnel of significance to the historical record of the Air Force.
- Provided the chairperson of the Air Force History Automation Committee and managed the acquisition of follow-on historical data automation systems for Air Force-wide application.
- Supported the USAF Historian Development School, Ira C. Eaker College for Professional Development (CPD), in the training of enlisted historians.

#### Organization:

The Agency<sup>2</sup> functioned as a field operating agency of the United States Air Force under the direct technical management and supervision of the Acting Air Force Historian, Dr. William H. Heimdahl and Director of Air Force History, Dr. Clarence R. Anderegg. Dr. Heimdahl, the Deputy Air Force Historian, became the acting Air Force Historian on 06 August 2002. In September 2003, Dr. Anderegg was appointed as permanent Director of Air Force History, a new title, and replaced Mr. Heimdahl.

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<sup>2</sup> Chart (U), "AFHRA Organizational Chart (as 31 Dec 03)," Appendix D.

Col Carol S. Sikes<sup>3</sup> served as the Agency Commander since 1 June 2003, when she replaced Col Dieter Barnes<sup>4</sup>, who commanded the Agency since 9 November 2001. Previous to this action, Colonel Sikes commanded the Air Force History Support Office (AFHSO), Washington, D.C. The Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Joseph H. Wehrle, Jr., nominated Colonel Sikes for the command of the Agency and the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen John P. Jumper, approved the nomination. Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, ordered the inactivation of the AFHSO, a field operating agency of the United States Air Force at Bolling AFB, D.C., on 1 June 2003. On the same date, Air Force Historical Research Agency Operating Location A (AFHRA/OL-A), activated at Bolling AFB, D.C., and the personnel, supply, equipment, organization documentation, and organizational funds of the inactivated AFHSO transferred over to OL-A. With the transfer of the AFHSO mission to the AFHRA/OL-A, the Agency continued to execute its core mission.<sup>5</sup>

Dr. Anderegg called a meeting for all personnel at the Agency on 17 December 2003. He was on his way to Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) headquarters later that afternoon and wanted to stop by the Agency to inform Agency personnel first-hand that he had decided to move the Agency commander position from Maxwell AFB, Alabama to Bolling AFB, D.C. He also announced that Dr. Fredrick J. Shaw, Jr., chief of the Agency's Research Division, would be the Acting Director of the Agency. Dr. Anderegg scheduled these actions to take place in January 2004.

As a tenant organization on Maxwell AFB, Alabama, the Agency shared Building 1405 with the Air University Library, located in the middle of Chennault

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<sup>3</sup> Bio (FOUO), "Biography - Colonel Carol S. Sikes," Jun 03, SD-2.

<sup>4</sup> Bio (FOUO), "Biography - Colonel Dieter Barnes," Nov 01, SD-3.

<sup>5</sup> Memo (U), DAF/DPM to AF/HO and AFHSO/CC, "Inactivation of the HQ Air Force History Support Office," 24 Apr 03, SD-4; SO GS-2 (U), HQ 11 W, 28 Apr 03, SD-5; and Memo (U), HQ USAF/CVA to Dist C, "Restructuring of the History FOAs," 16 Apr 03, SD-6.



Circle. It received support in the functional areas of base personnel, judge advocate, information management, supply, transportation, safety, and training through support agreements with Air University and/or the 42nd Air Base Wing. The 11th Wing, Washington, D.C., provided MAJCOM-level manpower and budget support. The Air Force Security Police Agency provided policy and guidance concerning the Agency's information and physical security programs and performed periodic staff assistance visits that ensured compliance. The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, provided final art work, embroidery manufacturing drawings, and flag drawings for USAF heraldry.<sup>6</sup>

Several key Agency members attended a meeting at Washington D.C. in August 2002. At this meeting General Wehrle indicated that the Agency should "rethink" its process, in particular the WW II Scanning Project, and accomplish an organization shift to support current operations and look to the future. He explained that the entire Scanning Project idea would digitize legacy data and send all paper to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to free up space for current documents. However, NARA had indicated that they would not take paper. He spoke of the change to a new Agency mission. Rather than taking the most ancient documents and working up to the present, the Agency would begin with the most current and go back from there. He directed digitization of the "most current" documents and documents that would best support commanders and planners in the current war on terror. The Agency would produce short, well researched documents for the Air Staff and Commander in Chiefs on current operations rather than lengthy time-consuming monographs of historical events 40 to 50 years ago. He gave examples of the strategic airlift in Afghanistan or what had happened since the attack on the World Trade Center. He asked where would the war on terror go in the future.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> AFMD 30 (U), "Air Force Historical Research Agency," 11 May 95, SD-1.

<sup>7</sup> Brfg (U), AF/CV, "Organization Shift to Support Current Operations," 10 Sep 02, SD-7.

The Agency would be responsible for a plan to put all digitization efforts under “one umbrella,” merging the microfilm, accessions, and WW II Scanning Project Agency personnel into one “team.” The Computer Operations Branch would perform RetrievalWare and IRIS inputs. The Research Division would develop a one-to-two year plan to determine what current documents had the most “bang for the buck,” and would support Commander in Chiefs (CINCs), commanders, and planners. It would also develop a prioritized listing of documents which should be digitized to support the current war on terror. The WW II Scanning Project Division would work with the Information Systems Division to develop a plan for what processes were necessary to move from legacy data to current operations digitization. This would require a complete change in “mind-set.” The Agency needed to shift from dwelling on the past to current operations.<sup>8</sup>

On 12 January 2003, the Agency executed the planned change of the direction of the Agency's focus and policy from history and heritage to current issues. The priorities changed to the most recent documents, primarily those related to current operations. This action affected the Agency's organizational structure. Of the five main functional areas of Research Division, Information Systems Division, WW II Scanning Project, Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program, and AFHRA/OL-A (Bolling AFB, DC); the Agency absorbed the WW II Scanning Project into the Information Systems Division, which decreased the Agency to four main functional areas. Although the Agency executed the changes planned in 2002, the plan was not fully implemented in 2003. In January, the Agency converted the Information Systems Division chief position to the Operations Liaison Officer position, and placed it in the command section. The Information Systems Division remained without a division chief throughout 2003. The plan at the closure of 2003 was to convert the Operations Liaison Office position to the civilian position of Agency Director. This plan would implement Dr. Anderegg's decision to transfer the active-duty Agency

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

Commander position to Bolling AFB, DC, and still have on-site Agency leadership under one person.<sup>9</sup>

The Accessions Branch, under the Information Systems Division, became responsible for all scanning. The Archives Branch under the Research Division became responsible for compiling and prioritizing lists of documents that were to be digitalized. The lists were mostly on categories of documents rather than the individual documents. The WW II Scanning Project, that originally been under Mr. Ronald W. Myers' management, morphed into a combination of scanning legacy and current documents. The Agency blended the project into regular Agency business and redesignated it as the Accessions Branch, Digitization Section.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Memo (U), HQ AFHRA/RSO to All AFHRA, "Change in AFHRA Policy," 16 Sep 02, SD-8 and Discussion (U), Mr. Ronald W. Myers, AFHRA/CC with CMSgt Curtis E. Cowell, AFHRA/RS, 26 Nov 03.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

## CHAPTER II

### INFORMATIONS SYSTEMS DIVISION

Mr. James M. Manderson managed the Information Systems Division until 13 January 2003 when he transferred to the position of AFHRA Operations Liaison Officer. The Division remained without a Division head for the remainder of 2003.

#### Accessions Branch

The Accessions Branch consisted of the Accessioning, Digitization, and Indexing sections. The branch chief, Ms. Carolyn A. Mandler, retired from the civil service on 31 May 2002 and the position remained vacant until 12 January 2003. On that date, the Agency appointed Mr. Ronald W. Myers to the position until 27 October 2003, when the Agency transferred him to the temporary appointment of AFHRA Operations Liaison Officer, replacing Mr. James M. Manderson, who retired in September 2003. Also on 27 October 2003, the Agency assigned Mr. Charles R. Anderson, from the Indexing Section, to replace Mr. Myers as the branch chief on a temporary appointment. Mr. Anderson managed the branch throughout the remainder of 2003.<sup>12</sup>

The Indexing Section arranged the records for inclusion into the stacks and wrote abstracts relating to each record. The Accessioning Section accessioned all new documents that came to the Agency and created the document records and maintained their intellectual control. Under the Digitization Section, the scanning personnel prepared documents for scanning and converted them for storage into IRIS II. The microfilm personnel, also part of the Digitization Section, processed requests for legacy microfilm and converted

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<sup>12</sup> Discussion (U), Mr. Ronald W. Myers, AFHRA/CC with CMSgt Curtis E. Cowell, AFHRA/RS, 26 Nov 03.

digital images to microfilm. The Agency transferred two permanent civilians, Ms Ann Crew and Ms Linda Alford, from the microfilm area to the scanning area. Mr. Myers and Ms. Malinda Massengale attended NARA's Archive Institute in January and February 2003. Following this, they migrated legacy multimedia material (film, video, audio) to digital video tape.<sup>13</sup>

The branch received, indexed, abstracted, scanned, digitized, and prepared documents for entry into the Agency's collection and automated databases. During 2003, the branch accessioned 1,063 documents into the Agency collection. This included 18.4 gigabytes (GB), 3,565 folders, 15,546 files, and 42 compact disks. This included cataloging and abstracting 3,053 documents, and scanning and digitizing 85,841 pages. The branch loaded 6,562 unclassified database documents into the IRIS II system. Also, in response to official and unofficial request, the Microfilm Section duplicated and processed 1,354 rolls of microfilm. The branch shelf-read 15,325 Hollinger boxes containing historical documents; scanned 178,527 pages of WW II documents; converted 401,127 pages to Optical Character Reader (OCR) (text-searchable); scanned 788,553 pages of classified documents; and converted 70,498 classified pages to OCR.<sup>14</sup>

#### Computer Operations Branch

Mr. Thomas G. Dean managed the Computer Operations Branch from 1 January 1992 to the end of 2003. The following is a sampling of the branch's significant accomplishments for 2003:<sup>15</sup>

- Computer operators fixed over 250 personal computer problems during 2003.

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

- Computer operators configured and setup 12 computers for the new Task Force Enduring Look (TFEL) support personnel (1 unclassified and 1 classified TFEL system for each person)
- Computer operators set up a Local Area Network (LAN) for the TFEL project and connected all TFEL personnel. They also installed and configured a Dell server that will be used to store the TFEL data in support Task Force Enduring Look. There were several batches of TFEL records loaded and indexed in RetrievalWare and made available to the TFEL contractor personnel
- The Agency Webmaster worked on reconfiguring and combining the Agency Homepage and the AFHRA/OL-A Homepage to make it look like one site.
- Computer operators converted the Agency's unclassified PCs operating systems from Windows NT to Windows 2000 as per Air Force guidance.
- The Agency Webmaster made additions to the Agency's website by adding the following: Gen McPeak's AF Heritage Pamphlet; Guide to USAAF European Air Fields; Guide to USAAF Bases in the United Kingdom; 12 new entries under Wings/Groups; and 15 new entries under the Squadrons/Flights.
- Personnel researched stats for AAA & SAM losses for AF/SOC on WW II, Korea, Vietnam, AWOS and Gulf War.
- Computer operators transferred 25 older PCs to the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools (AFOATS) so they could redistribute them to ROTC Field offices.

- 738 EIS (Keesler AFB) and MSD (Maxwell) performed a site survey for upgrading the Non-classified Internet Protocol Routing Network (NIPRNet) and Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet) LAN within the Agency to handle GB transfer rates.
- The Agency Webmaster updated the Aerial Victory Credits section of Agency web site, adding 16 new credits to World War 1 section.
- The Agency Webmaster updated the Wings/Groups section, adding/updating 44 pages. Also, redesigned the way the Wings/Groups are handled by the server for faster page display for the user.
- Computer operators completed the Capital Investment Plan and Business Case for IRIS as tasked by the AFCIO/HAF for FY 03 and FY04 as part of the IRIS funding justification.
- The Agency Webmaster added Vietnam Medals, Streamers and Campaigns to the Vietnam section of the Agency web site
- Throughout 2003, there were many new users added to both the classified and unclassified IRIS II server system

By year's end, customers made 136,030 visits to the Agency's web site, 79 customers performed 67 queries on the classified IRIS II system, and 727 customers performed 4,239 queries on the unclassified IRIS II system.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **RESEARCH DIVISION**

Dr. Frederick J. Shaw Jr. has directed the Research Division since 2 July 1990. It consisted of the Archives Branch, managed by Dr. Robert M. Johnson II, and the Organizational History Branch, managed by Dr. A. Timothy Warnock. The Division's responsibilities included all matters involving historical research and the management of the Air Force Oral History Program. The Division operated classified and unclassified reading rooms and made documents and information readily available to visiting researchers. Division personnel also reviewed classified holdings for downgrading or declassification in conjunction with the Secretary of the Air Force Administrative Assistant, Deputy for Security and Special Program Oversight, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Police, Information Security Division. Additionally, the Division provided historical data and analyses in support of Headquarters Air Force and field commanders. They also traced the lineage and heritage of Air Force units and establishments and maintained the organization records of the USAF.

Both the Archives and Organizational History Branches responded to inquiries for historical information from both official and unofficial patrons. During 2003, the number of inquiries received decreased by 2.7 percent from the previous year with the Division receiving 7,590 requests; 2,423 official and 5,167 unofficial. The number of completed inquiries decreased by 7.4% from the previous year with the Division answering 7,224 requests, 2,368 official and 4,856 unofficial.<sup>17</sup>

#### Archives Branch

Dr. Johnson has managed the Archives Branch since January 1996. The branch answered approximately 5,348 inquiries throughout calendar year 2003, from both government agencies (official request) and the general public

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<sup>17</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.



worldwide (unofficial request). The following is a sampling of the year's significant requests completed:<sup>18</sup>

- Pursuant to a request from AFPC/DPWCM, researched circumstances surrounding the loss of Maj Charles G. Stoeckel, killed in a flying accident on 31 January 1967, to support a request to place the Major on the Vietnam Memorial as a casualty of that conflict. Evidence located in the unit history of 64th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron indicated that Maj Stoeckel was killed in the course of a practice flight.
- VCSAF Tasker – Accomplished preliminary work for Friendly Fire/CSAR research project for VCSAF
- Distinguished Visitor – Supported researches of Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs
- Provided miscellaneous photos of historical airpower events for US Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama for use in booklet
- USCENTCOM – Supported a USCENTCOM History office tasking from Gen. Abazaid's working group to provide documentation of counterinsurgency and nation building
- AFPC Support - Provided research support to the Air Force Personnel Center, Casualty Affairs Branch in a determination of the status of Edward Leinwetter, shot down on 2 April 1945 and interned in Sweden. It was determined that Mr Leinwetter was an internee of the Swedish government and not a Prisoner of War

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<sup>18</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

- AFHRA/OL-A Support: Provided names of several retired USAF generals recalled to active duty in response to request by Secretary of Defense
- Conference Attendance: Lynn Gamma and Rob Johnson attended annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists
- Loss of B-52 in Desert Storm for 40 AEW/HO – Provided information regarding loss of B-52 for ceremony in moving memorial on Diego Garcia
- AGM-28s, B-52, and Greenland Mishap - Researched the loading of AGM-28 Hound Dog standoff missiles on a Boeing B-52 which crashed near Thule AB, Greenland, on 21 January 1968, on behalf of an association of Thule AB personnel possibly exposed to radiation in the aftermath of the accident. Examination of a Strategic Air Command report on the mishap and subsequent nuclear debris cleanup (Operation CRESTED ICE), together with information from the Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, conclusively indicated that no AGM-28s were loaded on the B-52 in question
- Japanese TV ASAHI Visit: Identified historical messages relating to Aug 1945 atomic bombing missions. TV crew was escorted by AU/PA and was allowed to video copy the messages
- Information on Precision Guided Munitions for Actuality Productions – Provided information regarding the history of PGM's for a History Channel segment
- Provided chronology of the move of the Air Force Safety Center to Kirtland for Gen Wehrle and rationale for moving the two-star position from the Pentagon

- Provided the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) information on a B-47 "Broken Arrow" mishap (5 Feb 1958) off Tybee Island Georgia
- Faxed background information to HQ USAF/HO on the creation of Special Assistant Office within the Headquarters to promote, guide and integrate Secretariat and HQ USAF activities for Theater Air Defense
- Drafted memo for Acting Air Force Historian Heimdahl's optional replies to Mr. Mauro Messina's complaint that official World War II history slights achievements of Thirteenth Air Force
- Provided Daniel Crewe of Times of London with biographical information about Kenneth Sams, Chief of Southeast Asia CHECO, 1964-1971, Air Force Historian and editor of underground publication, Grunt
- Provided guidance to AFMC/HO concerning the future of the ASC archival holdings and leadership concerns with dividing the holdings with AFRL. Recommended that the ASC holdings be maintained in tact and duplicates provided to AFRL when needed
- Supported numerous ACSC students preparing for an up coming "Gathering of Eagles" project by identifying and providing information on 2003 Eagles
- Provided copy of classified five volume set of Gulf War Air Power Survey on CD to CDR John DeNicola, USSOCOM/SOCS-HO. Instructed National Imagery Mapping Agency (NIMA) representative on how to gain access to newly loaded GWAPS study on Agency SIPRNet site

Reference staff made 4 contacts concerning collections for the Agency. The Agency received 34 collections during the year, which included:<sup>19</sup>

<u>Donator</u>	<u>Item Donated</u>
Gerald A Daniel Jr.	8TFW Wooden Emblem/Scrapbook-Polesti WW II
Tom Searle	CADRE historical records(classified)
Robert Kasprzak	VHS Tape Interview -Roland Richardson
Robert Brooks	CD"392nd Bomb Gp Anthology,8AF Combat Ch.
Diana Wakerley	9th AF Assoc. Newsletter with info on Father
Stan Lipsey	Papers/Info on 455th Bomb Sq WW II from estate
Stan Lipsey	Book"455th Bomb Gp and 455th Newsletter
James S. Mosbey	4 photos of B-17 Monument Luino Italy 3-21-45
Theodore J Finnegan	Book An Ace of the Eighth and Memoir By Norman Fortier
Theodore J Finnegan	Soviet Tactical Recon Briefing, Briefing Slides covering aspects of Soviet Forces
William R. Galloway, SSgt	Personal Correspondence submitted via FAX
Earl Morrison	6 DVDs (From Pearl Harbor to Tokyo Bay)
John E Groh, Col (Ret)	USAF Chaplain Service History Program Files
Lawrence Reineke	2 Manuscripts, Iwo Jima and the B-29s
Mike Altman	VHS Interview, Medal of Honor Paperwork, Book
Lawrence Reineke	The Aleutians Campaign-Manuscript
Nancy A. Casey, PH D	5th AF Service Command Correspondence

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<sup>19</sup> E-Mail (U), Case Dennis Civ AFHRA/RSA to Cowell Curtis E CMSgt AFHRA/RSA, "2003 Personal Papers Donations to AFHRA," 05 Mar 03, SD-10.

William R. Galloway, SSgt	Historical Record of 116th Air National Guard For Emerson Cockran Compiled by SSgt Galloway
Sidney Ulmer	31 Bomb Sq Assoc. TAILWINDS Newsletter Sep03
Bob Umberger	Diether Lukesch (German Pilot Ace) Collection
Cynthia Wright, Capt	Gen Chappie James Tape Interview - Son Tay Monograph of Col Frisbie
Darrell R Larkin, Lt Col	2 Manuals ,Ground Observer Corps/High Alt Flying
Marshall Dean	Class 43-K Historical Materials - 509th Fighter Sq Photo Album
Sherman O. Kleven	Photo Book Independence AAF, Kansas
Joh S Allen, Col (Ret)	9015 Public Affairs Reserve Sq Story, Special Orders
Marshall Dean	100th Bomb Group B-17 Pilot Story WW II
Lou Thole	Book -Forgotton Fields of America WW II Bases
Ben R Games, Maj (Ret)	Book- My Guardian Angel, A Pilots Story 42-63
Cory Graff	Book -Shot to Hell-Stories/Photos of WW II Planes
Mitchell T. Hail	Special Orders for Texas ANG on George W. Bush
John Gargus, Col (Ret)	CD "Son Tay Raid" From Col Norman H Frisbie
Robin C. Janton	Book -The Two Sqs That Were One 859/788BS
Irving G Holley, Maj Gen	3 Boxes of Filed Personal Correspondence
Marshall Dean	Class 43-K Historical Materials

During 2003, the Agency hosted 2,200 visiting researchers, circulated 74,088 documents, and 820 rolls of microfilm. Additional statistics are enumerated on the following report.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

**AIR FORCE HISTORICAL AGENCY  
ARCHIVES BRANCH (RSA) CIRCULATION REPORT  
For 2003**

Section A: <u>Visiting Researchers</u>	2,200
1. Official Researchers	1,624
a. PME	692
b. Other Official	932
2. Other Researchers (Unofficial)	576
Section B: <u>Documents Circulated</u>	74,088
1. Official Researchers	44,626
2. Unofficial Researchers	29,443
3. Sent on Loan	19
Section C: <u>Documents Circulated in Reading Rooms</u>	77,424
1. K Call #	32,973
Boxes	3,546
2. Non-K Call #	44,393
Boxes	2,980
3. Gulf War Call #	58
Boxes	11
Section D: <u>Microfilm Circulation in Reading Room</u>	820
1. Official microfilm	179
2. Unofficial microfilm	641
Section E: <u>Documents Repaired</u>	0
Section F: <u>Microfilm Sent Out</u>	2,153
1. Official	395
2. Unofficial	1,758
a. Domestic	1,371
b. Foreign	387
Section G: <u>Money Received</u> (Microfilm/Copying)	\$66,982.53
Section H: <u>Personal Papers</u>	
1. Contacts Made Concerning Collections	4
2. Collections Received for year	33

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Project SAFE PAPER:

Mr. Archangelo DiFante, assisted by other Agency staff, reviewed classified holdings for downgrading or declassification in conjunction with the Secretary of the Air Force Administrative Assistant, Deputy for Security and Special Program Oversight and Deputy Chief of Staff for Security Police, Information Security Division. They notified and advised the NARA and other holders of Air Force historical records concerning the downgrading or declassification of material in the Agency collection. They further provided classification status on various documents with the Agency collection for Maxwell Air Force Base tenants, Air Force units and organizations, and other government agencies. Additionally, throughout the year they assisted with 33 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, reviewed 2,892 rolls of microfilm prior to their shipment to customers, made 115 security & mandatory declassification and eight oral history reviews, and answered 1,367 inquiries for historical information plus 11 other requests. An example of some noteworthy accomplishments for the staff included:<sup>21</sup>

- Reviewed OHIs of Dr. Robert Frank Futrell, Historian/Author, and Christopher Christon, Director of CENTAF during Gulf War. Conducted preliminary security review of the OHI of Lt Col Stephan J. Laushine, USAF. Conducted Security Review of OHI Video of General George L. Butler and recommended maintaining a working classification of Secret, until reviewed by DOE and AF/DO.
- Four individuals from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to review their equities for possible declassification.

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<sup>21</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

- Reviewed and sanitized documents about weapon storage facilities for the research of a contractor from Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC).
- Provided excerpt of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) FY 71 History to Air Combat Command (ACC/SCXP) in support of a FOIA request.
- Reviewed SAC FY 1972 History, Volume III, for ACC/SCXP in support of an FOIA request. Downgraded volume to Secret.
- Provided hardcopy excerpts of numerous documents with information concerning alert (airborne, ground and Selective Employment of Air and Ground Alert (SEAGA)) activities and readiness tests during Sep – Dec 1969 from 10 SAC unit histories to ACC/SCXP in support of a FOIA request.
- Performed Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) on 21<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Squadron documents from Nov 71 – Sep 73.
- Sent Air War Over Serbia (AWOS) manuscript by Dr. Dan Haulman to ACC/PA to be reviewed for classification, POC SMSgt Hyland. It was sent via SIPRNet several months ago, but lost. It was resent this month, and determined by ACC/DO that it should remain classified as SECRET.
- Mr. DiFante attended the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators' Conference in Providence RI to assist



with declassification questions at the Electronic Systems Center (ESC)  
at Hanscom AFB, MA.

### Organizational History Branch:

Dr. Warnock has managed the Organizational History Branch since January 1991. The responsibilities for the branch included determining the lineage and honors of Air Force units and establishments, verifying combat credits of Air Force units and establishments, verifying aerial victory credits of Air Force personnel, maintaining organizational record cards on all active, inactive, discontinued, and disbanded Air Force units and establishments, preparing and distributing the monthly Air Force Organizational Status Change Report, compiling and issuing a semiannual list of active Air Force organizations, advising the Headquarters, U. S. Air Force Manpower and Organization Office, MAJCOMs, DRUs, and FOAs on the selection of units and establishments to be activated or inactivated and other related organizational matters, maintaining the records of the Air Force seal, flag, and coat of arms and those of organizational emblems and flags, and reviewing, approving, and processing requests for new or changed emblems and providing Air Force guidance on heraldry. The branch also writes reference works on organizational history and other historical themes.<sup>22</sup>

Throughout 2003, the Agency's Air Force Organization and Heraldry Section continued to expand their electronic collection by adding emblems and lineage and honors statements to their database. They approved and e-mailed 200 unit emblem packages and 302 lineage and honors statements to major command history offices for distribution to their units. Additionally, they answered 1,876 heraldry, lineage and honors, aerial victory credit, and organizational inquiries. The following are some of the significant requests completed by the staff.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> AFMD 30 (U), "Air Force Historical Research Agency," 11 May 95, SD-1.

<sup>23</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

- Aerial Victory Credits List for Korean War: Compiled and added to the AFHRA Homepage list the names and victory credits of 24 non-USAF personnel, including John Glenn, USN, who shot down enemy airplanes while attached to USAF organizations
- Manpower Staff Officers' Course: Ms Judy Endicott gave a half-hour briefing quarterly at AU CPD on role of AFHRA & MAJCOM historians in planning & validating proposed organization for actions at MAJCOM and Air Staff levels
- Support of Unit Historian School, AU CPD: Staff members presented briefings quarterly on lineage and honors history statements and on USAF heraldry policy and process
- AMC Reorganization: On urgent basis to meet 1 Oct activation, processed flag drawings of Eighteenth AF & 15 & 21 Expeditionary Mobilization Task Forces; provided lineage and honors information, including commanders from histories in case of Eighteenth, to AMC/HO & AF/CPMO
- Digitized Organizational Database: Initiated six months test of computer database prepared by ISC (Sgt Toth). Ms Helen Weaver is entering all new organization actions into the database as well as on organization cards.
- AU Staff Support: Gave David Mets, School of Advanced Air & Space Power Studies, aerial victory & air combat statistics, which he found extremely helpful in writing a critical book review for Air Power Journal; he said the data would demolish mythology in the book

- Joint Strike Fighter Program: Provided Vehicle Control & Integration Team, Naval Air Systems Command, statistics on aerial victories scored with guns vs. missiles since the Korean War; to be used in determining need for internal gun vs. gun pod for strike fighter aircraft
- Excellence in Publications Awards: History and Museums Program  
Excellence in Publications Committee submitted recommended winners for approval of acting USAF Historian
- Advised CSAF Working Group that historical precedent required a US pilot to destroy an armed and manned enemy aircraft in-flight to receive an aerial victory credit; MAJCOMs should not credit Unmanned Aerial Vehicles operators, since they are not in harm's way as are crews of manned aircraft. Sent USAF Manned Air Combat Losses & AWOS USAF Aerial Victories to ACC/HO.
- Updated and e-mailed to MAJCOM/HOs and to AF/DPMO annual heritage score, including both classified and unclassified, squadron and wing lists used to make unit organization decisions at Air Staff level; moved two WW II Flying Tiger squadrons from Priority 3 to Priority 2 on list.
- Informed Dr. Richard Mueller, the ACSC "Gathering of Eagles" (GOE) project officer and Mr. Phillip Berue, the 42 ABW Internal Information Officer, that Lt Col Lee Archer, USAF (Ret) has four confirmed aerial victory credits (AVCs) and that the Agency should be consulted before publishing AVC information. The GOE website and official GOE brochure states that Lt Col Archer is a "confirmed" ace.
- Posted organizational actions on 3 expeditionary wings, 4 expeditionary groups, and about 150 subordinate expeditionary units. Provided ACC/HO almost immediately with activation lineage & honors and heraldry

on some 35 expeditionary units, scanning the emblems for 26 of these. RSO staff spent over 150 hours on these.

- Found, scanned and sent to CSAF official China Burma India Theater and 14th AF emblems, also sent unofficial 322 TCS patch and examples of 14th AF leather jackets with patches scanned from book found in AU Library; all for jacket to Senator Ted Stevens, AK
- Researched and sent some 50 inactive squadrons to HQ AFROTC POC, who visited the Agency to make color copies of 24 emblems; squadrons to be associated with ROTC summer training flights for purposes of learning AF heritage and promoting unit esprit de corps
- Support for Korean War Commemoration: Provided POC Capt Desi Mo, USA, Military District of Washington, authoritative lists of USAF units in Korea and identification of commanders at O-6 and above; to be used for inviting guests and for determining unit flags to be displayed
- Reviewed and concurred in numerous OCRs for AF/HO; reviewed several draft OCRs for MAJCOMs & AF/DPMO; in a sensitive OCR on 50 Communications versus Maintenance Group, DPMO followed our lineage advice exactly. Coordinated USAF/XPMO activation of USAFE's 435th Wing, formerly expeditionary and converted back to permanent status, first such organization action in Air Force lineage history
- Heraldry: Worked closely & extensively with TIOH and respective POCs on new emblems for 3 Field Operating Agencies – Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Real Property Agency, and AF Nuclear Weapon Counter proliferation Agency – all expected to be finalized in January

Publications, Manuscripts, and Presentations:

Throughout 2003, several Organizational History Branch staff members were involved in various writing projects focusing on studies to bring historical facts to bear on current operations. Various staff members also made several presentations throughout the year. These projects and presentations included:<sup>24</sup>

- Dr Daniel L. Haulman completed classified & unclassified drafts of five historical analytical studies, including USAF Psychological Operations in Recent Conflicts and U.S. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Combat, 1991-2002
- Sent ACC/HO Dr Haulman's unclassified paper, No Contest, on USAF aerial combat in 1990s; CENTAF staff used it & his analytical studies, USAF Manned Air Combat Losses & AWOS USAF Aerial Victories, in plans & briefings on current crisis.
- AF Centennial of Flight Homepage posted "One Hundred Years of Flight: USAF Chronology" with AF/HO permission; Air Force Historical Research Agency posted on its Homepage "Table of rocket attacks on USAF installations in Vietnam;" also annual update to USAF Wing Force Structure. Submitted 85 Lineage and Honors entries to be added. At request of MAJCOM/HOs, revised lists of Aerial Victory Credits for Southeast Asia and Southwest Asia Wars to show weapons used to down enemy aircraft. Assisted in project to post on the AFHRA Homepage three more historical documents (AF Heritage Pamphlet, USAAF European Airfields, and USAAF United Kingdom Stations) useful to researchers. completed long term project of scanning Vietnam section of Combat Medals, Streamers, & Campaigns, which ISC posted to the Agency Homepage

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<sup>24</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

- AU Press scanned and posted to its homepage "Short of War: Major USAF Contingency Operations"

#### Oral History Program:

During calendar year 2003, the Agency Research Division staff performed oral history activities, which included the following noteworthy events:<sup>25</sup>

#### **January**

Audited the Mansfield, Hatch, and Bazley interviews

#### **February**

Completed final type of interview with Dr. Frank Futrell

#### **March**

Completed final type of interview with Col Stephan J. Laushine

Completed transcription of portion of Gen George L. Butler's interview

#### **April**

Conducted OHI on Gen Jimmie V. Adams

Indexed video-taped interview of Col Norme D. Frost

#### **May**

Completed OHI on Lt Gen George M. Browning. He retired as the AF Comptroller and was also on the HQ USAFE staff and a wing commander. He provided insight into the budgetary process, particularly as it pertains to Congress. His comments on leadership and being a wing commander was be useful to researchers, especially at Air University

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<sup>25</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

Completed final type of interview with Col William D. Chalek

## **June**

Completed final type of interview with AAC Cadets

Completed audit of interview with Lt Gen Arnold W. Braswell, Maj  
Gen Donald L. Evans, and Brig Gen John R. Dyas

## **July**

Completed audit of interview with Lt Gen Carl H. Cathey, Jr.

## **August**

Completed final type of interview with Lt Gen Charles W. Carson

Completed audit of interviews with Lt Gen James R. Brown and Col  
Henery E. (Pete) Warden

## **October**

Completed OHI on Lt Gen Robert E. Kelley

## **November**

Completed OHI on Gen Monroe W. Hatch, Jr. and Gen John T. Chain, Jr.

Researched OHI on Lt Gen George D. Miller

Indexed OHI with Lt Gen Harry A. Goodall

Digitized and provided 12 unclassified Desert Story interviews to Lt. Col

John Terino, instructor at the Air University

Audited OHI with Brig Gen Thomas B. Kennedy

## **December**

Completed OHI on Lt Gen George D. Miller

Researched OHI on Col Saylor, Lt Col Carter, and Gen Duane H. Cassidy

Conducted OHI training with a Historian Intern Program student at the  
Agency



Indexed OHI on Gen Jimmie V. Adams

Forwarded audio tapes of OHIs with Lt Gen Greenleaf and Brig  
Gen Hipps to Dr. Jones (Transcription Contractor)

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<sup>26</sup> Rpt (U), "AFHRA Status Report," Jan-Dec 03, SD-9.

**CHAPTER IV**  
**AIR FORCE HISTORICAL RESEARCH AGENCY**  
**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

60th Anniversary of the December 1943 Aviation Class<sup>27</sup>

Fifty four members of the 43-K Aviation Cadet Association and family members toured the Agency on 24 October 2003, as part of the Association's 60th anniversary. The December 1943 graduation class of WW II pilots trained at the Air Corp Tactical School based at Maxwell AFB. There were more than 2,000 cadets in this aviation class, and it was the largest graduating class during WW II. As a group they became known as "43-K."

This Association's pilots eventually flew every type of aircraft used in WW II and many of them served in other conflicts. Many left the service after they served in the war and educated themselves via the GI Bill. Later they were recalled for both the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts and even the Cold War.

Mr. Hal Jacobs, who founded the Association, stated that its membership comprised a variety of backgrounds and experiences. There were more than 500 active members in the Association, with the average age of 80 years. The Association was formed 12 years prior to this event, and the members met about once a year. During these meetings they often visited bases where they trained or served. This 60th reunion met at Maxwell because not only did they receive their initial training at Maxwell, but throughout their careers, most of them eventually returned for other training. During their visit to the Agency, the retired pilots and their families looked through dozens of yearbooks, photographs, and manuscripts profiling their contributions to the United States of America. They also toured the rest of Maxwell that day. The reunion gave the members the

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<sup>27</sup> Alicia Harper, "WW II Heroes Return to Maxwell," Montgomery Advertiser, 25 Oct 03, pages 1B and 2B. SD-11.

chance to reunite again, talk over old times, and relate to each other in the light of all going through the same gateway to their careers.

Task Force Enduring Look (TFEL):

On 22 October 2001, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General John P. Jumper instructed the Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency (AFSAA) to set the foundation for TFEL in order to study and analyze the activities of Operations' NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM. This "Air Force-wide data collection, exploitation, documentation, and reporting" process aimed to provide the insight that would help mold the future aerospace force by supplying relevant analytical support for operational decision-making, as well as generating reports of benefit to the institution.<sup>28</sup>

At the request of the TFEL team (U.S. Government Contractors), the Agency began archiving historically significant digital files within TFEL's Enduring Look Vital Information System (ELVIS). In November 2002, Agency archivists initiated their basic appraisal and preliminary arrangement of ELVIS data according to Air Force Instruction 84-102 guidelines. By January 2003, TFEL personnel scheduled selected material for transfer to the Agency to be loaded onto a two terabyte (TB) stand-alone classified server where on-site contractor support would provide setup and data configuration.<sup>29</sup>

In April 2003, the Agency's partnership with TFEL entered a new phase, since TFEL was no longer able to support an Agency archivist to identify historically significant documents for permanent placement at the Agency. TFEL personnel scheduled the Agency's on-site presence at TFEL to end in May, requiring an operational shift for selection and transfer of data. The Agency considered three options for TFEL data transmittal from Washington D.C. to the

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<sup>28</sup> Hist (FOUO), AFHRA, Jan-Dec 02, pg. 18; Info Sheet (U) "Answering Requests for Information Relative to Task Force Enduring Look (TFEL)," n.d., SD-12.

<sup>29</sup> MFR (U), AFHRA/RSA, "Bullet Background Paper on Archiving Operation Enduring Freedom Documents," 02 Jan 03, SD-13.

Agency. The first two options required either remote access to the entire database via the SIPRNet or file transfer protocol (FTP) downloading. They were unworkable due to technical and security reasons. The third option, which required communicating search strategies for historically significant documents to TFEL archivists for digital video disc reproduction and transmittal via the U.S. Postal Service, overcame security and technical issues. By the end of April 2003, the classified server, supported by two workstations for disseminating purposes, was operational. Agency staffers, Ms. Carolyn Goodson, Ms. Lynn O. Gamma, and Mr. Joseph D. Caver identified 1.4 GB of data and transferred it to the Agency on digital video disc (DVD).<sup>29</sup>

On 24 June 2003, Lt Col Eugene O. Johnson, Director of Staff, Task Force *Enduring Look*, met with representatives from AFSAA and the Agency, at Maxwell AFB, to discuss transition issues. Topics covered at the briefing, and later clarified in a 17 July 2003 memo, centered on automation and funding concerns. Per the ELVIS Disposition Plan, all ELVIS hardware, software, and peripherals related to the storage of TFEL data would be physically moved to AFSAA by 1 January 2004. While AFSAA would be responsible for “warm base” functions, which would include a scaled-down version of TFEL’s data collection process, the Agency would be responsible for data archiving and the Request for Information (RFI) process. The Agency would provide data but not perform comparative or operations analysis.<sup>30</sup>

At the meeting, Mr. Caver presented the Agency’s “wish list” of TFEL data. Keri Langley, Lead Contractor, Data Collection, reviewed the list and offered to isolate the requested archived data and send it to the Agency. The data would be housed on four to six 250 GB hard drives, which TFEL would deliver to Maxwell to facilitate data transfer, configuring the TFEL donated drives to their

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<sup>29</sup> MFR (U), AFHRA/RSA, “AFHRA/TFEL Remote Archiving Update Paper,” 30 Apr 03, SD-14.

<sup>30</sup> Memo (U), HQ USAF/CVAX to Col Bontrager, “AFHRA Maxwell AFB Visit, 27 Jun 03, SD-15 and Memo (U), HQ USAF/CVAX to Col Bontrager, “Transition Update,” 17 July 03, SD-16.

workstations and uploading data to the server. After the data transfer, TFEL would leave a 250 GB hard drive at each workstation, bringing back the other four to be reloaded with the remaining lower priority TFEL data. This additional data would allow AFRHA to mirror ELVIS.<sup>31</sup>

By July 2003, TFEL had secured \$1.1 million in funds from the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force (VCSAF) for its contract requirements from 15 September - 31 December 2003 (FY 04). Of this, \$750K was earmarked for the Agency to meet warm storage needs from January – September 2004.<sup>32</sup>

By the end of October 2003, on-site contractor support, provided by Infinity Contractors and comprised of six Technical Information Specialists, one Archives Technician, and one Technician, began to arrive at the Agency. Once in place, the contractors would take over the support and maintenance functions for the RetrievalWare software and the TFEL server as well as assume the responsibilities for the RFI process. By the end of year, the TFEL server was up and on a stand-alone LAN, and the contract personnel were on board reviewing the existing data.<sup>33</sup>

From November 2003 to January 2004, the amount of data uploaded to the server increased from 383 GB to approximately 600 GB. However, problems with corrupted archives of data transferred from TFEL continued as 2003 transitioned into 2004.<sup>34</sup> By the close of the year, the dynamic in the AFHRA – AFSAA – TFEL relationship had also shifted. While the Agency maintained its responsibilities for archiving data and the RFI process, AFSAA lost its role when Headquarters Air Force Plans Department, "Lessons Learned," absorbed TFEL

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<sup>31</sup> Ibid.

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>33</sup> E-Mail (U), Dean Thomas G. GS-13 AFHRA to Myers Ron GS-12 AFHRA, "TFEL Status of Data Transfer," 25 Nov. 2003, SD-17 and Rpt (U), AFHRA/ISA, "Service Support for AFHRA, Progress Update," 20 Oct 03, SD-18.

<sup>34</sup> E-Mail (U), Dean Thomas G. GS-13 AFHRA to Myers Ron GS-12 AFHRA, "TFEL Status of Data Transfer," 25 Nov. 2003, SD-17.

and took over the responsibilities, functions, and hardware that were to have moved to AFSAA.

#### Contingency Document Digitization Project:

In October 2002, in an effort to put high value documents on-line to support current operations research, the Agency shifted its primary focus from strictly legacy events to include organizing, disseminating, and preserving current historical operations through the Contingency Document Digitization Project. In the past, researchers, using the IRIS II, could only access the IRIS abstract for documents within the Agency's collection. Digitizing a complete document and loading it onto the IRIS II server would allow researchers to do their own research without having to submit a request for information.<sup>35</sup>

In November 2002, the Accessions Branch staff surveyed the post-1990 contingency historical records and unit histories to determine which documents would have the most "bang for the buck" supporting CINCs, commanders, and planners. These documents were identified and divided into priority one and priority two categories. Priority one documents, some of which were already on-line or in electronic format, were ones with the most "bang for the buck." Priority two documents consisted entirely of MAJCOM and numbered Air Force (NAF) histories. By the close of calendar year 2002, approximately 60 percent of priority one hard copy documents had been scanned and digitized by staffers from the Information Systems Division, Microfilm Section.<sup>36</sup> By the end of January 2003, Phase I, the scanning of priority one documents, was complete. See the following table for a list of scanned priority one documents:

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<sup>35</sup> Hist (FOUO), AFHRA, Jan-Dec 02, ppg. 22-23.

<sup>36</sup> Hist (FOUO), AFHRA, Jan-Dec 02, ppg. 23-24.

Scanned Documents	Approximate Number of Pages
JTF SW Asia (Northern/Southern Watch/Desert Fox)	155,500
363 <sup>rd</sup> AEW (Southern Watch/Enduring Freedom)	22,000
16 AEW (Noble Anvil/Allied Force)	2,500
Desert Story	48,960
40 AEW (Enduring Freedom)	490
Joint Task Force Somalia (Restore Hope)	6,900

In January 2003, the Agency's change in focus from history and heritage to include current operations required it to rearrange its organizational structure. The Accessions Branch, having new responsibility for all scanning, tasked its newly created Digitization Section to handle the scanning duties for both legacy and current documents. After the Agency installed a new scanner, the Classified Document Conversion System, in January 2003, the Digitization Section began Phase II of the project, the scanning of priority two documents. Start-up and test scans took place throughout February, with full operational capacity being achieved in March. The Agency had projected that Phase II would take 18-24 months to complete, but these estimates were based upon the operational capacity of the Unclassified Document Conversion System. The new system operated at twice the speed, enabling the Digitization Section to complete Phase

II by the end of 2003.<sup>37</sup> See the following table for a list of priority two scanned documents.

Scanned Documents	Approximate Number of Pages
ACC Histories, 1992 -	529,920
USAFE Histories, 1992 -	354,240
AMC Histories, 1992 -	288,000
AFSOC Histories, 1992 -	123,840
PACAF Histories, 1992 -	155,520
AFRC Histories, 1992 -	66,240
3 <sup>rd</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	51,840
5 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	43,200
7 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	40,320
8 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	77,760
9 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	63,360
11 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	109,440
12 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	95,040
13 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	31,680
16 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	28,800
17 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	14,400
20 <sup>th</sup> AF Histories, 1992 -	25,920

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<sup>37</sup> Discussion (U), Mr. Ronald W. Myers, AFHRA/CC with CMSgt Curtis E. Cowell, AFHRA/RS, 26 Nov 03; Memo (U), HQ AFHRA/RSO to All AFHRA, "Change in AFHRA Policy," SD-8, 16 Sep 02; and Plan (U), AFHRA/ISA, "Digitization Plan," n.d. and Rpt (U), AFHRA/ISA, "Daily Scanners Report," 4 Feb 03 – 4 Mar 03, SD-19.



While the Digitization Section completed the project, as laid out by the Agency in October 2002, the continued scanning of incoming annual operational MAJCOM histories and legacy documents made the project continuous.<sup>38</sup>

Basing Study:

In May 2003, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Basing and Infrastructure Analysis, Michael A. Aimone tasked the Agency to document the military rationale that influenced the location, or basing, of flying and non-flying units within the continental United States. Under the editorial direction of Dr. Frederick J. Shaw, Jr., Dr. A. Timothy Warnock, Dr. Daniel L. Haulman, Dr. Forrest L. Marion, and Mr. Jeffrey P. Sahaida worked from July – December of 2003 to complete the study. Entitled *Histories Footprints: USAF BASES: Locating the Sites*, the project encompassed four critical periods to USAF basing: 1907 – August 1947, September 1947 – 1960, 1961 – 1987, 1988 – 2003. While the writers completed the majority of the document by the end of December, editorial changes to the draft continued into 2004.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Plan (U), AFHRA/ISA, "Digitization Plan," n.d., SD-19.

<sup>39</sup> Discussion, CMSgt Curt E. Cowell, AFHRA/RS, with Mr. Jeff Sahaida, AFHRA/RS, 16 Mar 94.