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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Community Historical Review Advisory Committee  
(CHRAC) Meeting(b)(2)  
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1. The second meeting of the newly constituted Community Historical Review Advisory Committee (CHRAC) was held on 20 June 1996 in the Ames Building in Rosslyn. An updated list of the CHRAC's membership is attached.

2. The meeting began with remarks by [REDACTED] Director of the Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI). [REDACTED] provided an overview of the functions of the Center, emphasizing its ongoing activities in the area of historical declassification. He also pointed out that the DCI's Historical Review Panel has been enlarged and re-energized; it is expected to play a pivotal role in the months ahead in providing guidance to the DCI and the Intelligence Community on systematic declassification issues. The next meeting of the HRP is scheduled for August 1996. [REDACTED] announced that [REDACTED] would brief the HRP on the results of the CHRAC's work and the IC's efforts on systematic declassification.

3. [REDACTED] commented on the draft DCID titled "The Intelligence Community Historical Review Program." Eileen noted that the DCID had been sent out for community coordination. However, she noted that not all agencies have responded and asked that comments be forwarded to her ASAP.

4. [REDACTED] followed with an update of CSI's activities in organizing the IC's systematic declassification effort.

- Parish calls have been made to many agencies to discuss community declassification efforts and the role of CSI. CSI will try to schedule visits with the remaining agencies within the next month.
- D/CSI and [REDACTED] briefed Moynihan staffers on 5 June on CSI's efforts to organize and coordinate systematic declassification efforts within the IC.

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- The military services have been invited to join the CHRAC. All but Army have accepted the invitation (see list of members enclosed).
- Plans are underway for a one day working conference on systematic declassification to be held in September. CSI will sponsor the conference; information will be sent out to CHRAC members as early as possible in July. Several members felt that special emphasis should be given to presenting the views of outsiders on the IC's declassification efforts.

5. A discussion took place about the best way to proceed as a community on systematically declassifying material of scholarly and historic interest. Opinions varied among agencies. Some representatives stated that topics should be identified and prioritized for declassification; other representatives stated that a bulk process should be followed, such as top down, oldest first. [REDACTED] passed out a proposed method for proceeding that would combine both ideas and give individual agencies considerable latitude to proceed in a way that best fits their needs and file system (enclosed). REPS WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THE DRAFT AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO CSI NO LATER THAN COB 8 JULY.

6. No date was set for the next meeting of the CHRAC. It is anticipated that a meeting will be scheduled sometime in August prior to the HRP's planned session. An agenda and other information will be sent out well in advance of the meeting.

[REDACTED]

Chairman

Center for the Study of Intelligence

Attachments:

- A. Membership List
- B. Community Workplan

Proposed Community Workplan for Systematic Declassification

1. The Intelligence Community should, in general, proceed on a topical basis to declassify subjects of historical/scholarly interest.

A. The order of march during the next 12 months will be as listed below in the order provided.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Participating Agencies</u>
(1) Analyses (finished intelligence) on former USSR	CIA*; DIA; State; military services; DOE
(2) VENONA	CIA*; NSA*; [REDACTED] CIA
(3) Cuban missile crisis	DIA; NSA; State
(4) Bay of Pigs	CIA*; NSA; State
(5) <del>Vietnam War</del> (1960-1970)	All agencies

B. Work will also proceed collectively on satellite and air reconnaissance systems in the following order:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Participating Agencies</u>
(1) CORONA	CIA*; NSA*; NRO*
(2) Other systems in chronological order	As appropriate

C. Working groups will be established on each subject that will meet at the call of the designated group leader.

2. Agencies unable to participate in the topical approach should declassify records using a system best suited to the way their material is filed, e.g. oldest first and top down. Included here would be the military services, State, and OASD (C<sup>3</sup>I).

\*Already begun

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3. At the same time, some agencies should proceed individually on topics of interest to those organizations.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Agency</u>
(1) 1954 Covert action in Guatemala	CIA
NIEs on the Soviet Union	CIA
DCI records	CIA
Covert action operations approved for declassification	CIA
(2) Other agencies to fill in as appropriate.	