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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 29 December 2003 - 02 January 2004
Executive Summary

Future Planning Calendar

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **27 January 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

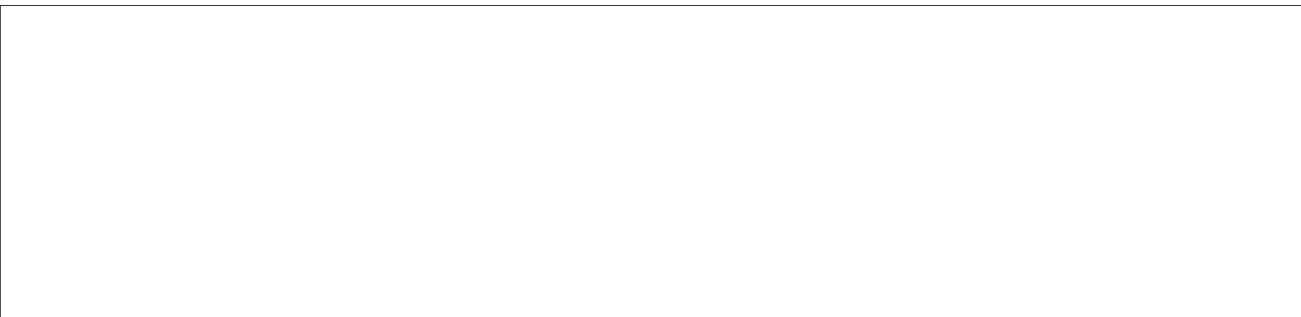
~~(U//ATUO)~~ **31 December 2006:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities--Last Week

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **PRB's Metrics Up**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ In the first quarter of fiscal year 2004, the Publications Review Board received 6150 pages for review, as compared with 3778 pages received in the first quarter of FY 2003. This increase is reflected in the number of manuscripts submitted--114 in first quarter FY 2004, as compared with 74 in first quarter FY 2003. At this rate, the PRB will receive over 24,000 pages in FY 2004, a 10-percent increase over FY 2003.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **FOIA Requests**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Guidelines Sought for Requesting CIA Information**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A Pennsylvania inmate is asking the CIA for "an index and description of all major information systems used by your agency, guidance for obtaining various types and categories of public information from your agency, a fee schedule, and how your agency makes a determination of whether or not a record can be released."

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that the Agency has administrative information systems related to its primary mission, which he described in general terms. Overly broad search requests can yield vast amounts of information of little personal value to the requester. Thus, he encouraged the requester to utilize various alternative sources for obtaining helpful unclassified CIA publications. The FOIA case manager provided a copy of the Federal Register, Rules and Regulations (32 CFR) governing the CIA's implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, as well as the Privacy Act of 1974 and Executive Order 12958 (fee schedule) to the requester.*

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Editor: As in this case, FOIA case managers often advise requesters that certain CIA documents are created in an unclassified form and made available to the public through a government-wide publishing service operated by the Department of Commerce. Orders for particular documents can be directed to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Also, interested persons can browse the Internet. Agency records released since 1 October 1996 are available on our website address: www.foia.cia.gov. Documents can be located through our "Search" section on the site by entering specific topics or terms into our database. In addition to the "Search" section, our "Popular Document Collection" section offers the most frequently requested CIA information, and our "Your Rights" section serves as a reference guide to help the public access Agency information through the various federal public access laws. Moreover, our Internet site gives instant access to our information and offers a less costly alternative because the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. The Internet is available at many public libraries.

(U//~~ATUO~~) Interest in Human Rights Cases in El Salvador

(U//~~ATUO~~) A staff member with the Center for Justice and Accountability requests "all records relating to the 32 human rights cases investigated by the UN-sponsored Commission on the Truth for El Salvador ('Truth Commission'), yet withheld from release."



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(U//~~ATUO~~) Request for CIA Report on Ethnic-Cleansing in Bosnia

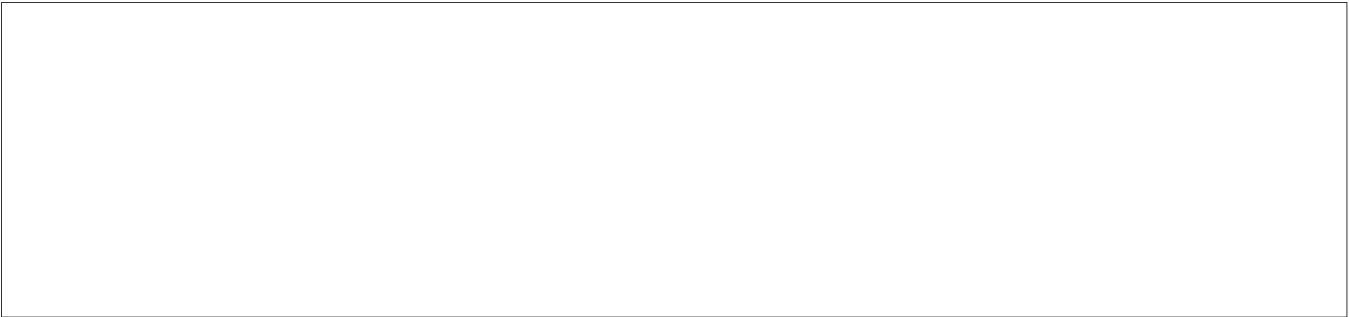
(U//~~ATUO~~) A Professor Emeritus and published author at the University of Virginia is seeking the CIA report cited by *The New York Times* in its 9 March 1995 cover story on ethnic-cleansing in Bosnia. The requester asserts that the CIA, reportedly, analyzed the amount of ethnic cleansing conducted by each combatant in the conflict, and might make available a sanitized version of its report after removing aerial photographs and other protected information.



Editor: Longtime student of Balkan and Yugoslav affairs, Professor Paul S. Shoup intends to use the requested information to advance his scholarly research. He coauthored (with Steven Burg) The War in Bosnia: Ethnic Conflict and International Intervention (London: M.E. Sharpe, 1999).

(U//~~ATUO~~) Interest in 9/11 Report Decision

(U//~~ATUO~~) Judicial Watch previously requested "all [CIA] records pertaining to the decision not to release and/or hold as 'classified' portions of the Joint Congressional Committee's 9/11 Report dealing with Saudi Arabia." Because the FOIA allows government agencies to recover some processing costs, the request will be accepted contingent on Judicial Watch's commitment to pay for search and reproduction costs. Judicial Watch agreed to pay up to \$125, while asking to be notified in writing if the charge is higher.



(U//~~ATUO~~) Seeking CIA's Interrogation Manual

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester writes: "Please take notice...I am requesting a copy of the CIA's secret manual on coercive questioning...dated 1963....I do not expect to be charged fees for your review of the material."

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- *The FOIA case manager received a number of requests this week for CIA's unclassified July 1963 "Kubark Counterintelligence Interrogation" manual. In this case, fees are not an issue, since the first 100 pages of reproduction are free.* [redacted]

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Editor: The manual provides guidelines for KUBARK interrogation, particularly the counterintelligence interrogation of resistant sources. The "KUBARK Counterintelligence Interrogation, July 1963" [redacted]

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