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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 20 -24 May 2002 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ **12 June 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ **26-27 June 2002: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

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~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

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- *The FRUS was established during President Lincoln's administration. It is a legally mandated official documentary historical record of major foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity.*

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

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ German Requester Wants "Arms" from CIA

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ A requester wrote from Germany, asking CIA for "some arms of your administrative body."

- *The astute FOIA case manager determined from the balance of the letter that the requester was seeking a copy of the CIA seal and provided him with an unclassified Factbook about the CIA, which includes a full-color rendition of the Agency seal.*

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~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ In Search of the Lost Ark

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ Catholics Allied for the Faith, Inc., submitted a request for records pertaining to "the possibility of the Ark of the Covenant being located in Ethiopia."

- *CIA received another FOIA request regarding the Ark of the Covenant in 1999. A search was conducted at that time, and no responsive records were located.*

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~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ Attorney Asks for Records on Nobel Prize Winner

~~(U//~~ATUO~~)~~ An attorney wrote to request records pertaining to Paul and Margit Dirac. The attorney, who states his office is researching the Diracs, identified Mr. Dirac as a British-born Nobel Prize winner who was prevented from

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working on the Manhattan Project due to his visits to the USSR prior to World War II.

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~~(U//A//FOUO)~~ **Requester Seeks Information Regarding Israeli Intelligence**

(U//A//FOUO) A requester wrote in seeking records pertaining to the relationship between Israeli Intelligence organizations, such as Mossad, and the Anti-Defamation League and/or other private, non-profit organizations operating in the US. The requester also asked for records concerning the spying of the Israeli intelligence community on residents of the US.

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~~(U//A//FOUO)~~ **Requester Wants Records on Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Bunche**

(U//A//FOUO) The Historical Research Repository, Inc., requested records in connection with its efforts to honor Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche. The request letter stated that Dr. Bunche was the first African American to hold a 'Desk' job with the OSS/State Department in 1945, and that he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950.

- The FOIA case manager provided the requester with previously released documents concerning Dr. Bunche, and also suggested the requester contact the Military Reference Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), where the majority of OSS records have been sent. [Redacted]

~~(U//A//FOUO)~~ **CIA Declassification Center**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **ERWG Convenes May Meeting**

(U//FOUO) On 22 May 2002, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) convened at the Department of State to hear Leo Masciana of the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (CIAO), who briefed the ERWG on "Information Security in the Age of Terrorism." Also on the agenda, the ERWG discussed 9/11's affect on information management law and policy, and the current challenge of melding sharing and secrecy needs into a compatible national security response. ERWG's Equity Training Sub-Working Group recommended that ERWG host multiple single-day equity training sessions using a new format to be determined by a member survey. Also on the May agenda, members heard a Remote Archive Capture Program "RAC Shares and Processing Report" and a CIA Electronic Freedom of Information Act (EFOIA) activities briefing. A representative from ISOO updated the group on the status of the EO 12958 revision, and reported that the National Security Advisor supports retaining automatic declassification with a multi-year extension. [Redacted]

~~(U//A//FOUO)~~ **From the Archives: A Caveat for Extreme Sensitivity**

(U//A//FOUO) A 1958 memorandum that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, between the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) and the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) was marked "Top Secret, Sensitive, Limited Distribution, NOFORN." Col. Earl McFarland, chair of the GMIC, apparently didn't feel that was enough control in that he also stamped the document on every page "ONE EYE ONLY." [Redacted]

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This is a record.

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