Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 27 August - 31 August 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//AIUO) <u>5 September 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)</u>: Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//AIUO) <u>20 September 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)</u>: Next Principals' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

(U//AIUO) 20 - 21 September 2001: Next Historical Review Panel meeting at CIA

(U//AIUO) October 2001: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

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

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//AIUO) FOIA Requests

(U//AHUO) CIA Denies Request on Congressman Condit

(U//AIUO) The CIA denied a request submitted recently by a reporter from the San Jose (California) *Mercury News* for information on Congressman Gary Condit. The reporter had asked for "the names, addresses, phone numbers and other biographical information of interns in [our] agency recommended by US Representative Gary Condit (D-CA), over the past six years."

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(U//AHUO) Corona Project Honoree Seeks List of Fellow Awardees

(U//AUO)_A member of "the Kodak Team" of the Corona satellite program asked for a list of "about 100" other project members who were recognized for their accomplishments in a 1985 ceremony. The requester noted that "[he] was awarded a medal as a Space Pioneer. Each medal was presented personally by the then-current DCI William Casey."

• The FOIA case officer accepted the request

(U//AIUO) Prisoner Interested in Current Slavery Issues

(U//AIUO) A requester currently residing at an Arizona state prison complex asked for "up to date facts, statistics, information and history on the slavery and trafficking in humans that is going on around the world in this day [and] the underworld organizations involved in it, as well as the top government and law enforcement personnel that are serious about stopping this kind of crime and what they are currently doing about it."

• The FOIA case officer provided the requester with a monograph produced by the Center for the Study of Intelligence titled "International Trafficking in Women to the United States: A Contemporary Manifestation of Slavery and Organized Crime." The case officer also advised the requester to contact the FBI with respect to the law enforcement portion of his request.

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(U//AHUO) Frequent Requester Seeks IG Reports/Special Studies

(U//AIUO) Michael Ravnitzky of American Lawyer Media submitted a request for "the releasable portions" of several Inspector General reports and special studies. Among the titles of interest are "Dumping Hazardous Material into Potomac at CIA HQ," "Allegations of Biological Experiments in Vietnam," and "Review of POW/MIA Estimate."

With regard to the POW/MIA Estimate, the FOIA case officer provided the requester with a previously released joint DoD-CIA report titled "A Review of the 1998 National Intelligence Estimate on POW/MIA Issues and the Charges Levied by A Critical Assessment of the Estimate."

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(U//AIUO) CIA Declassification Center

(U//AIUO) Declassification Center Reviews Last Cable from PBSUCCESS

(U//AEC) The DO team at the CIA Declassification Center recently reviewed for declassification the final cable from the field, dated 13 July 1954, involving CIA's PBSUCCESS covert action in Guatemala. The cable, which was redacted in part stated, "hope you enjoyed association as much as [this station has]. The book is now closed but the story was a good one."

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 PBSUCCESS was a CIA covert action authorized by President Eisenhower that called for psychological, economic, diplomatic, and paramilitary action against the Guatemalan government. The CIA Declassification Center in conjunction with the Special Collections Division will be releasing an additional 100,000+ pages of records concerned with PBSUCCESS over the next several months.

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(U//AIUO) From the Archives: In 1969, Nixon Attends DDCI's Swearing-In Ceremony

(U//AIUO) President Nixon attended the swearing-in ceremony of CIA Deputy Director General Robert E. Cushman on 7 May 1969 at the White House rose garden. Nixon stated, according to documents recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, "Usually, as you know, I am not present except for the swearing-in of the Chairman or the top Directors of the agencies, but this is an exceptional case for reasons that all of you will understand." The President pointed out that Cushman had been his Assistant for National Security Affairs when he was Vice President. President Nixon went on to cite one instance when he gave General Cushman a particularly difficult task -- to move half of Nixon's staff from the Senate Office Building over to the Capitol. General Cushman accomplished the task but observed that "it was more difficult to move secretaries from the Senate Office building to the Capitol than it was to move a whole division of Marines across the Pacific."

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