

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 26 March - 30 March 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **24 April 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **17 May 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP):** Next meeting at CIA.

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

~~(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:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **OIM Declassification Center**

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~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **25-Year Program Receives Meritorious Unit Citation from DDA**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ On 29 March, DDA [redacted] and [redacted] D/OIM, presented a Meritorious Unit Citation to the staff and contractors supporting the OIM Declassification Center's 25-Year Program. The award was in recognition in part because ODC has declassified over 9 million pages of permanent records over the past three fiscal years, and for ODC's leadership role in the Government-wide automatic declassification effort. [redacted] Chief of the OIM Declassification Center, stated on the occasion, "I feel privileged and honored to be associated with all the many dedicated individuals who have contributed to the 25-Year effort since April 1995. On behalf of the staff and contractors of the 25-Year Program, I'd like to thank [redacted] DDA), [redacted] Director OIM), and [redacted] Deputy Director OIM) for recognizing our efforts, and supporting the program through many difficult times. Without this support, any successes we have achieved would not have been possible."

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- *The 25-Year program was established pursuant to President Clinton's Executive Order 12958, which stipulates in part that in April 2003 "all classified information contained in (intelligence-related) records that ... are more than 25 years old ... shall be automatically declassified whether or not the records have been reviewed."* [redacted]

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~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **From the Archives: In 1951, DCI Reluctantly Accepts a Covert Action**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ On 29 March 1951, the DCI, General Walter Bedell Smith, chaired a high-level "magnitude conference" of key Agency leaders to discuss the Agency's role in covert actions in China and elsewhere. Per the minutes of the meeting, which were reviewed recently by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center, the DCI expressed concern about covert action and "said further that he personally would rather not be given the job of undertaking to run the covert war," but he was "willing to run (it), but ... must insist that his authority for doing so and the requisite support is made completely clear." The DCI was reported to state regarding a covert action in China "the days when the military can just wave a mission over to us is now over, and that this type of allocation of mission to CIA/OPC (the CIA's Office of Policy Coordination) doesn't mean a thing ... and that it is just an example of the old Army game of passing the buck." DDCI William Harding Jackson interjected "whether or not CIA should have the mission was rather academic since we've clearly got it now..." The minutes indicate that the DCI "felt it awfully important that

we not put ourselves in the position of asking for an empire -- that he would rather have it thrust upon us."

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~~(U//A//FO)~~ Litigation

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~~(U//A//FO)~~ FOIA Requests

~~(U//A//FO)~~ Princeton Requester Interested in NIC Memorandum

~~(U//A//FO)~~ A requester from the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies at Princeton University asked for a copy of "a National Intelligence Council Memorandum which discusses the future of Russian Strategic Forces done seemingly in the 1993 or late 1992 timeframe."

- CIA accepted the request

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~~(U//A//FO)~~ CIA Receives Requests on Diverse Americans

~~(U//A//FO)~~ A requester from Rio Rancho, New Mexico, is interested in information on "the late Lewis Henri Michaux, and the National Memorial African Bookstore in Harlem. Lewis Michaux was the proprietor of the store, which began business in the 1930s and closed in 1974 or 75." Also, *Freedom Magazine* requested information on "Rollo May, a pioneer of existential psychology and Theodore (Ted) Wiprud, the first full-time executive director of the Washington, D.C. Medical Society."

- CIA accepted the requests

~~(U//A//FO)~~ National Security Archive Renews Requests on Colombia

~~(U//A//FO)~~ The National Security Archive sought information on "the July 1992 deployment and subsequent activities of U.S. military personnel [in] Colombia to assist Colombian security forces in capturing members of Pablo Escobar and/or other members of Colombia's Medellin drug cartel."

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~~(U//A//FO)~~ Historian Interested in First UN Secretary General

~~(U//A//FO)~~ A Norwegian historian, who is a visiting fellow at the United Nations Studies at Yale University, requested information on Trygve Lie, the first Secretary General of the United Nations.

- *The FOIA Case Officer advised the requester that although it is the CIA's policy to neither confirm or deny the existence of records that might indicate a current or former operational or analytical interest in any particular foreign personality, we can sometimes provide requesters with overt or previously released records containing information on foreign nationals that is unrelated to any classified or covert interest. Accordingly, the requester was provided with 22 pages of previously released material on Mr. Lie from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.*

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