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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 3 December - 7 December 2001
Executive Summary***

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **9 January 2002:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at DOD, Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 January - 1 February 2002:** Historical Review Panel meeting at

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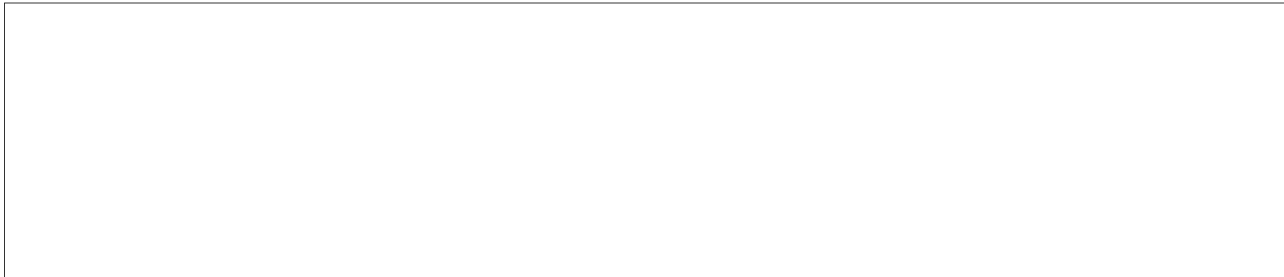
(U//~~ATUO~~) **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Litigation**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Aftergood Sues CIA for Release of 1947-48 Intelligence Budget**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the CIA in the US District Court for DC on 7 December 2001, seeking disclosure of "aggregate US intelligence budget figures for the years 1947 and 1948." Aftergood points out in his lawsuit that the DCI disclosed the 1997 and 1998 intelligence budgets in response to previous Freedom of Information Act requests by FAS. Aftergood argues that because no damage to the national security occurred subsequent to the release of the 1997 and 1998 figures, no damage could be expected from the release of "budget data from fifty years earlier..."



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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **PIPD Receives First Letter Since Mail Stopped Due to Anthrax Scare**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The case officers at the Public Information Programs Division (PIPD) have received the first letter since the mail was stopped due to the anthrax scare last September. During the mail stoppage, PIPD continued to receive requests via fax and through the inter-governmental pouch. The first letter via mail, date stamped by the inspectors on 10 December, was from a requester living in Panama who asked for status of his Privacy Act request. The requester stated, "I know you people are very busy right now... I wish all of you good luck in securing justice for all Americans. I pray for your success."

(U//~~ATUO~~) **National Security Archive Interested in Taliban Military Assistance**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requested information on "any military assistance from Saudi Arabia and Pakistan to the Taliban from 1994-1999. In addition to intelligence support, it is reported that the Saudi's assistance included providing the Taliban with fuel, money, and hundreds of new pick-up trucks. It is reported that Pakistani military assistance included missiles, the refurbishment of Kandahar airport, and also providing of a new telephone and wireless network for the Taliban."


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~~(U//A//FO)~~ **Los Angeles Times Seeks Documents on Mexican Army Training**

~~(U//A//FO)~~ A requester from the *Los Angeles Times* sought documents relating to "American military or civilian training to the Mexican Army and its Brigada Blanca (White Brigade), the Procuraduria General de Justicia Militar (the Military Judicial Prosecutor General), the now-defunct Direcciones Federal de Seguridad (Federal Security Department), and any Policia Judicial de los Estados (State Judicial Police Departments)."


- *The FOIA case officer advised the requester that the requested information would be under the auspices of the Department of Defense and Department of Justice and suggested that he contact those agencies for further assistance.* 

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~~(U//A//FO)~~ **Publications Review Board**

~~(U//A//FO)~~ **PRB Receives Few Pages to Review in November**

~~(U//A//FO)~~ In November the Publications Review Board (PRB) received just over 700 pages to review, which is a direct result of the interruption of US mail delivery to the Agency. The Board usually receives an average of 1,500 to 2,000 pages each month.

- *Fewer than five authors have inquired about the status of any manuscripts they may have sent after 11 September. The others, no doubt, believe that the time for review has already expired. The Board must complete its reviews within 30 days, and the time begins to toll when the Board receives a manuscript, not when the author sends it.* 

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

~~(U//A//FO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Predicted Rise in International Terrorism in 1980**

~~(U//A//FO)~~ The CIA predicted a violent backlash against major powers from groups based in Southwest Asia,

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according to a paper written in 1980 that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center. In the paper, titled "Effects of Southwest Asian Crises on Key Global Issues," the CIA predicted that "a rise in nationalist unrest and in harsh security practices intended to cope with this unrest or with external threats is likely to increase political violence. Much of this will take the form of localized terrorism, but violence-prone groups that perceive their homelands to be targets of major power expansionism would be more likely to attack the citizens or property of these powers."

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