

## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 13 - 17 January 2003 Executive Summary***

### **Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **29-31 January 2003: Historical Review Panel**: Next meeting at

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **12 February 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)**: Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

### **Future Planning Calendar:**


(U//~~ATUO~~) **25 February 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)**: Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(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~~) Historical Review Panel**

##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI's Historical Review Panel to Convene This Month With New Member**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The DCI's Historical Review Panel is scheduled to meet 29 through 31 January 2003   Ruth Wedgwood, a new member to the Panel, will be introduced at the meeting. Professor Wedgwood received her B.A. from Harvard in 1972 and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1976. She is professor of international law at Yale, and is currently on sabbatical at Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of numerous articles on international law. Click on this icon to read an article by Ms. Wedgwood that appeared in the Wall Street Journal  on 16 December 2002.

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- *The Historical Review Panel, which meets semi-annually, is a prestigious seven member panel of historians and academicians appointed by the DCI. (With Ms. Wedgwood's appointment, the Panel still has one vacancy.) The Panel's mission is to advise the DCI on the systematic and automatic declassification review of historical documents under the provisions of EO 12958, and on the Agency's voluntary declassification initiatives, as well as to provide guidance for the historical research and writing programs of the CIA History Staff.*

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

##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent Requester Asks About US Defector to North Korea**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Jeremy Bigwood, a frequent requester from Washington, DC, asked for all records related to "the disappearance of Sergeant Charles Robert Jenkins." According to the requester, "... Jenkins had been stationed in South Korea along the DMZ and was reported AWOL or missing on January 5th, 1965. Later he was apparently heard over North Korean radio broadcasts stating that he had defected to North Korea. A few years later, he married a Japanese national who had been abducted by the North Koreans and who was recently repatriated back to her country. Sgt. Jenkins has recently been in the news again because he allegedly wishes to reunite with his Japanese wife in Japan."

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~~(U//ATUQ)~~ **ERWG Holds its January Meeting at NARA**

~~(U//ATUQ)~~ On 15 January 2003, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) held its regular monthly meeting at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, DC, hosted by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO). Representatives from 20 federal organizations were in attendance. ISOO's Director, J. William Leonard, updated members on efforts to revise EO 12958. He reported that the revision draft completed the NSC process and is receiving White House clearance from the Chief of Staff. He anticipates its release by OMB later this month for interagency review. Mr. Leonard indicated the new Order will grant an extension to the Automatic Declassification provisions, however, he warned that this extension would be the last one.

- *The ERWG was formed in 1996 to coordinate declassification policies, standards, and procedures among the agencies affected by President Clinton's Executive Order 12958 on Classified National Security Information. The chairman of the ERWG is [redacted] Chief of the CIA Declassification Center. [redacted]*

~~(U//ATUQ)~~ **Presidential Library Archivists Visit the SRC**

~~(U//ATUQ)~~ On 14 January 2003, representatives from the CIA Declassification Center escorted Presidential Library Archivists Linda Smith (from the Eisenhower library) and Michelle DeMartino (from the Kennedy library) to the Satellite Review Center (SRC) to discuss their respective libraries and collections. The archivists brought along library literature and a number of handouts, including lists of names of key administration officials and NSC personnel, fact sheets, lists of ambassadors, NSC committee and working group titles and names, FRUS information, and sample documents from their collections; information that is invaluable in ensuring a quality review of Remote Archive Capture (RAC) folders. SRC site manager [redacted] and the SRC reviewers engaged the archivists in a lively exchange that shared thoughts on our respective review processes and was followed up with a brief tour of the SRC. [redacted]

~~(U//ATUQ)~~ **From the Archives: Management by Objectives at the Senior Levels**

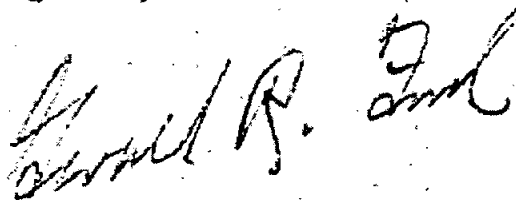
~~(U//ATUQ)~~ A 12 September 1974 White House memo from President Ford to DCI William Colby that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center outlined the President's expectations:

" Dear Bill,

"As one of my first undertakings in the Presidency, I have reviewed your accomplishments for the past year and the objectives you have set for the current fiscal year.

"I commend you on your 1974 results and strongly endorse your new plans. The objectives you have set for your agency are both challenging and important, and I am looking forward to meeting with you soon to discuss them and to meet with you and your key staff periodically to review your progress." The President signed :

With warmest personal regards,



- *In January of the following year, President Ford, under pressure to respond to allegations of CIA involvement in domestic affairs, created a Commission on CIA Activities, chaired by Vice President Rockefeller. DCI Colby spent much of his tenure dealing with this and other investigations into Agency activity. Colby was dismissed by the President in November 1975 in a major overhaul of the national security leadership. The overhaul also involved Donald Rumsfeld, a friend of the President, replacing James Schlesinger, a former DCI, as Secretary of Defense, and George Bush, Chief US Liaison Officer in China, returned home to take over the Agency as DCI. [redacted]*

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **From the Archives: A Meal Almost Spoiled**

~~(U//AFO)~~ From a 30 January 1979 item that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, Deng Hsiao-ping - - China's Deputy Prime Minister at the time - - was visiting the White House and Capitol Hill. At a luncheon in his honor, Taiwan - - not surprisingly - - was a major topic of conversation, with Deng reminding Senators that while the People's Republic of China did not intend to use force to reunify the mainland, he wasn't able to rule it out completely. Before lunch, the Senate wait staff nearly had convulsions when it was discovered that chopsticks to be used for the meal were labelled "Made in Taiwan." The sticks themselves were inscribed, to the staff's relief, with "a simple message: 'Enjoy your meal.'" [redacted]

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~~( U//AFO)~~ **From the Archives: Dropping the "French" from French Indochina**

~~(U//AFO)~~ In an Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) Daily Intelligence Abstract from 25 June 1954 (after the fall of Dien Bien Phu) that was reviewed by the SRC-RAC Team at the CIA Declassification Center, the US Embassy in Saigon states that, "the Viet Minh could easily take over all Vietnam if the country is partitioned and the US takes no steps to prevent conquest. When the French forces leave the country, Vietnam will probably appeal to the United States and we will then have to answer these appeals bearing in mind the effect of an answer on Indochina and on the opinion of Asia as a whole. The United States should as rapidly as possible train and develop armies in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. Then, if a [South Vietnam] republic is established it should be possible militarily to hold the narrow line along the 17th parallel. The US should abrogate the pentilateral agreement between itself, France, and Indochina, and negotiate direct military agreements with the three Indochinese nations."

- *France, though having already decided to depart the region, was still engaged in political dealing in Indochina and was perceived by US officials as interfering with efforts to counter a Viet Minh expansion into the south. In September, 1954, Ngo Dinh Diem demanded French withdrawal be stepped up and the United States announced that Vietnam aid would bypass French administration. In October 1954, President Eisenhower approved a plan to train the Vietnamese Army.* [redacted]

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