

**Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 7 - 11 October 2002
Executive Summary**

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **13 November 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **19 November 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at the EEOB in Washington, DC.

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **30-31 January 2003: 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:

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **"The Deuce of Spades Killed Him"**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A freelance writer from Brooklyn, New York seeks previously released records concerning the 1944 disappearance and murder of Army Major William V. Holohan.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Indiana Requester Wants Information on "La Vista" Report**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester from Valparaiso, Indiana asked for information or records on the State Department's "La Vista" report, which the requester indicates is a "US Army Intelligence report documenting the Vatican's role in aiding the escape of numerous high-ranking Nazi war criminals, that was declassified in 1984."

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ Litigation

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Court Orders CIA To Review Some MKULTRA Files

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The District Court of the District of Columbia recently granted a request by John Kelly, an author from Washington, DC, that the CIA search and review certain files usually exempt from search requirements under the CIA Information Act. The case started when Kelly made a FOIA request for records about the CIA's relationship under the MKULTRA program with the University of Cincinnati and UCLA, and about the CIA's efforts to locate subjects of the MKULTRA program, known as the Victims' Task Force. The CIA responded in part with a Glomar response.

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The court upheld the Agency's withholdings, but also ruled that it must search the Victims' Task Force records and release any non-exempt material because that aspect of MKULTRA was the subject of numerous government investigations.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ CIA Declassification Center

~~(U//ATUO)~~ ISOO Officials Tour CDC Declassification Factory

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Bill Leonard, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), visited the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) at [Redacted] last week accompanied by ISOO senior officials Laura Kimberly and Emily Hickey. Mr. Leonard and his group were provided an overview of the CDC mission and given a tour of the Document Conversion Center and a demonstration of the Image Workflow Automation System (IWAS) review system, and the CIA Records Search Tool (CREST), which is the NARA public access system. They were also provided a demonstration of the State of the Art Interagency Referral System (STAIRS).

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ From the Archives: Prime Minister of Celestia Offers His Help in 1960

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The "Prime Minister of Celestia" wrote a letter to the the Russian Ambassador -- care of the CIA -- in 1960 asking "permission of the Soviet Union to be present or to be represented at the forthcoming trial of (U2 pilot) Francis G. Powers." The "Prime Minister," who resided in Evergreen Park, Illinois, stated his attendance would be appropriate "since (his Celestial) nation has a full equity in all Celestial Space, and since air space, air rights, and outer space will probably be disclosed at the trial." The DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center, which is reviewing the DCI files for declassification, did not find a response to the Prime Minister's request in the files [Redacted]

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