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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 9 April - 13 April 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~~) **17 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

(U//~~ATUO~~) ODC and USAF Work Together to Improve 25-Year Declassification Process

(U//~~ATUO~~) The US Air Force (USAF) agreed to assist the OIM Declassification Center (ODC) with its 25-year automatic declassification effort. The agreement was reached in a 5 April meeting between representatives from ODC and their counterparts at the US Air Force's Office of Information Security (OIS). As a result of the meeting, the USAF agreed to send a "data call" memorandum to all USAF commands requesting information on any classified material in their possession that may contain CIA equities. Also, the USAF will modify some of its redaction guidelines to make them consistent with CIA procedures. The two organizations also agreed to maintain an open dialogue on declassification issues.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: DCI Dulles in 1953, "I Don't Want Politics in the Agency"

(U//~~ATUO~~) In 1953, DCI Allen Dulles addressed the Agency Orientation Course. The notes from the course were recently reviewed by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center. During the question-and-answer portion, the DCI fielded a question from the audience, "In view of the fact that most well-known Republicans are known for their rather conservative viewpoints relative to world affairs, in your opinion will these conservative leanings have any effect upon our estimating function?" Mr. Dulles responded, "If we allow ourselves to be influenced in our estimates by political or other considerations such as right-wing or left-wing tendencies, then we are failing in our work. Politics plays no role in this Agency. Anybody that wants to get into politics actively or to have any political activity had better leave, right away quick, because I won't tolerate that; I won't allow myself to do it; I won't allow anybody else to do it while in the Agency. Obviously, you can exercise your right to vote, but I don't want politics coming into this Agency. We're going to keep this Agency out of politics, as far as I'm concerned, and we're going to keep politics out of our estimating."

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) Harvard Librarian Seeks Special National Intelligence Estimate

(U//~~ATUO~~) A librarian with the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Harvard University requested a copy of "SNIE 11-17-83, Implication of Soviet Use of Chemical and Toxin Weapons for US Security Interests."

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- The FOIA Case Officer provided a copy of the document from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.

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~~(U//A//UO)~~ **National Security Archive Interested in Colombian Military**

~~(U//A//UO)~~ The National Security Archive continues an interest in matters pertaining to Colombia. Michael Evans from the Archive submitted a request for information on "the Fifth Brigade of the Colombian Army from 1981 to the present."

- CIA accepted the request

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~~(U//A//UO)~~ **Requester Wants Records on POW/MIA Declassification Efforts**

~~(U//A//UO)~~ Richard Daly, a frequent requester on POW/MIA issues, seeks information on "[CIA's] attempts to comply with Presidential Directive 8, issued by President Clinton ...calling for the declassification of POW/MIA records, [which] was issued in 1993."

- CIA accepted the request

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~~(U//A//UO)~~ **Professor Interested in Former Rhodesian Prime Minister**

~~(U//A//UO)~~ A Professor of Communications at Pepperdine University requested information on Reginald Stephen Garfield Todd, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia from 1953 to 1958. The Professor indicated that Mr. Todd is a citizen of Zimbabwe.

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