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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 23 - 27 September 2002 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

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

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **15 October 2002:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at the EEOB in Washington, DC.

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **8-9 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)~~ Publications Review Board

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Interagency Prepublication Review Working Group Holds First Meeting

~~(U//ATUO)~~ On Wednesday, 25 September 2002 the Interagency Prepublication Review Working Group held its first meeting Eighteen representatives from 10 federal agencies provided overviews of their individual programs. The group then explored ways the Intelligence Community can improve coordination of complex prepublication reviews with multi-agency equities.

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- *The participants wanted to meet again and agreed that quarterly meetings would be appropriate, with more frequent exchanges as necessary.*

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) Australian Requester Seeks Information on Photo-journalist


(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Australia asked for information or records on Neil Davis, an Australian photo-journalist and cameraman who worked in Cambodia, Vietnam, and other Asian countries from 1964 to 1985.

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: Hollywood Star Reminisces about WWII Cover and Deception

(U//~~ATUO~~) A 1972 document from the Hoover Institute/Casey Collection that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center is a transcript of a talk by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. at a Strategic Planning Seminar. Fairbanks starred in a number of Hollywood movies through the 1920s and 1930s, but as a commissioned US Navy Reserve officer, he became involved early in WWII with cover and deception applications. His talk provided insights from his experiences in the Mediterranean, discussing the use of "every kind of musical, electronic, and sonic device, and every kind of boat for real and fake raids, smoke and other funny business" to keep German units in Naples in place and preventing them from counterattacking the Allied beachhead at Salerno, Italy. Fairbanks went on to describe operations in support of Allied landings in Southern France, working with the Navy's Special Operations Group, OSS, and the British Special Operations Executive (SOE). He notes that Berlin Radio announced that thousands of allied paratroopers had been dropped in southern France, but several hours later corrected itself by stating that "these were booby-trapped dummy paratroopers," and added that "this deception could only have been conceived by the sinister Anglo-Saxon mind." 

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: CIA Documents Found in 1965 When Furniture Moved in White House

(U//~~ATUO~~) A White House situation room log dated 1965 from the Johnson Library files that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center noted that several CIA documents had been discovered on the floor of a White House office during an exchange of furniture. The "documents [were] found among envelopes to be discarded. White House police are typing up a report." 

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