

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 11 - 15 August 2003 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **26 August 2003:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **23 September 2003:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **December 2003:** Historical Review Panel: Next semi-annual meeting.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 December 2006:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) Publications Review Board Gets New Chief

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 15 August, [redacted] C/IRRG, announced the appointment of [redacted] as the Chief of the Publications Review Board. [redacted] previously served as chief of the Appeals and Litigation Branch in CIO/IMS. [redacted]

[redacted] During his tenure in CIO/IMS, [redacted] has received many accolades for his outstanding presentations in the information review and release training courses." [redacted], also, thanked [redacted] "for so ably serving as the acting chief of the PRB for the better part of the past year. Bruce is about to enter the transition program, and his continually excellent service on behalf of the PRB will be sorely missed."

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) UK Resident Seeks Information on Death of Zimbabwe Commander

(U//~~ATUO~~) A UK resident, claiming news media status, submitted a request for "information on the circumstances and suspicions surrounding the death of General Josiah Tongogara, the former commander of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA), in a car crash December 1979 in Mozambique, or any information on events immediately preceding his death. Tongogara died on the eve of Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 and was considered a probable future president of the country."

- *A search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database netted two documents on the subject of this request, both dated prior to the event of his death.* [redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) Librarian Requests Records on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Humanities Librarian at the University of Hawaii Library asked for records on the Hare Krishna Movement in the 1960s and 1970s, in the hope of gaining "an insight into the encounter between traditional society and its institutions, the era's youth movements, and new religious groups. It is due to the international nature of this group that information or records are being requested from you."

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- *The FOIA case manager performed a search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database, which revealed some previous requests for information on the Hare Krishna Movement.* [redacted]

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(b)(5)**(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent Requester Gives Pointers On Where to Search**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent requester, Jay Rodgers, of Peoria, Illinois, seeks "all CIA profiles and assessments of Kim Jong-il (North Korea), Jiang Zemin (People's Republic of China) and Hun Jintao (People's Republic of China)." He goes on to say, "If it helps, such documents would probably have been produced by CIA's Leadership Analysis desk in the Directorate of Intelligence." He is willing to pay research and reproduction fees up to \$50.

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(b)(5)**(U//~~ATUO~~) IMS Reps Visit the National Security Archive**

(U//~~ATUO~~) [redacted] IMS visited the National Security Archive (NSA) on 15 August. The purpose of the meeting was to address various NSA concerns involving CIA's processing of FOIA and Executive Order Mandatory Declassification Review (EO/MDR) requests. The IMS representatives met with Tom Blanton, Executive Director, William Ferroggiaro, Director of the National Security Archive's Freedom of Information Project, NSA's attorney, Meredith Fuchs, and Jeffrey Richelson, one of NSA's most frequent FOIA requesters.

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- *The National Security Archive has a \$3 million budget -- 80% comes from grants and 20% from publication sales. Its larger grants are from corporations -- Ford Motor Company is one of the four largest. The NSA is located on the campus of The George Washington University on the seventh floor of the university library. GWU subsidizes the National Security Archive's rent in exchange for access to the Archive's collection. This access strengthens the accredited status of the GWU library. That being said, GWU and National Security Archive maintain a mutual separation -- National Security Archive does not want to share its grant money with GWU, and GWU does not want anyone to associate it with the Archive's lawsuits.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives****(U//~~ATUO~~) My Favorite Spy**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A January 1951 memorandum for the record from the Chief of CIA's Security Division reports an inquiry from Paramount Studios. Paramount advises that it shortly will release a new Bob Hope-Hedy Lamarr movie called "My Favorite Spy" and wants assurances that the movie has not inadvertently used the names of any real CIA personnel. The DDA wisely refused any comment on this trick question, but CIA apparently kept quiet tabs on the movie as it progressed. Sometime later, CIA's Legislative Counsel, Walter L. Pforzheimer, added a handwritten note to the file: "CIA owes me seventy-five cents. I viewed this film on 11 April 52. It makes no mention of CIA & is a lousy picture. WLP."

(U//~~ATUO~~) Death on a 'Street Without Joy'

(U//~~ATUO~~) A poignant item appeared in a 1967 "Situation in Vietnam" weekly report. It provides a vivid account of a battle fought on 21 February 1967 between NVA/Viet Cong troops and elements of two US Marine battalions north of the imperial city of Hue, along Road One in northern Thua Thien Province. Among the heavy fatalities sustained that day by both combatant forces, was a notable civilian -- Bernard Fall -- the legendary French authority on Indochina (and at that time Professor of International Relations at Howard University). After his death on the 'Street Without Joy,' his wife received the tape-recorded notes that he was dictating: "Shadows are lengthening ...and we have reached one of our phase lines after the firefight and it smells bad...meaning it's a little bit suspicious. Could be an amb..."

- *Bernard Fall was considered one of the most perceptive and informed observers of the First and Second*

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Indochina Wars. A French citizen orphaned by the Holocaust, and a fighter in the French resistance, he visited Vietnam on six occasions to research his books, which included: The Two Vietnams: A Political and Military Analysis, Hell In A Very Small Place, and his most influential and signature work: Street Without Joy: Insurgency in Indochina. This title derived from the nickname French troops gave to Road One, a north-south route along the central coast of Vietnam where French soldiers fell victim to frequent ambushes by Communist infantry. In recounting the French experience in the First Indochina War (1946-1954), the book served as a warning to the US against repeating the mistakes that led to the French debacle of Dien Bien Phu at the hands of the Viet Minh. In the early 1960s, Professor Fall urged the US to pursue a negotiated settlement of the Second Indochina War, arguing that "the alternative means the bloodshed and misery of a long and probably inconclusive guerrilla war." In 1962, Fall interviewed the usually unapproachable North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh who warned that "the Americans greatly underestimate the determination of the Vietnamese people when they are faced with a foreign invader . . . "

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