

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 22 - 26 April 2002
Executive Summary***

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **8 May 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **16 May 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting (site to be determined).

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **26-27 June 2002: 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)~~ **Litigation**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Mohammed Al-Fayed To File Suit Against CIA in California**

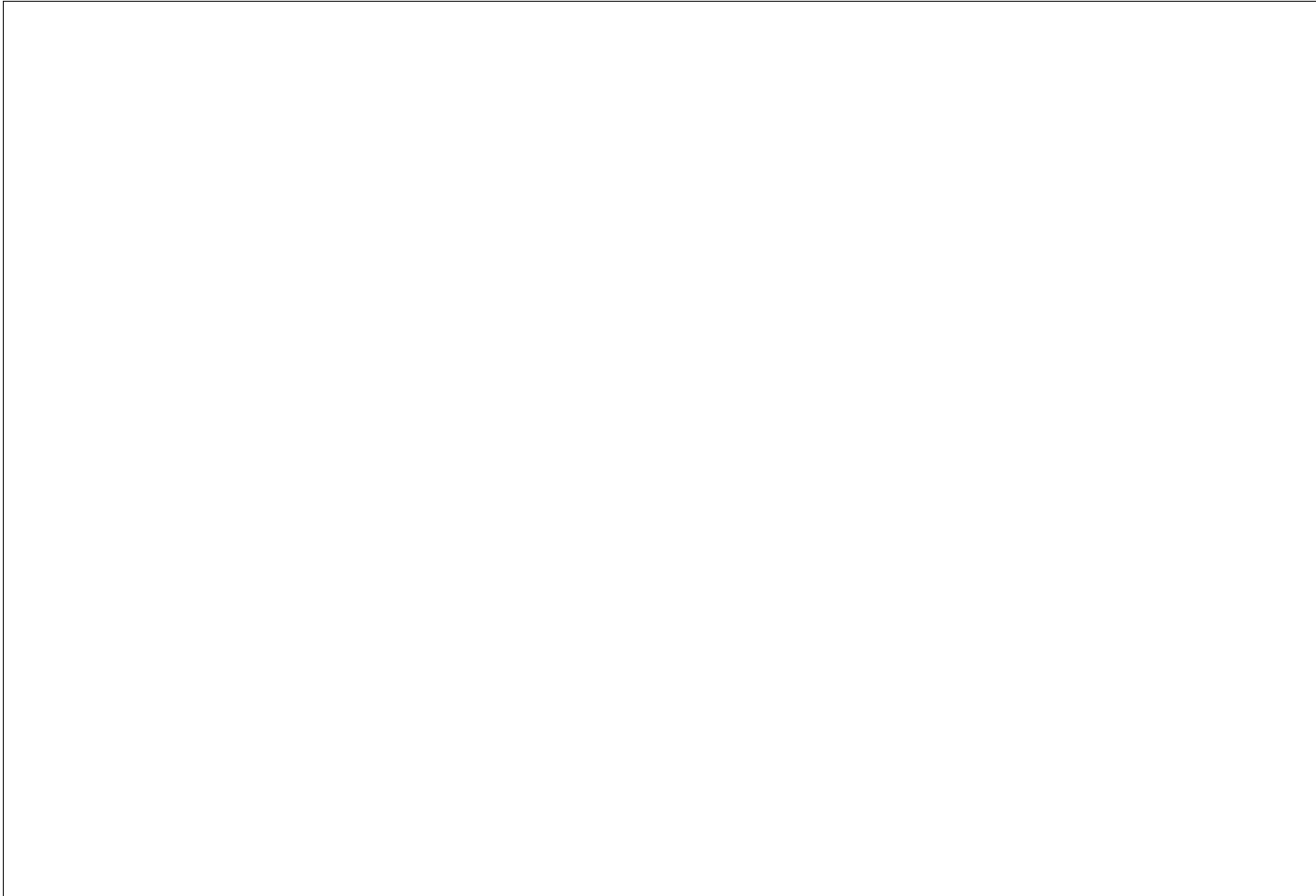
~~(U//ATUO)~~ Attorney Mark Zaid informed the CIA recently that his billionaire client, Mohammed Al-Fayed, will file suit in the US District Court for the Central District of California to compel the CIA to comply with a subpoena request for information in support of a civil suit Mr. Al-Fayed filed against several co-conspirators. In that civil suit, Mr. Al-Fayed alleges the co-conspirators attempted to swindle him with bogus documents that implicated British Intelligence in the deaths of his son, Dodi Al-Fayed, and Princess Diana in Paris in 1997. The CIA was subpoenaed in that civil case to provide records on its investigation of the co-conspirators and their actions. According to Mr. Zaid, Mr. Al-Fayed's latest suit in District Court will be filed because CIA has not responded to the subpoena request for those records.

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~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ **FOIA & Privacy Requests**

~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ **National Security Archives Expresses Gratitude**

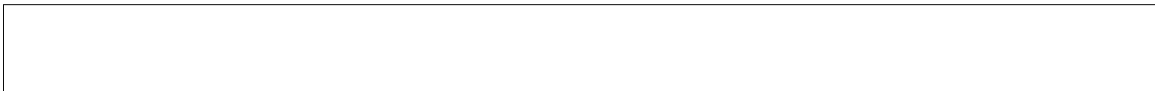
~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ The Director of the Freedom of Information Project at the National Security Archives sent a lengthy letter of appreciation to the Public Information Programs Division (PIPD) for a recent release. Profuse in its praise, the letter stated in part, "[National Security Archive] looks forward to CIA's continued effort at implementing the letter and spirit of the Freedom of Information Act."

- *The National Security Archive is a private organization located at George Washington University that compiles histories of international events from declassified records. The case that prompted the National Security Archive's letter of appreciation involved the release of a memorandum that assessed responsibility for massacres committed in Rwanda in April 1994.*

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~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ **Material Sought for Documentary on Suicide Bombers**

~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ AT Media of New York seeks information on "Imad Mugnyiah, wanted for the 1985 hijacking of a TWA flight and any reports that describe terrorist acts, including bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut in 1983 and the Khobar Towers attack." AT Media plans to produce a documentary on suicide bombers.



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~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ **Sister Dianna Ortiz Continues Quest**

~~(U//**FOUO**)~~ The Washington, DC law firm of Howrey, Simon, Arnold and White submitted a detailed request on behalf of their client, Sister Dianna Ortiz. Among the items requested are "the documents used in the preparation of the investigation concerning the alleged abduction of Sister Dianna Ortiz in Guatemala."

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- *The FOIA case manager accepted the request* [redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) MIT Seeks NIEs/SNIEs on Biological and Chemical Weapons

(U//~~ATUO~~) A request submitted under the auspices of the Chemical and Biological Working Group, Security Studies Program, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology seeks five National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) and Special National Intelligence Estimates (SNIEs) by title, number and date including, "Warsaw Pact Nonnuclear Threat to NATO Airbases in Central Europe; Soviet Offensive Chemical Warfare Threat to NATO; Soviet Tactical Nuclear Forces and Gorbachev's Nuclear Pledges; Use of Toxins and Other Lethal Chemicals; and Implications of Soviet Use of Chemical and Toxin Weapons for US Security Interests."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Student Seeks Information on Johnny Micheal Spann

(U//~~ATUO~~) An undergraduate student in Missouri submitted a request for all records concerning the decision that led to the "unprecedented step of publicly releasing [Spann's] name and the circumstances surrounding his death."

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