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## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 11 - 15 November 2002 Executive Summary***

### **Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **11 December 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

### **Future Planning Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **17 December 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~~) **Litigation**

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Requester Seeks Information on Interesting Ancestors**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester asked for information pertaining to her paternal grandfather, who she describes as a Navy veteran who also worked for "the CID or CIB, the intelligence agency preceding the establishment of the CIA," and on her paternal grandmother, who fled Siberia by train during the Russian Revolution, traveling via China to Japan.

- *The FOIA case manager referred the requester to the Navy for records pertinent to service in that organization, and to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records pertaining to service in CIA's predecessor organizations.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **German Psychologist Interested in Analytic Thinking**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A lecturer at the Free University of Berlin requested a copy of a publication titled "CIA Analytic Thinking and Presentation for Intelligence Producer -- Analysis Training Handbook."

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **National Security Archive Interested in Dead Lebanese Phalangists**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The Director of the Freedom of Information Project at the National Security Archive submitted requests for records pertaining to the January 2002 car crash and subsequent death of a former deputy leader of Lebanon's Phalangist party, and the car-bombing assassination the same month of a former leader of the Phalangist Militia.

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the requests/* [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: OSS Recruitment Strategy**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A 1943 OSS document from the Hoover Institute/Casey Collection, which was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, mentions the efforts of Col. Carl O. Hoffman to recruit the first 100 men for the 101 Detachment for operations in Burma. The Colonel's method was to "line up the men scouted by his staff and ask them three questions: (1) had they had a high school education? (2) Did they come from a small town or the country? Did they like to fish, to hunt, to be outdoors? If a candidate's face lit up and he showed any real interest when asked the last question, he was 'in.' Hoffman believed that such a man would be able to take care of himself in the difficult conditions in the Far East."

- *Detachment 101, although "never exceeding 120 Americans, recruited nearly 11,000 Kachin tribesmen to gather intelligence, sow rumors, sabotage Japanese installations, and rescue downed American pilots." according to CSI/History Staff's, The Office of Strategic Services: America's First Intelligence Agency.* [redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Offered Invention Inspired Possibly by Kangaroos**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The Agency routinely receives inquiries from inventors, some extremely talented and some otherwise. An August 1953 letter to DCI Allen Dulles, which was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, outlined one such encounter with an inventor, "... it was learned that the invention in which he was trying to interest the United States Government involved the attachment of heavy springs to the feet of paratroopers which would cushion the shock of their landings. The invention had been patented in Australia, but I am not sure this approval augurs well for its acceptance by the US Government, since the Australians are notoriously open-minded and may have been kindly disposed because of their long association with the kangaroo." [redacted]

This is a record.

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