

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

**Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **13 March 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB, Washington, DC.

**Future Planning Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **21 March 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting (site to be determined).

(U//~~ATUO~~) **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~~) **CIA Wins FOIA Litigation Regarding Secret Ink Documents**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The CIA recently won a FOIA litigation case in the US District Court for the District of Columbia filed by the James Madison Project. In the complaint, the plaintiff asked for the release of a volume titled "Secret Ink Technical Manual," a document prepared in 1945 by the Office of Censorship, an extinct WWII agency. The judge agreed with CIA's arguments that the formulas for invisible ink discussed in the volume must be protected, even though they date back to World War I and earlier, because those formulas may still be used in intelligence operations today.

- *The CIA had previously won a case involving old documents about invisible ink in the Moses case before the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP). In that case, the CIA agreed to partial release of nine technical and historical manuals of the Office of Censorship from the 1940s. Morris Moses, a historian, appealed the redactions to ISCAP. ISCAP agreed with CIA's arguments that the techniques warrant continued protection.*

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

(U//~~AIUO~~) **National Security Archive Interested in Colombia**

(U//~~AIUO~~) The National Security Archive requested information concerning the "interagency review of US policy toward Colombia initiated by the Bush administration in the summer of 2001[and] funding, training, operational support and any other US government activities associated with the Colombian Joint Intelligence Center (COJIC), established in Tres Esquinas, Colombia, in 1999 with US assistance."

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(U//~~AIUO~~) **Frequent Requester Seeks Documents on French Nuclear Programs**

(U//~~AIUO~~) Noted author Jeffrey Richelson requested copies of "all studies produced by the Office of Scientific and Weapons Research (OSWR) on French Nuclear programs."

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: 1980 Report from Tehran, "Fortunately, It Is a Short Wall"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) In a report dated 1980 that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center, a Middle East expert, who had recently returned from a TDY in Tehran, reported that "...daily activities in Tehran have an outwardly calm appearance shattered only recently by street executions and a number of public floggings....local interest in the hostages is rapidly fading....automobile traffic continues to be heavy...some energetic Iranian artists are painting a mural on the Embassy's front wall depicting the life and times of Ayatollah Khomeini as well as the achievements of the Revolution. Fortunately, it is a short wall." [Redacted]

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