

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 21 - 26 October 2002 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **13 November 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **19 November 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:

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **IMS Course on FOIA Very Popular**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ IMS announced the most recent offering of its popular course titled Overview of the Freedom of Information Act. The course will be taught on 30 October 2002 at by IMS' Information Review and Release Group, who will explain how the FOIA program works and will explain the Act's exemptions and exclusions. Over 70 persons signed up when the course was announced recently, but, unfortunately, the classroom will accommodate only 38 persons. Another running of the course is scheduled for May 2003.

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- *The Overview of the Freedom of Information Act course is one of seven courses taught by on Review and Release topics. Interested persons can sign up for the courses through the Enroll database.*

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Illinois Requester Seeks Information On JFK, Jr.**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester from Moro, Illinois, asked for any information or records on "John F. Kennedy, Jr. and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy regarding the 1999 airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard." She would also like to know "if there is any information regarding John Jr. running for New York Senator."

- *The FOIA case manager referred the requester to the Federal Aviation Administration and informed her that, although the mission of CIA is focused on foreign intelligence, a search of our database of previously released records was conducted and no responsive documents were located.*

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Massachusetts Requester Asks for Information on "East Timora"**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester from Massachusetts asked for access to and copies of "all records on the Central Intelligence Agency's surveillance, covert operations, and involvement as well as the CIA's documented knowledge of other United States government agencies involvement with the Island of East Timora (sic)."

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY~~**(U//~~ATUO~~) Wisconsin Requester Wants Records on A-12 Crash**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester out of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is searching for information pertaining to the 5 January 1967 crash of an A-12 reconnaissance plane. "The plane's tail number was 60-6928, otherwise known as Article 125. It took off from Groom Lake and was piloted by Walter L. Ray."

- The FOIA case manager conducted a search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database and located 53 responsive documents, which were sent to the requester. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center**(U//~~ATUO~~) ERWG Meets for Equity Recognition Training**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 21 October 2002, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) met [redacted] for its 2002 Equity Recognition Training Conference. The Air Force Declassification Office (AFDO) planned this 4th annual event. The ERWG this year decided to begin holding a number of smaller, and more focused, single-day sessions using breakout workshops. Thus, the October workshops mark the first of a series of planned focus groups using this new format. The keynote speaker was J. William Leonard, Director of the Information Security and Oversight Office (ISOO). Other presenters were from DIA, CIA, NRO, NSA, and the USAF's Air Intelligence Agency (AIA). Afternoon workshops by CIA, DIA and AIA afforded attendees the opportunity to study a variety of sample documents illustrating specific equity concerns. The event was well attended, and it clearly satisfied ERWG's training objective. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: In 1945 General Donovan Outlines His Vision for CIA

(U//~~ATUO~~) In a 1945 letter to the Director of the Budget that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center, General Bill Donovan, Director of OSS, outlined a set of principles for a post-war intelligence organization that indicates his influence on the CIA as we know it. In his letter he pointed out, "in our Government today there is no permanent agency to take over the functions which OSS will have then ceased to perform. These functions while carried on as incident to the war are in reality essential in the effective discharge by this nation of its responsibilities in the organization and maintenance of the peace." He added that "It is not easy to set up a modern intelligence system. It is more difficult to do so in time of peace than in time of war" and noted he had "already submitted plan for a centralized system. However, the discussion of that proposal indicated the need of an agreement upon certain fundamental principles before a detailed plan is formulated." General Donovan then attached a statement of proposed principles, "the soundness of which I believe has been established by study and by practical experience:"

1. That each Department of Government should have its own intelligence bureau "for the collection and processing of such information material as it finds necessary in the actual performance of its daily functions and duties."
2. That in addition "there should be established... a national centralized agency...."
3. "That no executive department should be permitted to engage in secret intelligence" which would be the purview of the central agency.
4. "That such an agency should be prohibited from carrying on clandestine activities within the United States and should be forbidden the exercise of any police functions either at home or abroad."
5. That it should be independent and its director be appointed by the President.
6. "That subject to the approval of the President," the policy of the agency should be determined by the Director "with the advice and assistance of a board on which the Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Treasury should be represented."
7. That the agency should be authorized to carry out espionage and special operations "in the foreign field only."
8. "That such a service should have an independent budget granted directly by Congress."

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9. "That such a service should include staff specialists ...professionally trained in analysis of information"

10. That in time of war "all programs of such agency in areas of actual or projected military operations shall be coordinated with military plans and shall be subject to the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff..." [redacted]

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