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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 2 - 6 June 2003
Executive Summary***

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) 11 June 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 22 July 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 4-5 June 2003: Historical Review Panel: Next meeting at State Department and CIA Headquarters.

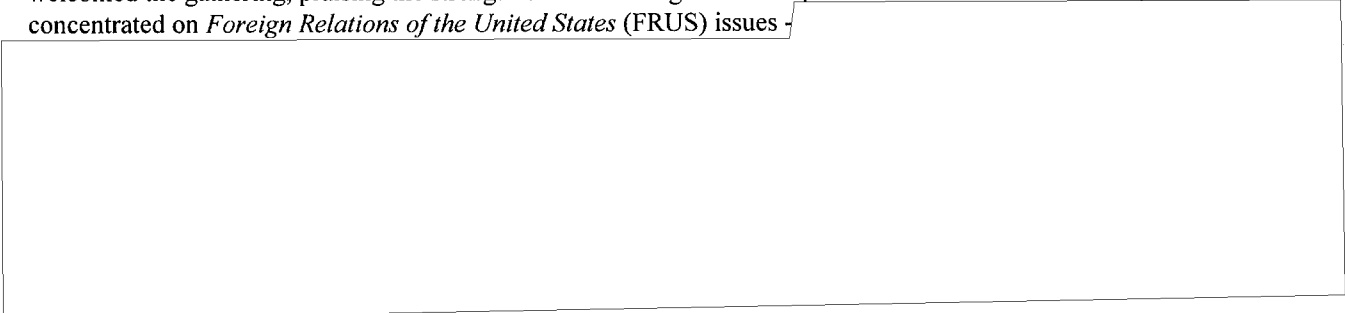
(U//~~ATUO~~) 31 December 2006: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) Historical Review Panel

(U//~~AIUO~~) **HRP Convenes with State Counterpart for Semi-annual Meeting**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The first full joint session of the DCI's Historical Review Panel (HRP) and the State Department's Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) was hosted by State from 3-4 June. Two Deputy Assistant Secretaries welcomed the gathering, praising the strength of the working relationship between CIA and State. The joint session concentrated on *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) issues -



- *The Historical Review Panel, which meets semi-annually, is a prestigious seven member panel of historians and academicians appointed by the DCI. The Panel's mission is to advise the DCI on the systematic and automatic declassification review of historical documents under the provisions of EO 12958, and on the Agency's voluntary declassification initiatives, as well as to provide guidance for the historical research and writing programs of the CIA History Staff.*

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **National Security Archive Asks for Kissinger's Telephone Transcripts**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) The Department of State recently referred two documents to the CIA from a group of documents that State found responsive to a FOIA request submitted by the National Security Archive. In that request, National Security Archive asked for "... transcripts of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's telephone conversations as recently transferred by Mr. Kissinger to the Department," of which the National Security Archive became aware from a State Department press release dated August 2001. The two documents that State referred to CIA were transcripts of telephone conversations that occurred in October 1973 between Kissinger and DCI William Colby. The conversations were about "the INR problem," referring to State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), and Kissinger's desire that CIA provide a person to fill a high-level position there. [redacted]

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[redacted] the two men couldn't come up with a good candidate. One potential nominee was just "not quite up to it." Colby said of another potential nominee, "I don't think (he) would be a good idea," to which Kissinger responded, "although I like him." Kissinger remarked about another of Colby's suggestions, "... it takes him about six hours to make a point." Colby also suggested another name as someone "I suggest you not take," to which Kissinger replied, "Oh, God, no! Not a chance."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) State University of New York Professor Requests Information on French Artist

(U//~~ATUO~~) An art historian and Assistant Professor in the Art Department at SUNY Oswego, writing a book about French artist Fernand Léger, asks for any government records about him, particularly any evidence that he was monitored by the US authorities due to his political beliefs.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: Nineteenth Century Author Reveals "The Secret of Their Cleverness"

(U//~~ATUO~~) "Western leaders have always recognized -- and resented -- their built-in disadvantage when negotiating with the Russians," was the opening line from a 1984 memorandum from the Vice Chairman of the National Intelligence Council (NIC) to the DCI. The document is from the Casey Collection - Hoover Institute, and was recently reviewed for declassification at the CIA Declassification Center. The author of the memo included a passage from *La Russie en 1839* by the Marquis de Custine that outlined our "built-in disadvantage" when dealing with the Russians:

"If it is true that the better diplomats are to be found among the Russians than among the most advanced peoples, the reason is that our press informs the Russians about every plan that is proposed and every event that occurs among us. Instead of prudently concealing our weaknesses we reveal them every morning with passion, while the Byzantine policy of the Russians, at work in the shadows, is careful to hide what they are thinking and doing and fearing. We go forward in the light of day; they advance under cover. We are blinded by the ignorance in which they leave us; they are enlightened by our candor. We are weakened by rumor; they are strengthened by secrecy. And there you have the secret of their cleverness."

- *La Russie en 1839, which was published in English as A Journey for Our Time, was described recently in a book review, "famous for its wit, poignancy and deeply penetrating insights, (the book) is often called the best ever account of the country by a foreigner. A fascinating portrait of a people, the Marquis' observations are as revealing and timely today as when he traveled through Moscow and St. Petersburg in the 19th century.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Litigation

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Wins Wheeler v. CIA Litigation

(U//~~ATUO~~) The District Court of the District of Columbia, on 4 June 2003, granted the CIA's motion for a summary judgment -- which is a request to dismiss the case -- in the John Fenton Wheeler v. CIA case. The court's opinion says that "Mr. McNair's affidavit (referring to the DO/Information Review Officer, Bill McNair) has detailed the reasons for the CIA's position with great clarity and persuasion." Mr. Wheeler had argued that the CIA had released a large amount of information about the subject in question, to which the court responded that Mr. Wheeler's argument "... fails in the face of the details of McNair's declaration."

- *Mr. Wheeler's suit was an appeal of a FOIA [redacted] that he filed with the CIA in 1996, asking for records the Agency may hold on him when he was "the Associated Press correspondent in Havana," and also when he "was AP bureau chief in Spain, Portugal, and Peru" in the 1960s. The CIA responded to that request by stating, "we have searched those Agency systems that might contain*

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information regarding you and have determined that there are no documents available to you under either the FOIA ... or the Privacy Act ..."

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