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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 23 - 27 June 2003  
Executive Summary***

**Immediate Calendar:**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **9 July 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

**Future Planning Calendar:**

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

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

**Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:**

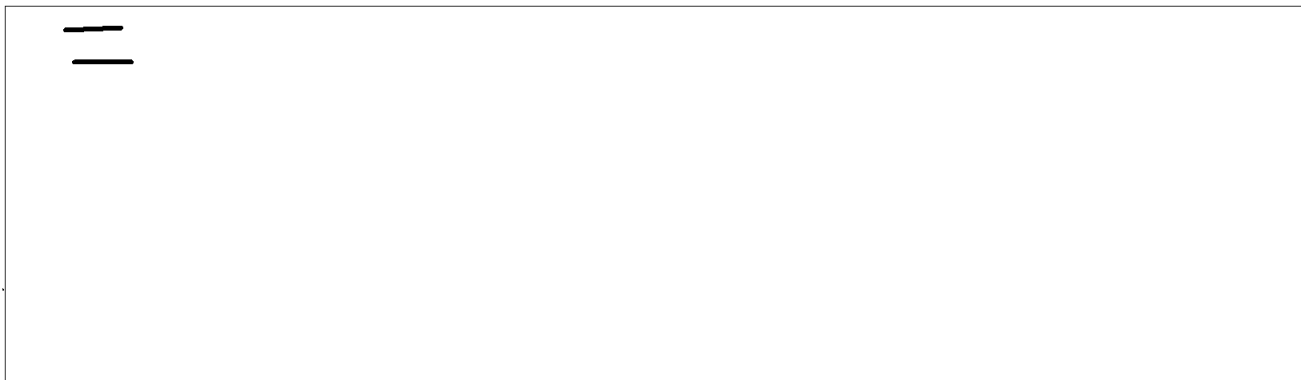
~~(U//ATUO)~~ **FOIA Requests**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Eighth Grader Wants Information about UFOs**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ An eighth grader from New Jersey indicated he was doing a research report on UFOs and asked for some help. He asked several difficult questions, one of which would be impossible to answer: "How many UFOs have not been explained and what were they?"

- *The FOIA case manager explained that the FOIA "does not authorize or require federal agencies to answer questions on behalf of requesters." However, the case manager explained that a collection of 2,748 pages of previously-released UFO material is available at the CIA's reading room or can be purchased for \$264.80, and that 991 pages of the collection is available at CIA's Internet site free of charge. Also, the student was sent a copy of "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90" from the Summer 1997 issue of Studies in Intelligence.*

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Analysts Get It Right in 1975**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) An Intelligence Alert Memorandum of 7 May 1975 to then National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger -- that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center -- warned of the possible rapid unravelling of the coalition government of Laos, with a resultant consolidation of political and military power by the Communist Pathet Lao. CIA analysts noted the recent Communist victories in South Vietnam and Cambodia had a devastating emotional and psychological impact on the non-Communist political leadership in Vientiane, reinforcing the non-Communists' belief that a Pathet Lao victory was inevitable and that further resistance was futile. Compounding their growing desperation, the non-Communists were described as firmly convinced they could not depend upon the US to preserve the ruling coalition's stability and Lao neutrality. As proof, the memo continued, Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma and his ministers cited the refusal of the American Congress to provide emergency assistance to the Saigon and Phnom Penh regimes in their moment of greatest need. Carefully covering their hind quarters, Agency analysts concluded that "Laos being Laos, the fall of the Vientiane coalition might not happen for several weeks, or even months, but it could happen within the next few days . . . . "

- *Shortly after the Intelligence Alert Memorandum was disseminated, the Phouma government fell and the Pathet Lao communists took over the government.*

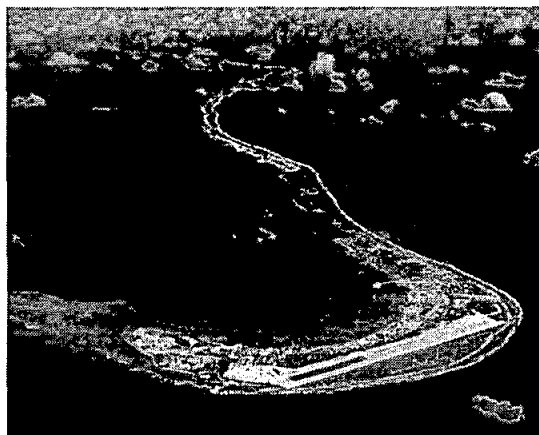
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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: DCI's Shipmate Asks for Transfer**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The CIA Declassification Center is reviewing the voluminous correspondence files of the DCIs. Frequently the files contain personal letters as illustrated by several exchanged between Juan N., a sailor in the US Navy, and RADM Roscoe Hillenkoetter in 1947. Juan N. wrote to congratulate RADM Hillenkoetter on being named Director of the Central Intelligence Group, and reminded him of their service together on the USS Concord. The DCI responded with a nice thank you note, ending with "I do hope you ... like your station at Kwajalein," referring to the miniscule atoll in the Pacific on which Juan N. was stationed. Juan N. replied, freely expressing his feelings:

*"Thanks for asking me how I like this station. Frankly speaking I never did like it at all. My three months on this rock seems like three years to me. Staying on this base reminds me of the bad times I spent on the rock of Corregidor and at concentration camp in Northern Luzon. Admiral, is there any means where you could help me getting [off] this rock...to finish this time back in the Philippines?"*

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Kwajalein Island (US Military photo)

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