

**Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 10 December - 14 December
2001
Executive Summary**

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **9 January 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at DOD, Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 January - 1 February 2002:** Historical Review Panel 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~~) **FOIA Requests**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Talk Magazine Seeks Documents on Ringling Brothers Circus**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A contributing writer with *Talk Magazine* in Washington, DC seeks information pertaining to " the Ringling Bros-Barnum & Bailey Circus ... John Ringling North; Feld Entertainment, Inc., Irvin Feld, Ken Feld, and Karen Feld ... Clair George (an ex-agency-DDO) ... and Robert Eringer." The requester states he wants the information because it "relates directly to public understanding of US foreign policy and national security history."

- The FOIA case officer asked the requester to provide additional biographic information on the individuals and asked him to provide a signed privacy waiver from each of the individuals. While the Agency can conduct a search for records absent such a waiver, the Agency must withhold under FOIA exemption (b)(6) any information that would cause an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy if no waiver is provided. The requester also was advised of the foreign intelligence mission of the agency and that he should contact the FBI for further assistance with regard to the remainder of his request.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **Frequent Requester Interested in Clandestine History**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Noted author and frequent FOIA requester, Jeffrey Richelson, requested a copy of "CSHP [Clandestine Services History Program] 335, Covert Action Operations: Soviet Russia Division, 1950-1968."

- The FOIA case officer sent the requester a letter acknowledging receipt of the request

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Los Angeles Times Interested in Papers of CIA Station Chief**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The *Los Angeles Times* requested information concerning "the personal papers of Winston Scott, CIA chief of station in Mexico City from 1956 through 1969."

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with 287 pages of previously released material on this subject from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **CDC Declassification Team Visits USAF in Alabama**

~~(U//AFO)~~ During 10-12 December 2001, representatives from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) visited two sites at Maxwell AFB in Alabama that hold documents with CIA equities that are subject to automatic declassification under the provisions of EO 12958. At Maxwell, the CDC team visited the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA) and the Air University (AU) Library. At AFHRA, the team discussed with the director how CDC plans to deal with the 500,000 to 600,000 pages of CIA equities embedded in the 18 million pages of USAF unit histories. Because the histories are of prime interest to researchers, the Air Force would like to have them declassified. The director of AFHRA offered to send Air Force personnel to Maxwell on TDY to prepare the documents if a CDC team would begin a declassification review. AFHRA representatives believe the project can be completed by mid-February. At the Air University, the CDC team determined that all pre-1981 CIA equities in the AU holdings have been reviewed and no further action is required. [REDACTED]

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Predicted Rise in International Terrorism in 1980**

~~(U//AFO)~~ The CIA predicted a violent backlash against major powers from groups based in Southwest Asia, according to a paper written in 1980 that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center. In the paper, titled "Effects of Southwest Asian Crises on Key Global Issues," the CIA predicted that "a rise in nationalist unrest and in harsh security practices intended to cope with this unrest or with external threats is likely to increase political violence. Much of this will take the form of localized terrorism, but violence-prone groups that perceive their homelands to be targets of major power expansionism would be more likely to attack the citizens or property of these powers." [REDACTED]

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