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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 1 October - 5 October 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **October 2001:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 October 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(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/PA & EO MDRs

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Exceeds Annual FOIA-PA and EO Goals

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Agency closed FY 2001 by reducing its backlog of pending Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) cases by almost 19 percent; well in excess of the 15 percent goal that had been established for the fiscal year. The Agency also exceeded its FY 2001 goal for reducing the number of pending Executive Order (EO) Mandatory requests. By the end of FY 2001, the backlog of requests had been reduced to 797 cases, which represents a 24-percent reduction in the backlog; more than double the 10 percent goal that had been set for the year.

- *These are exceptional accomplishments and are a reflection of the hard work of the staffs in the CIO, Directorate IROs, and those IMO's and other personnel in the components that assist in processing the cases.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center Meets Annual Goal

(U//~~ATUO~~) The CIA Declassification Center (CDC) met the FY 2001 goal of 30 million pages reviewed and 7 million pages released. The CDC provided the National Archives and Records Administration with 4.8 million pages of released film and hardcopy products and prepared 2.3 million pages for the CIA Records Search Tool (CREST), which is a database of CIA declassified records available to the public on terminals located at NARA in College Park, Maryland. The FY 2001 CREST data are undergoing a final review prior to transfer to NARA for issues that may have emerged based on the 11 September terrorist act.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: Vodka from Sawdust

(U//~~ATUO~~) In a 1954 CIA report that was recently reviewed by the DO team at the CIA Declassification Center, an intelligence source described a visit to a large distillery in the Soviet Union near the city of Khabarovsk. The distillery purportedly manufactured vodka from sawdust. The vodka was reportedly inferior as a beverage but was effective as hydraulic fluid in artillery brakes.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Publications Review Board

(U//~~ATUO~~) PRB Exceeds Last Year's Record for Pages Reviewed

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Publications Review Board exceeded last year's record for pages reviewed with the help of two

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novels the Board received on the last day of the fiscal year. For FY 2001, the Board reviewed 26,002 pages and 304 manuscripts, compared with 25,448 pages and 308 manuscripts for FY 2000.

- The Board reached a "no objection" decision on approximately 82% of the submissions and withdrew its objections after author rewrites on the overwhelming majority of the remaining submissions.
- One author appealed the Board's final decision, but withdrew before the Executive Director made a final Agency decision. The author rewrote his manuscript, removed the objectionable text, and received Board approval to publish.

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

~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Associated Press Seeks Documents on Osama Bin Laden**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ A requester with the Associated Press in New York sought "all preprocessed documents pertaining to Osama Bin Laden/Bin Ladin and Al-Qaida/Al-Qaeda from the database of 'officially released information' in electronic format."

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with 17 documents on these subjects, consisting of 178 pages from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.

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~~(U//AIUO)~~ **National Security Archive Continues Interest in South America**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ The National Security Archive requested information on "the Servicio de Inteligencia de la Defensa (SID) located in Uruguay, from 1970 to the early 1980s;" "the Uruguayan Unit of Military and Police Forces from the 1970s to the early 1980s, this unit is also known as the Organismo Coordinador de Operaciones Antisubersivas (Coordinating Organization for Anti-Subversive Operations-OCO);" and "the Direccion Nacional de Informacion e Inteligencia (DNII) located in Uruguay from 1970s to the early 1980s."

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~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Requesters Renew Interest in Document on Marilyn Monroe**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ Two requests were submitted last week for an alleged CIA document dated 3 August 1962 relating to Marilyn Monroe. According to one of the requesters the document "pertains to wiretaps on the telephones of both Marilyn Monroe and syndicated columnist Dorothy Kilgallen. This document is included in the book *The Last Days*

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of Marilyn Monroe ."

- The FOIA case officer advised the requesters that searches have been conducted for this document in earlier requests and no responsive records were located.

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **Newspaper Seeks Documents on US - Afghanistan Business Dealings**

~~(U//AFO)~~ The business editor of the *Daily Record* in York, Pennsylvania sought "a list of the US citizens or businesses who have violated US law by doing business with Afghanistan since January 1, 2000 through September 18, 2001."

- The FOIA case officer advised the requester of the foreign intelligence mission of the CIA and suggested that he contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation for assistance.

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