

## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 1-12 November 2004 Executive Summary***

### **Future Planning Calendar**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **16 November 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **8 December 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **15, 16 & 17 December 2004: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

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

### **Overview of IRR Activities--Last Two Weeks**

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

##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Seeking Information on Swedish Prime Minister**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Denmark asks for documents or information involving the Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, and any information regarding his murder in 1986.

- *the FOIA case manager located seven responsive documents from the MORI database of previously released information, and provided them to the requester.*

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##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Request on Rumsfeld Visit to Colombia**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requests information concerning "the visit of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to Colombia on or about August 19, 2003. Secretary Rumsfeld met with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and former Defense Minister Marta Lucia Ramirez...[and] announced that the United States would resume the Air Bridge Denial Program, a counter-narcotics aerial interdiction plan."

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the request,*

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##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Interest in Agency Policy Office**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from England asks for information on "the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), operational between 1948 and 1952. I am interested in researching both the internal bureaucracy of [the] OPC and its political and psychological warfare operations conducted against the Soviet Union and the Eastern European satellites...for a Ph.D. dissertation in the UK."

- *The FOIA case manager located a 57-page historical study of the Office of Policy Coordination from the MORI database of previously released information, and provided it to the requester.*

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY~~**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center****(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives:****(U//~~ATUO~~) Iraq's Nuclear Interests in 1979**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Carter Library comes a 1979 *Interagency Intelligence Memorandum* (IIM) on Iraq's nuclear intentions. Noting that the available evidence is "fragmentary," and in most cases, ambiguous, the Summary states that "We have no hard evidence that Iraq has decided to actually acquire nuclear weapons," but that the Iraqis have "decided to put themselves in a position to do so" by developing a nuclear base from which such weapons could be eventually produced. The paper judged Baghdad's greatest technical challenge to be the "acquisition of sufficient fissile material." The prospects for stopping Iraq from acquiring "weapons-applicable materials, technology and equipment range from poor to fair," according to the IIM, with the prospect of significant opposition from several NATO allies to a potential US campaign to prevent this occurrence. Some of these nations were among Iraq's principal suppliers in this period. The Implications section highlighted the likely pressure to come from Israel, if Tel Aviv were able to make "a plausible case" that Iraq's nuclear research program had turned to nuclear weapons development. The 1979 IIM noted that "it seems reasonable to assume that [the Israelis] will be disinclined to risk taking any really drastic action unless they are convinced that Iraq is on the verge of acquiring one or two deliverable nuclear weapons. Hence, even though early Iraqi diversion of the initial supplies of French uranium would bring the Israelis to [a] high state of alert, it might not trigger an immediate preemptive response..."

- *Comment: Tel Aviv secretly launched a successful preemptive airstrike against Iraq's OSIRAK reactor in mid-June 1981.* [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Martial Law in South Korea**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A daily Korean bulletin dated 1 February 1952 reports that "martial law was declared in southwestern Korea in conjunction with the UN anti-guerrilla campaign, 'Operation Ratkiller.'" The daily bulletin of 12 February reports that "since 'Rat Killer' started on 1 December, more than 8,000 enemy guerrillas have been killed and about 7,000 captured." [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Communist Reaction to President Carter's Visit to CIA**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Carter Library comes a 21 August 1978 White House Situation Room Evening Notes for National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski that states, "*Pravda* last Friday reported that the President assigned to his CIA audience the task of 'organizing a global system of espionage first of all directed at the USSR and other socialist countries.' He is quoted to have said that the sphere of CIA activity will further widen to embrace the whole world, 'including our closest allies and friends.' *Pravda's* portrayal of the President as personally seeking to direct the CIA primarily against the USSR represents a departure from the usual Soviet propaganda line which depicts him as 'succumbing to pressure from the enemies of detente.' More direct personal criticism could reflect Moscow's continuing displeasure over the current state of Soviet-US relations. *Prague Domestic Service* emphasized the President's comparison of CIA employees with Caesar's wife, citing administration resignations to assert 'it is not at all clever to be more honorable and more honest than any other US Government institution.' The commentary claims that it is 'impossible' for the CIA to give up 'fraud and murder,' the 'tools of its trade.' The Czechs point out that the President's statement 'can also be interpreted as meaning the opposite of what the words say' since the President 'surely knows that Caesar's wife often left dinners in male company and returned with dishevelled hair.'" [redacted]

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