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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 15 October - 19 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.

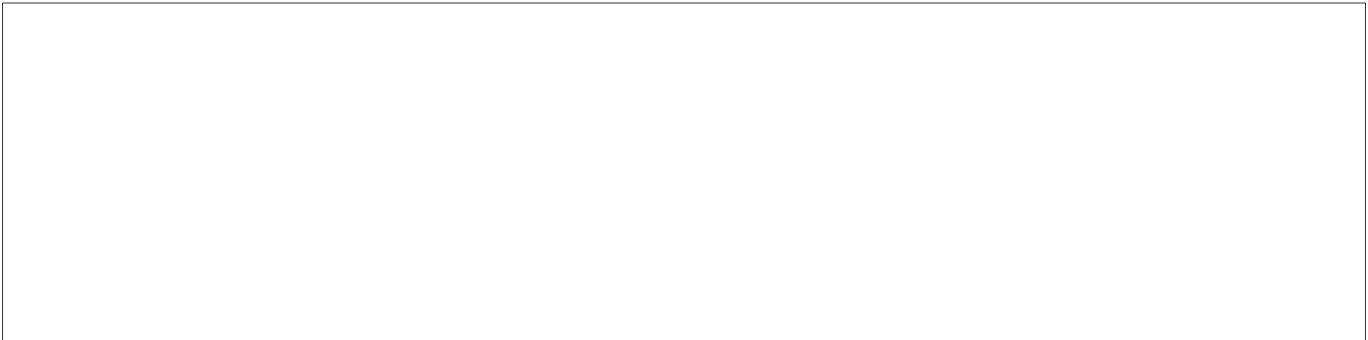
~~(U//ATUO)~~ **31 October 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

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)~~ **Publications Review Board**



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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **ERWG Looks at Effects of September 11 on Government Declassification**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The External Referral Working Group (ERWG) discussed, among other things, the effects of the September 11 terrorist attacks on government declassification at its monthly meeting on 17 October. The ERWG's October meeting was hosted by the Department of State and was chaired by [redacted] the CIA. A representative from the Department of State discussed foreign affairs concerns resulting from the terrorist attacks, and [redacted] of the CIA Declassification Center discussed the Agency's preliminary thoughts on increased protection of counter-terrorism information. In other business, the Department of Energy discussed the status of its RD/FRD audit, and the National Archives and Records Administration provided an update on the handling requirements of the Nixon Presidential Material. The Chair invited member organizations to report on their FY 2001 program accomplishments, and FY 2002 declassification plans, at ERWG's November meeting. [redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Monitors 1952 Rumor that USSR Plans To Retake Alaska from US**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The USSR would retake -- forcibly, if necessary -- Alaska from the US in 1955, according to a CIA information report dated 1952 that was recently reviewed by the DO team at the CIA Declassification Center. The report outlined a rumor that was circulating around the USSR that the US had leased, not purchased, Alaska from Russia in 1867, and the lease was to expire in 1955, at which time the Soviet Government would demand Alaska's return. According to the rumor, if the US did not accede, the USSR would recover Alaska by force. [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Associated Press Interested in Psychological Profiles of Osama Bin Laden**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ An investigative researcher with the Associated Press in New York requested "copies of all psychological profiles pertaining to Osama Bin Laden/Ladin."

[Redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Requester Seeks Copy of Saddam Hussein's Romance Novel**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester from Dallas asked for "records on, and if available, a translation of, the novel *Zabibah and the King*, which was supposedly penned by Saddam Hussein."

- [Redacted] *The romance novel was reported by The New York Times in an article dated 25 May 2001 titled "CIA Sleuths Study a Novel for the Thinking of Hussein," in which the Times reported that the CIA believes Saddam Hussein "probably did not write (the romance novel), but that he carefully supervised its production and suffused it with his own words and ideas."* [Redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Democrats Interested in Information on Representative Graham**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The Deputy Research Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee asked for "correspondence and other information requested by or provided to [Representative] Lindsey Graham (R-SC) between January 1, 1995 to the present."

[Redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **National Security Archive Requests Information on Peruvian Elections**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The National Security Archive requested information on the presidential elections held in Peru in 2000, "including any US monitoring of the elections and allegations of fraud; allegations (in March 2000) of systematic forgery of qualifying signatures for Alberto Fujimori's 'Peru 2000' party; April 9, 2000 first round elections; [the] withdrawal of second round run-off candidate Alejandro Toledo from the May 2000 Peruvian elections after his calls for a postponement of the elections were refused; [and the] May 28, 2000 runoff elections."

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This is a record.

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