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## *Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 21 May - 25 May 2001 Executive Summary*

### *Immediate Calendar:*

(U//~~ATUO~~) 17 June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP): Next meeting at CIA.

(U//~~ATUO~~) 11 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

### *Future Planning Calendar:*

(U//~~ATUO~~) 26 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

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

(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~~) Requester Interested in Berlin Tunnel Operation

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from California asked for information on "the Berlin Tunnel Operation from its inception and planning...to its closure and post-op analysis."

- *The FOIA case officer provided the requester with a declassified 94-page history from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database that describes the CIA - British operation in the mid-1950s to dig a tunnel under the Soviet sector of Berlin to tap Soviet military communication lines.* (b)(3)

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*Note from CSI:* Re below from the IRR Weekly, the CSI unclassified book "On the Front Lines of the Cold War: Documents on the Intelligence War in Berlin, 1947-1961" ed. Donald Steury, published in late 1999, has a whole section on the tunnel, including the transcript of the Soviets and East Germans finding it. It is available on the CSI web site at <http://www.cia.gov/csi>.

##### (U//~~ATUO~~) Canadian Radio Seeks Information on 1953 Chemical Spraying Incident

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from CBC Radio-Canada requested information on "the 1953 US military spraying of a chemical in Winnipeg and Stony Mountain, Manitoba." The requester also sought information on a Dr. John P. Zubek of Winnipeg, Canada who "conducted experiments into the effects of human sensory deprivation from 1959 until his sudden death in 1974."

- *With regard to the request concerning the chemical spraying incident, the FOIA case officer advised the requester that the information would be under the auspices of the US military.*

##### (U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Interested in 1966 DI Guatemala Report

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Brooklyn, New York requester asked for a copy of "Intelligence Memorandum: Guatemala on the

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Eve of the Elections, March 4, 1966, Directorate of Intelligence."

- *The FOIA case officer provided the requester with a declassified copy of the report from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.* [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **National Security Archive Submits a Wide Variety of Requests This Week**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The National Security Archive submitted a variety of requests this week including a request for information on "any US Intelligence Board 'Post-Mortems,' prepared during 1963-1970, on National Intelligence Estimate and Special National Intelligence Estimates on Chinese nuclear weapons capabilities," "the 1984 Anti-Sikh riots that occurred after the 1984 assassination of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards," and "the devaluation of the CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc in January 1994. The CFA franc linked 14 African countries to the French franc and French treasury."

- *The request pertaining to the US Intelligence Board "Post-Mortems" was accepted* [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: DCI Dulles in 1953, "CIA Here to Stay" Even if USSR Disappears**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ In 1953, DCI Allen Dulles spoke at an Agency Orientation Course. The notes from the course were recently reviewed by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center. During the question-and-answer portion, one person asked the DCI if the CIA "will be a permanent government function even if the USSR has a modified change of heart and begins to behave itself." The DCI answered, "I think the CIA is here to stay." [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: Searchers Look for OXCART Packet after 1963 Plane Crash**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The CIA went to great lengths to search for an "emergency packet" lost by one of its pilots of the OXCART A-12 reconnaissance aircraft in 1963, according to documents recently reviewed by the DS&T team at the OIM Declassification Center. The packet was lost when the pilot was "violently ejected ... at 25,000 feet while ... in an upside-down position" during a test flight from a classified airbase in the western US. The contents of the "emergency packet" were not disclosed but contained items a pilot might need to survive a crash in hostile territory, such as fishing line, medicine, and money. On the day of the crash, the CIA sent out three security teams that searched for nine hours using "low flying aircraft, automobile and foot patrol ... with negative results." In follow-up attempts, searchers tried to determine the packet's location by dropping items of similar size and weight and monitoring their fall. They also factored wind direction information at the time of the crash obtained from the Air Weather Service. The searchers summarized their efforts "(the search) team conducted a minute search of the area; this team attempted to pinpoint the precise location in accordance with the best scientific data available to them," but to no avail as the packet was not recovered. [redacted]

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