Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 12 February 2001 - 16 February 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//ATUO) 27 February 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//ATUO) 15 March 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

(U//AIUO) June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP): Next meeting at CIA

(U//AHUO) 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//AIUO) Litigation

(U//AHUO) Family Files FOIA Lawsuit Seeking Information on Missing Russian Scientist

(U//AIUO) Erica Morgan, a 16-year-old Maryland girl, acting through her mother, and represented in US District Court by her attorney father, has sued the Agency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) after it Glomared --neither confirming nor denying -- her request for information that the Agency might have on Vladimir Alexandrov. Mr. Alexandrov, a Soviet scientist who was involved in research about the effects that a "nuclear winter" would have on the atmosphere, disappeared in Spain in 1985.

•	The requester had appealed t	he Agency's decision to	the Agency	Release Panel,	which affirmed the
	decision on 10 August 2000.			•	

(U//AIUO) FOIA Requests

(U//ATUO) National Security Archive Submits Requests Pertaining to Colombia

(U//AHUO) A frequent requester from the National Security Archive is interested in information on "Los Pepes, a Colombian vigilante group that emerged in early 1993 that targeted people and property owned or associated with Colombian drug trafficker Pablo Escobar for assassination or destruction." The requester also asked for information on "the killing of at least 36 people in the town El Salado, Colombia by paramilitary forces from February 16-18, 2000."

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(U//ATUO) Requesters Interested in Previously Released Reports (U//ATUO) A requester from Florida asked for a copy of NIE 4-1-78, "Warsaw Pact Concepts and Capabilities for Going to War in Europe: Implications for NATO Warning of War." Also, a retired military officer from Annapolis, Maryland requested a copy of a November 1981 DI report titled "Iran: The Seizure of the Embassy in Retrospect."	
• The CIA provided the requesters with the reports from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database of previously released documents.	(b)(3
(U//Atuo) Requester Wants Records on "The Invaders" (U//Atuo) A Minnesota requester asked for information on "the Invaders aka Black Organizing Project or BOP" which he identified as "a black power group in Memphis during 1967-1970."	
• The CIA advised the requester of the foreign intelligence mission of the CIA and referred him to the FBI for assistance.	(b)(3
(U//AIUO) OIM Declassification Center	
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(U//ATUO) From the Archives: Kissinger Gets His KIQs (U//ATUO) Henry Kissinger, then National Security Advisor, praised DCI William Colby's Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs) initiative as responsive to President Nixon's efforts at "revitalizing the Intelligence Community." The accolades were in a memorandum dated 1974 that was recently reviewed by the DCI Team at the OIM Declassification Center. Kissinger told the DCI that the KIQs "referred to in your memorandum of March 9, 1974" were a "promising beginning" in the Agency's efforts to identify intelligence topics of importance to policymakers", and "this process is precisely the sort of step which the President looked for as a follow-on to his November 5, 1971 letter revitalizing the Intelligence Community."	
• In his book Honorable Men, DCI Colby described his KIQ initiative: "I outlined what I thought were the important subjects that we should be working on; then I asked all agency heads on the US Intelligence Board to either accept or modify them. My object was to replace an enormous paper exercise called the	

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'kicking' the community along in the right direction."

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'requirements' process ... with a simple set of general questions about the key problems that we should concentrate on. A wag promptly labeled this the KIQs, ... which I gladly accepted for its connotation of

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