

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 17 - 21 June 2002
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **26-27 June 2002: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 July 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting, site to be determined.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **20 August 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting, site to be determined.

(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~~) **Litigation**

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Researcher Wants Information on the "Axe-Man of New Orleans"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Louisiana requester asked for records concerning the investigation of Mr. Louis Besumer in 1918 for the murder of his companion Mrs. Harriet Anne Lowe, who was bludgeoned to death with an ax. The requester states that according to newspaper accounts, Mr. Besumer became known as the "axe-man of New Orleans" and at the time of the murder he was interviewed by the Department of Justice.

- The FOIA case manager advised the requester that the CIA was not created until 1947 and referred him to the Department of Justice.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Requester from Scotland Wants Information on WWII Organization**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Scotland wants information on the World War II era, 'Waffen SS Handschar Division,' including a wanted list of former members.

- The FOIA case manager referred him to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for information that might be contained in the records of OSS or its predecessors.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Senator John Warner Receives FOIA Request for CIA**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A new resident of Arlington, Virginia requested information on CIA via Senator John Warner for

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research on CIA's Counterterrorism Center, Nonproliferation Center and Arms Control Center. Specifically, the requester seeks the names of the current directors and their contact information.

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- The CIA asked the requester for proof of Mr. Clarke's death. If the subject were alive, the CIA would have asked the requester if he had a Privacy Act waiver signed by the subject. [Redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **ERWG Holds June Meeting at [Redacted]**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ On 19 June 2002, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) held its monthly meeting at [Redacted] chaired by [Redacted] the CIA Declassification Center (CDC). A total of 31 representatives from 17 federal organizations attended the meeting. The agenda included a briefing from ISOO on the status of the revision to EO 12958, a review of plans by the Air Force Declassification Office for an equity training workshop to be held in October 2002, a briefing by DIA [Redacted] and a very interesting discussion of export control laws and their implications for information release.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **CDC Reps To Look for CIA Material in California**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Representatives from the External Referral & Liaison Branch of the CIA Declassification Center will visit sites in California during the week of 24 June 2002 to ascertain the existence and quantity of 25-year-old classified material that contains CIA equities. The CDC representatives will visit the Federal Records Center at San Bruno, the Department of Energy's Special Technologies Laboratory at Santa Barbara and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. [Redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: DCI Helms in 1965: "There Is Something a Little Dirty about Espionage"**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Is the KGB as closely controlled as the CIA?, was a question posed by a student to DCI Richard Helms after his address at the National War College in 1965. The DCI's speech was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center. Mr. Helms replied in part: "They are even more closely integrated into their government than we are into ours, because the Soviets have no compunction about these matters, whereas in the United States there is something a little dirty about espionage and people don't like to be too closely identified with it. This inhibition does not exist in the Soviet Union, and they change uniforms just exactly the way a quick change artist goes off stage and comes back a few moments later as something else, so that a man whom you've known as a Tass correspondent very readily may show up a couple of years later as the First Secretary of the Embassy in Vienna...." [Redacted]

This is a record [Redacted]

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