

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 24 September - 28 September  
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~~) **FOIA Requests**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Canadian Broadcasting Company Seeks Information on September 11th Terrorist Attacks**

(U//~~ATUO~~) CBC-TV in Canada requested information "about Canada and the attack on the US on September 11, 2001 [including] the diverting of planes to Canada, a possible Canadian connection to the terrorists, and Canadian immigration, refugee or customs policy."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **National Security Archive Interested in Argentina**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requested information on the "detention center within the Escuela Superior de Mecanica de la Armada (ESMA), Buenos Aires province Argentina," and the "Automotores Orletti detention center located at the Federal Capital Argentina." The requester specifically is interested in information on "operations and activities within [these centers] such as torture and other human rights violations, detainees, command and personnel assignments."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **Requester Seeks Information on Spanish Statesman**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent requester Thomas Whittle of *Freedom Magazine* sought information on Luis Carrero Blanco, Spanish statesman and naval officer. The requester enclosed an obituary stating that "following the Spanish civil war during which he served in the Nationalist navy, he became chief of naval operations on the admiralty staff and one of Francisco Franco's intimate collaborators. In June 1973, when Franco separated the duties of chief of state and head of government, Blanco became premier. In December 1973, he was assassinated apparently by Basque nationalists in retaliation for the government's execution of Basque militants."

- *The FOIA case officer advised the requester that although it is the CIA's policy to neither confirm nor deny the existence of records that might indicate a current or former operational or analytical interest in any particular foreign personality, the CIA can sometimes provide requesters with overt or previously released records containing information on foreign nationals that is unrelated to any classified or covert interest. Accordingly, the requester was provided with six documents on this subject from the*

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Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database of previously released material. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) North Carolina Company Requests Medical Tax Information**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester with Bases Loaded, Inc. of Charlotte, NC, a self-described "database management company for Third Party Administrators (Medical Insurance)" sought "records on retrieving tax id and correct 1099 address listings for all doctors, facilities and hospitals in the USA"

- The FOIA case officer advised the requester of the foreign intelligence mission of the CIA and suggested that she contact the Department of Health and Human Services for assistance. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Prisoner Ready for CIA Taskings**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A prisoner at a correctional facility in New York sent in a rambling three-page letter addressed to "General Strickland." He made no specific request but indicated that President Bush would soon grant him a presidential pardon, that he would then "self fund" a Phantom force and be ready for CIA taskings, stating that first "I'll need to upgrade my training at the farm." He enclosed six personal letters from his girlfriend to him (known "herein as Agent 99," according to the author.) The girlfriend indicates in her letters to her prisoner boyfriend that she is in solitary confinement at Rikers Island, needs money, and wishes he would write more often.

- The CIA receives scores of unusual letters each year. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center****(U//~~ATUO~~) Director of ISOO Addresses September ERWG Meeting**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 25 September 2001, Steven Garfinkel, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) reviewed the federal declassification efforts for the members of the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) at their September meeting held at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, DC. Mr. Garfinkel speculated that the automatic declassification programs mandated in EO 12958 are vulnerable in light of the 11 September attacks, noting that the White House is seeking reductions in "nonessential activities." He reiterated his belief that declassification of older material is in the best interest of the US. Lastly, Mr. Garfinkel announced his pending retirement and noted that the selection of his successor will be critical to the future direction of the declassification program. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Declassification of Nixon Presidential Materials**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 27 September, representatives from IMS met with representatives at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) responsible for the presidential materials of President Nixon, which are located at NARA in College Park, Maryland. The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff (NPMS) so far has processed over 600,000 pages (of a collection of over 1.4 million pages) for referral to equity agencies. About 141,000 pages of the 600,000 reviewed pages contain CIA equities and are subject to automatic declassification under the 25-year provisions of EO 12958. The group decided to scan and process the material under the Remote Archive Capture (RAC) program.

- The CIA is executive agent for the RAC program, which scans material at Presidential libraries, sorts images according to the agency with the most significant equity, and makes the images available for online review at [redacted]. The RAC system allows tracking of all documents through the review process, performance of detailed and secure electronic redaction, and a convenient system for return of redacted documents to each presidential library. The RAC program has proven an effective means of resolving multiple equities in large numbers of documents. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: DCI Turner in 1979: "They'll Get It Crooked from Someone Else"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI Stansfield Turner stated in a 1979 speech that "I know this is controversial, but let me say with deep conviction that there is no way we can avoid being more open with the American public." Turner also noted that "inquiring, persevering" reporters are on our doorstep every day, and "if they don't get (the story) straight from us,

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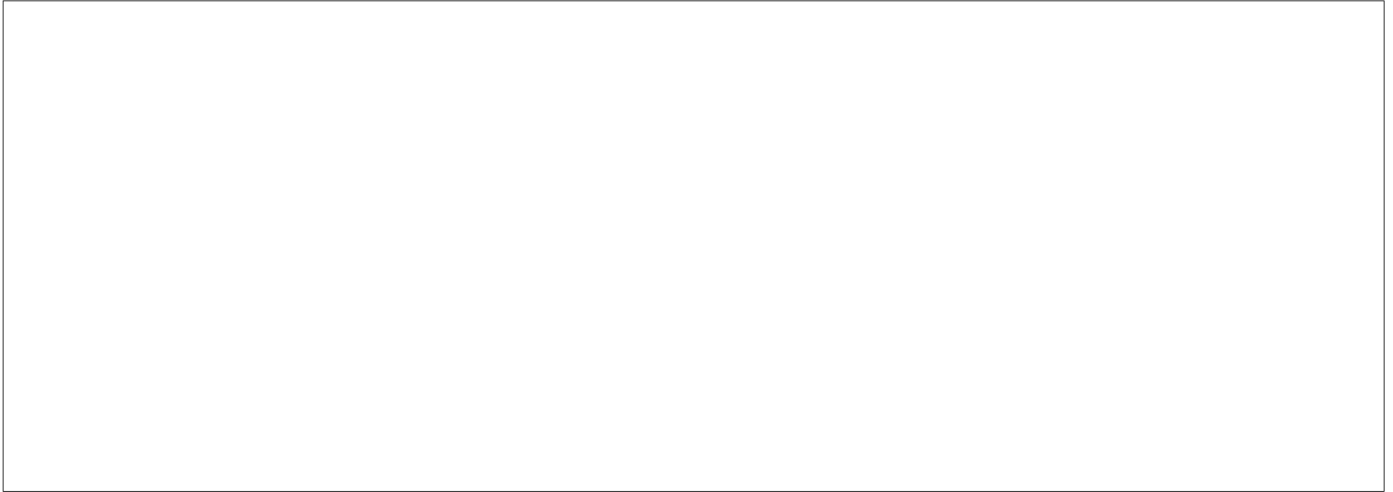
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they are going to get it crooked from someone else." The speech is among a collection of DCI Turner's papers that the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center is reviewing for declassification and release.

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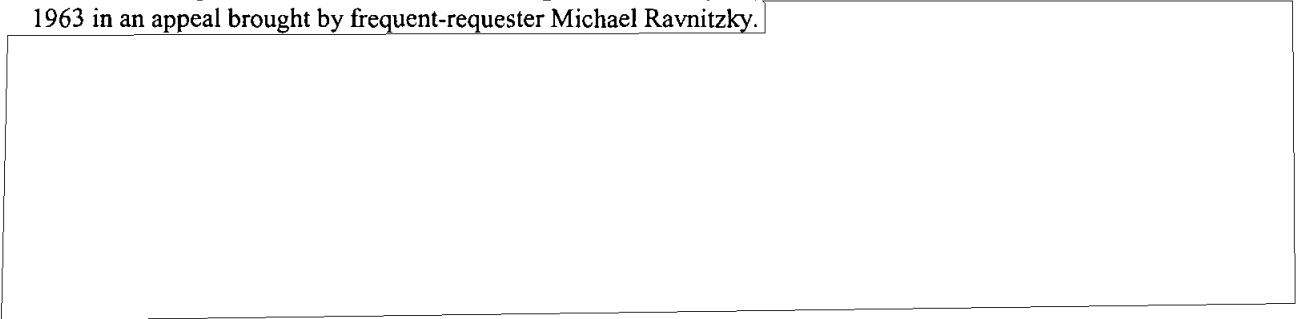


~~(U//AFO)~~ **Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel**

~~(U//AFO)~~ **DCI Wins Case Before ISCAP**

~~(U//AFO)~~ The Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) voted last week to approve the CIA redactions to eight editions of the Central Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) around the dates of the JFK assassination in 1963 in an appeal brought by frequent-requester Michael Ravnitzky.

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