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**Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 6 - 10 October 2003
Executive Summary**

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **28 October 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **18 November 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **3-5 December 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next semi-annual meeting.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 December 2006:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Agencies Exchange Views on FRUS**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 8-9 October, participants from CIA's History Staff and CIO-Information Management Services (IMS) attended an unclassified off-site hosted by the State Department Historian's Office. The meeting was at Coolfont Resort in West Virginia. Roughly one-third of the 36 to 38 State participants were newcomers to the Historian's Office. Thus, the off-site afforded a great opportunity for participants to exchange work ideas and collaborate on the *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) series and other historical works.

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Material Sought for Book on Islamic Terrorism**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A staff writer for *New Yorker* magazine is asking for copies of any information concerning "Sayyid Qutb, the Egyptian writer, educator, and philosopher, whose book, 'Maalim fil Tariq' ('Signposts' or 'Milestones') became the basis of radical Islamic theology." The requester adds that Mr. Qutb came to the United States in November 1948. Upon returning to Egypt, he wrote an "influential series of articles attacking America and American values."

The requester concludes: "All of his life, Sayyid Qutb maintained that the CIA, or other American intelligence organizations, were attempting to recruit him. Much of what he asserts appears to be paranoid fantasy. It's important for scholars, and the general public, to know the truth of his account, and how the Agency actually regarded him - if at all."

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Heinrich Müller and Osama bin Laden**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A New York inmate is requesting the CIA's "complete interrogation file" on the Third Reich's Gestapo chief Heinrich Müller, the German national ex-Bavarian policeman born in 1900. In addition, he is requesting a copy of the CIA's dossier/psychological profile on Saudi national, Osama bin Laden.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) American Citizens and Taxes

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Henderson, Nevada, is interested in a copy of the "law that makes an American Citizen liable to pay taxes under Subtitle A, B or C."

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that the desired information falls under the purview of the Internal Revenue Service, and that she can use the mailing address provided to request this information.*



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(U//~~ATUO~~) Request for Mandated Report on People's Republic of China

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester wants a copy of the "Annual Report on Intelligence Activities of the People's Republic of China" covering the period 1998-2003. He notes that the report is mandated under the *Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1998* (Public Law 105-107, 50 U.S.C. 402a note).



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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives:

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA's Executive Secretariat

(U//~~ATUO~~) A 24 July 1973 Administrative Notice describes the formation of the CIA's Executive Secretariat "under the supervision of the Director and consisting of the Executive Secretary, two staff assistants and two secretary-stenographers." Effective 12 July 1973, its many duties are to include the following: 1) Review and distribute correspondence to the Director and Deputy Director, 2) Assign tentative actions and suspense dates to other offices as appropriate for items requiring action, 3) Exercise supervision over the Executive Registry for proper filing and retrieval of documents, 4) Record items of discussion at the Director's staff meetings, and 5) Conduct various other related duties. [Redacted] became the first executive secretary. He held that position until April 1981.

- *The CIA Declassification Center's [Redacted] (CDC/DCI Team) served as executive secretary from 1984 to 1986. [Redacted] (C/DCI Team) served in the Executive Secretariat prior to coming to the 25-year declassification program. It is an excellent background for this program, as it affords close interaction with all the high-level DCI components and other Directorates.*

(U//~~ATUO~~) Castro: "We Have Not Repented One Whit."

(U//~~ATUO~~) A 'FBIS Trends' article (September 1971) reports Fidel Castro's rejoinder to rumors of a possible reconciliation between Cuba and the Organization of American States (OAS): Cuba will never rejoin "that cesspool, that filth, that cadaver -- there is no way whatsoever." Castro then proceeded to contemptuously reject advocates of reconciliation who "have to color us good. We are not nor will we be goaded. We have not repented one whit, and the path we have followed up until today is the path we will follow in the future; we are determined to continue being 'bad' in the eyes of the reactionaries and imperialists."

- *The short FBIS article seems to capture the quintessential Castro -- a man who speaks his mind. The official OAS web page states that all independent countries of the Americas ratified the OAS charter, including Cuba, However, while it remains a member, Cuba has been excluded from participation since 1962. The OAS'*

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stated objectives are to strengthen democracy, advance human rights, expand trade, and solve problems arising from poverty, drugs, and corruption. [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Future DCI

(U//~~FOUO~~) 5 March 1971 -- a CIA Office of Legislative Counsel journal entry records a phone call from the Senate Armed Services Committee's chief counsel pertaining to a briefing the DCI gave the previous day. The chief counsel requests that a compartmented version of the Daily Central Intelligence Bulletin "be made available to a new staff member, James Woolsey." The journal entry documents the CIA's promise to look into the request, but adds that the Agency is "not optimistic" about a favorable reply.

- *Following a successful career as a Congressional staff member, which included considerable interaction with the Agency, James Woolsey became the DCI – a position that he held from February 1993 until January 1995.*

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