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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 31 May - 4 June 2004
Executive Summary***

Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) **16 June 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)**: Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **14-15 June 2004: 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~~) DCI-HRP Semi-Annual Meeting

(U//~~ATUO~~) The DCI Historical Review Panel will convene its next semi-annual meeting on 14-15 June 2004. On 14 June, it will hold an all-day session [redacted] mainly to focus on the *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) documentary series—which the Department of State produces in cooperation with other federal agencies.

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) Academic Interest in SCIFs

(U//~~ATUO~~) A retired Marine, who is researching his Master's thesis, requests three reports pertaining to SCIF (Special Compartmented Information Facility) design and standards: 1) Manual for Physical Security Standards for Sensitive Compartmented Information (created 1/30/94), 2) Physical Security Standards for Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (created 1/30/94); and, 3) Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/21 – Physical Security Standards F (created 9/1/87).

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(U//~~ATUO~~) 'Black Vault HQS' Wants PDBs

(U//~~ATUO~~) An increasingly frequent requester—who distributes released documents over his public website (<http://www.Blackvault.com>)—is asking for a copy of the President's Daily Briefs (PDB) for 1-15 September 2001. He adds: "If the...documents are classified, please allow me to request a Mandatory Declassification Review [MDR] under Executive Order 13292."

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The procedures for EO MDRs are outlined in EO 12958 (as amended in 2003 by EO 13292) in Section 3.5 – Section 3.6 in the original EO. It states "... all information classified under (EO 12958) shall be subject to a review for declassification ... (if) the request ... describes the ... material ... with sufficient specificity to enable the agency to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort, (and) the information is not exempted from search under...the National Security Act of 1947,...and the information has not been reviewed for declassification within the past two years." If the requester of an EO MDR disagrees with the agency's declassification decision, he/she may appeal that decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP). The vast majority of EO MDRs received at CIA are from requesters asking for declassification of material held in presidential libraries.

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center**(U//~~ATUO~~) From The Archives:****(U//~~ATUO~~) Nehru Critiques Communism**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A brief prepared for the National Security Council (NSC) in August 1958 reports an unusually strong attack on communism by Indian Prime Minister Nehru. In a statement in the Congress Party's official *Economic Review*, Nehru condemns communism's "suppression of individual freedom" and says that "its unfortunate association with violence encourages a certain evil tendency in human beings." Nehru elucidates: "Communism has definitely allied itself to an approach of violence...its thought is violent and it does not seek to change by persuasion or peaceful, democratic pressures, but by coercion and indeed destruction and extermination." Because it depends on violence, "the idea which it placed before the world became a tainted one." The brief adds that Nehru's revulsion has partly been stimulated by the arrest, secret trial, and ultimate execution of Hungarian ex-Premier Nagy.

- *India's policy of nonalignment, relatively friendly relations with various socialist-communist regimes, and support for socialist economic ideas at home were long-standing concerns of the US government. This accounts, in part, for the attention given the content of this statement by Nehru. Nehru's language is striking and seems equally appropriate today as a basis for criticism of any ideology that promotes change based on violence and coercion.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Springing Leaks

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Nixon collection at the National Archives (NARA II) comes a 19 May 1972 memorandum for National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger from President Nixon that records: "In order to counter-balance the sickenly (sic) pro-communist stories appearing in *The New York Times* from Tony Lewis we have to do far more than we are presently doing with regard to what is happening to morale in North Vietnam. I want you to find a way through [DCI] Helms to have leaked out the statement [redacted] with regard to North Vietnamese morale. I do not want to hear any of those objections to the effect that this may compromise a source and all that sort of thing. It is vitally important that while we are gone, every possible leak or story which we can get out in this respect be gotten out. Give Haig the responsibility, working with whoever is left here on the news side."

- *It is unknown from this document whether the leak instructions were carried out, but this is another example of the widely-held view that most intelligence leaks to the media likely emanate from the legislative branch and other executive branch agencies, and not directly from the Intelligence Community. From 22 through 29 May, President Nixon was in Moscow meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev –far from the scene of any leak –if it occurred*

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~~(U//AIIQ)~~ **Attacking Contract Waste**

~~(U//AIIQ)~~ George Carver, deputy for National Intelligence Officers, wrote on 18 February 1975 to the DCI about a proposed one million dollar contract to study Soviet perceptions. He was a little skeptical: "As I indicated, this contract troubles me for it is the type of activity I regard as *prima facie* a waste of taxpayer funds. The usual drill in such matters is that the outside contractor comes to the intelligence analysts and other knowledgeable officers within the U.S. Government, picks their brains and then repackages their thoughts—sometimes diluting or distorting these thoughts in the process of packaging. Thus the end result is an inferior version of information already known to the U.S. government which in addition to the overt cost, carries the added charge of the time and attention of the government employees consulted during the preparation of such a document." Mr. Carver went on to say that he did not question the importance of the topic, but did question the approach and felt "drastic savings" could be achieved "without any diminution of quality or necessary work."

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