

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 27 - 31 May 2002 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **10 June 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC.

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **12 June 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

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

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~~(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)~~ **Requester Seeks Information On A College In Michigan**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester from Ann Arbor, Michigan asked for records indicating the number of former students of the Kendall College of Art & Design (KCAD) who have filed complaints and/or compensatory lawsuits against the educational institution along with names, dates, and reasons for which the students filed. The requester is a former student of KCAD who has concerns about the institution's "poor educational practices."

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that the information she seeks falls outside the purview of the Central Intelligence Agency, whose mission focuses primarily on foreign intelligence as it relates to national security. It was suggested to the requester that she contact the Michigan State Board of Education, the school itself, or her local law enforcement.*

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Frequent Requester Interested In Indian Nuclear Weapons Programs**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Prominent author Jeffrey Richelson, requested "All OSWR (Office of Scientific and Weapons Research) studies of the Indian nuclear weapons programs." Mr. Richelson has submitted 426 requests to the Agency since 1982.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Michigan Requester Asks About Virginia Hall**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A Michigan journalist is researching the life of Virginia Hall and is asking CIA for all information about her that is now available. He also is asking for a CD containing information pertinent to her activities that he alleges the CIA has prepared. According to the requester, Miss Hall was "a Baltimore native... who served with the British SOE (Special Operations Executive) from 1940-1943 in France and the UK, transferring to the OSS (Office of Strategic Services) that year," and was "a CIA agent/employee from 1947-1966.... Virginia Hall is the only woman ever to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, ... awarded to her in 1945 by General 'Wild' Bill Donovan, founder of the OSS. She had also received medals from the British and French governments."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Kudos To The Central Intelligence Agency

(U//~~ATUO~~) A History and Sociology professor at the State University of New York - College of Agriculture and Technology wrote to thank the Information and Privacy Coordinator and her staff for facilitating the release and distribution of the documents he received pertaining to his FOIA request for Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA), Latin American Economic System (SELA), and the Andean Community (CAN). He states "the assistance provided by your agency has proven invaluable to the research I am conducting. The perspicacity of the author(s) of the work I received is extraordinary. Their work is exemplary of the high level of scholarship practiced by this nation's intelligence specialists." He goes on to say that he is impressed by the candor and responsiveness with which this agency has acted in assisting him with his research efforts. In his words, "The Central Intelligence Agency is an agency which all Americans can be proud of. On behalf of myself, the State University of New York, and my students, I thank you for your time and consideration." [Redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: Hitler's Private Will

(U//~~ATUO~~) A copy of Adolph Hitler's will and political testament, dated the day before he died, was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center. The document, a translation of the original, was found in the DCI papers of William Casey at the Hoover Institute. In the will, dated 29 April 1945, Hitler announces his intention to marry Eva Braun, donates his private art collection to his home town, and permits the distribution of items of "personal souvenir value or necessary for the maintenance of a small bourgeois household to family and faithful co-workers." Hitler's political testament seeks to lay blame for World War II on others, urges his countrymen to fight to the death, demotes Hermann Goering and Heinrich Himmler for disloyalty, and appoints a new government. The next day, 30 April 1945, as Soviet troops closed in on the center of Berlin, Hitler and his new bride, Eva Braun, committed suicide. [Redacted]

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