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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 4 June - 8 June 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//AHUO) 17 June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP): Next meeting at CIA

(U//AIUO) 11 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//AHUO) 26 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

(U//AIUO) October 2001: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(U//AIUO) 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//AHUO) National Security Archive Submits More Requests About Peru

(U/AHUO) Among the requests received this week from the National Security Archive include information on "the February 1990 disappearance of Angel Escobar Jurado (CODEH, Human Rights Commission) in Huancavelica, Peru;" "the June 18 and 19, 1986 prison riots and massacre in Peru;" "the murder by the military of 31 people in Cayara (Peru) for their alleged participation in the May 13, 1998 murder by Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) of four officers;" and "the August 14, 1985 massacre of 69 people in the Accomarca district of Ayacucho, Peru."

•	CIA accepted the requests	
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(U//ATUO) Italian Requester Seeks Information on 1981 Polish Crisis

(U//AIUO) A requester from Italy asked for information on "the 1981 Polish crisis, to include the institution of martial law, the position of the Soviet Union, the reaction in the United States, and the reaction, if any, in Italy."

•	The FOIA case officer provided the requester with a list of nearly 600	previously released documents on
	this topic from the Management of Officially Released Information (Mo	ORI) database from which the
	requester may select documents that interest him.	

(U//AIUO) Requester Interested in OSS Report on Hitler

(U//AfUC). A Wisconsin requester seeks a copy of "a 68-page report about Adolph Hitler, written on December 3, 1942 for the OSS. It discusses various aspects of his daily life. It was declassified May 18, 2000 under the War Crimes Disclosure Act."

•	he FOIA case officer referred the requester to the National Archives and Records Administration wh	iere
	eclassified CIA records about Hitler were made available in accordance with the Nazi War Crimes	
	isclosure Act.	

(U//AIUO) OIM Declassification Center

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(U//AIUO) The External Referral Working Group (ERWG) announced on 5 June that the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) will host this year's Equity Recognition Conference. The conference will be held in Suitland, Maryland on 25 June. Over 25 federal agencies will attend the event, which is a favorite of declassifiers, document reviewers and supervisors throughout the government. Chief of OIM's Declassification Center, and also Chairman of the ERWG, requests that because conference space is limited, OIM personnel interested in attending the conference contact their group chief.	
• The ERWG was formed in 1996 to coordinate declassification policies, standards, and procedures among the agencies affected by President Clinton's Executive Order 12958 on Classified National Security Information. Today over 40 declassification programs representing more than 25 federal agencies participate in ERWG programs.	(b)(3)
(U//AIUO) From the Archives: In 1965, Defense Secretary Outlines "5 General Principles" on Operation of NRO (U//AIUO) In April 1965, DCI John McCone met with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to discuss how to operate the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), according to a memorandum for the record recently reviewed for declassification by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center. McNamara stated that "he didn't care who ran the National Reconnaissance Program as long as it was well run" and that he had "five general principles which he thought should govern the organizational arrangements, 1) the program should have the benefit of advice and guidance from qualified individuals outside the Government; 2) senior Government officials should be personally involved; 3) it should be remembered that both CIA and DOD had important interests in the program and essential contributions to make; 4) a certain redundancy in exploratory research was desirable; and 5) it was important to clearly fix responsibility for the program."	
• According to its website on Intelink, the NRO was created in 1960 by President Eisenhower as a classified agency of the Defense Department, "to meet the US Government's intelligence needs through spaceborne reconnaissance." The existence of the NRO was declassified by the Secretary of Defense, as recommended by the DCI, in 1992.	(b)(3)
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