

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 1-5 March 2004  
Executive Summary***

***Future Planning Calendar***

(U//~~ATUO~~) **23 March 2004:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **13 April 2004:** Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at site TBD.

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

***Overview of IRR Activities--Last Week***



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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Information Sought on US Ambassador's Kidnapping**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Texas A&M history professor is seeking documents on the September 1969 kidnapping of former US Ambassador to Brazil, Charles Burke Elbrick.

- *The FOIA case manager sent the professor five documents that were located as a result of searches on this subject for a previous requester*

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*Editor: The Marxist revolutionary group, MR-8, which held Elbrick captive, demanded the release of 15 political prisoners in exchange for his freedom. The Brazilian government finally agreed to the kidnapers' terms. These 15 prisoners were some of the military's most prized captives. This event is the subject of the movie Four Days in September (US release: 2/1998). Alan Arkin plays Ambassador Elbrick, who died in 1983.*

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Interest in the Wu-Tai Chin Case**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Canadian freelance journalist seeks all relevant CIA information on the investigation and prosecution of Larry Wu-Tai Chin—beginning with the allegation that China penetrated the CIA sometime during, or after, 1980. Also, he requests Agency personnel/employment records on Mr. Chin.



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*Editor: Larry Wu-Tai Chin joined the CIA in 1952 and retired from the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) in 1981, at age 63. At his trial in 1986, he admitted to passing information to the People's Republic of China (PRC) over a period of more than 11 years. He claimed that his intent was to promote PRC-US reconciliation. Convicted on 17 counts of espionage-related and income tax violations, Chin committed suicide while awaiting sentencing.*

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From The Archives:**

**(U//~~ATUO~~) "Intelifax" to the Rescue**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A sizable CIA document titled "National Intelligence" (March 1952) provides a "transcript of talks delivered by the Director, Deputy Director (Intelligence), and the Assistant Directors concerned to members of the

Intelligence Advisory Committee." Dr. James M. Andrews, Assistant Director for the DI's Office of Collection and Dissemination (OCD), described OCD's mandate and functions, and noted: "The major problem that confronted us in 1947 was to find some means of getting all the incoming documents so well indexed and organized that we could quickly locate all of them that dealt with any given subject or country. Initially we hoped to deal with this problem by use of IBM machinery, but quickly found that this would not do. With the help of private industry, the Machine Division has developed a means of handling the problem which we call Intellofax. It is a combination of facsimile reproduction by electronic methods, and IBM. Each intelligence document we receive is represented in the Intellofax files by one or several IBM punch cards. Our Intellofax system is unique, and it provides a service which is not available today from any other type of equipment." (Illustration of the Intellofax - [See the link: \[redacted\]](#))

- *(U//ATUO) This certainly was not the first time CIA created a hybrid to deal with a problem. OCD was responsible for receiving and disseminating all incoming intelligence. The nucleus of the office was the Machine Division, which operated the IBM machines and other equipment and worked with the other office elements: the CIA Library and the Biographic, Graphics, Industrial, and Special Registers. OCD was reorganized in 1955, changing its name to the Office of Central Reference—losing most of its dissemination functions and gearing itself to library-type service.* [redacted]

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**(U//ATUO) Unflattering Remarks**

(U//ATUO) A "Memorandum of Conversation" (National Security Council, April 1973) between Dr. Henry Kissinger, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Fred Ikle, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Maj. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, records some 'candid' opinions about candidates for various Executive Branch committees and boards. Descriptions applied to the various candidates (without divulging names) include: "He leaks." "He is a total fanatic." "He is a soft head, an idiot, but he would be quiet." "He is no good." "[He] ran a conspiracy, not an agency."

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**(U//ATUO) Support for Satellite R&D**

(U//ATUO) The CIA/NARA Team reviewed two letters authored by Allen Dulles in January 1955 as CIA Director. In the first one to the Secretary of Defense, Dulles likens the "international prestige and recognition" that will accrue to the nation that launches the first satellite to the first use of nuclear energy. He adds that the "psychological impact" on "friendly, neutral, and Communist-controlled countries" in the face of a "prolonged state of cold war" certainly makes satellite research and development justifiable. His companion letter to Herbert Hoover, Jr., as Acting Secretary of State, suggests that State should wish to follow the developments in "this celestial undertaking" as well. [redacted]

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