

**Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 18-29 April 2005  
Executive Summary**

**Future Planning Calendar**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **11 May 2005: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **21 June 2005: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

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

**Overview of IRR Activities--Last Two Weeks**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **CDC Celebrates 10th Anniversary of EO 12958**

(U//~~ATUO~~) CDC held its 10th anniversary of CDC and EO 12958 bash on 19 April 2005 (17 April was the actual EO anniversary). The celebration included a luncheon buffet in the [ ] cafeteria. [ ] current and prior staff and contractors and invited guests attended. C/IRRG, Raytheon Program Manager, and C/CDC provided comments. Speakers reviewed and celebrated our accomplishments and thanked the [ ] people who have participated in the program since its inception. DD/IMS and Chief, Air Force Declassification Office also attended the proceedings. An original oil painting by our own Raytheon Chief of Document Review was presented to the program. The oil captures the theme of the Washington Monument signifying CDC production goals and depicts the CDC Teams each with their own hot air balloon floating by. The oil is currently hanging proudly in the CDC Front Office. [ ]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **ERWG Meets at [ ]**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 20 April 2005, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) held its monthly meeting at [ ] Attendance totaled 37 representatives from 15 federal organizations. Linda Ebben, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), informed members that ISOO's Annual Report to the President 2004 is available on the ISOO website and hard copy reports will be available within the next month. ISOO will be sending a completed report to the President by 31 July. Ms. Ebben then updated the members on the status of the referrals standards. ISOO is consolidating all responses to the standards and will be sending a draft to agencies within the next several weeks. The CIA reported on the status of the Document Declassification Support System (DDSS); highlighting its schedule milestones and informing members of future events. A demonstration of DDSS followed the briefing. ERWG members reacted positively to the DDSS design and functionality. [ ]

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Interest in Minority Employment**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Assistant to the Executive Director for the Hispanic Council on International Relations requests information "for a report on the current status and past trends on Hispanic employment in federal agencies that deal in foreign affairs." Specifically, the requester seeks: "1) The number of employees total in the agency, divided by racial group, and subdivided by gender, from FY 2000-2004; 2) The number of employees in each career group, divided by racial group, and subdivided by gender, from FY 2000-2004; 3) The number of employees in each General Schedule grade, divided by racial group, and subdivided by gender, from FY 2000-2004."

- The Information and Privacy Coordinator authorized a statutory denial, advising the requester that, in

accordance with the CIA Act of 1949, the Agency is exempted from the provisions of any laws which require the disclosure of information relating to "the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency." [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center**

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

**(U//~~ATUO~~) Soviet Dolphin Researcher**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Office of Scientific Intelligence paper of February 1975 reports that a Soviet dolphin researcher has been elected to the Academy of Sciences, USSR. The analyst's comment was that the election of the researcher to the USSR's most prestigious and powerful scientific and technical council indicates the importance the Soviets attach to marine mammal research, particularly dolphin research.

- *Comment: The Soviets were not alone in their interest in marine mammal research. A recent USA Today article reported that the US Navy had deployed sea lions trained as underwater sentries to protect ships in the Persian Gulf from terrorists. The sea lions are trained to detect swimmers or divers approaching military ships or piers. USA Today and National Geographic also reported on the Navy's use of dolphins. Among other work, dolphins perform tasks in waters too deep for human divers, including locating, delivering, and retrieving equipment and locating mines. According to these news sources, the US Navy's marine mammal program was secret until 1992.* [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Situation Normal: All Clogged Up**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Nixon Administration White House Situation Room log dated 10 January 1974 noted a phone call from the Pentagon's National Military Command Center (NMCC). The Command Center told the Situation Room that they had "a bomb threat in the men's latrine." The log went on to note: "Sitroom could not flush out any details. Told NMCC to keep their heads up." [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) On Second Thought...**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A 12 January 1973 CIA *Intelligence Memorandum* includes "the following vignette from an observer in Peking describing a Soviet and East European walkout from a reception marking Algerian National Day last November, after the Chinese foreign minister had made a routine remark about 'social imperialism,'... the group known here as Tolstikov and the Seven Dwarfs duly walked out followed by their minions. The Hungarian military attache, however, who was clearly enjoying himself over a glass of champagne, was not seen to move. An aide was dispatched to tap him on the shoulder and point out to him that his masters had walked out, but when the aide approached, the Hungarian turned to him and said in a loud voice, 'I am not a social imperialist; my country has not invaded anybody else's; I am staying.' However, this bold display of independence was short-lived; when the aide failed to move him, a somewhat heavier gentleman was sent toward him, and the Hungarian was seen to move with alacrity from the hall." [redacted]

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