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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 19-23 April 2004 Executive Summary

Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) **4 May 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)**: Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **25 May 2004: 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 Week

(U//~~ATUO~~) ERWG Holds Monthly Meeting at NARA II

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 21 April 2004, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) met at National Archives at College Park (Maryland). There were 39 representatives from 18 federal agencies in attendance. The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) announced its review of 99% of agency declassification plans (1% have extensions). The ISOO divided agencies into four categories. Agencies in categories A and B either have no records, or very few records that are 25-years or older. Agencies in categories C and D have hundreds of thousands of records, with the difference in categories defined by the robustness of their respective declassification programs. The ISOO intends to audit over 60 agencies; and is proceeding to notify senior officials about its audit guidelines. The Air Force Declassification Office (AFDO) briefed members on the AF declassification plan. Then, NARA reported on its new Joint Referral Center (JRC) at College Park. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) The JRC will house 36 permanent reviewers, with additional workstations available to temporary reviewers. It will be connected to NARA's ADRRS ("Archives Declassification Review and Redaction System") database—allowing reviewers to record their declassification and referral information electronically. Construction of the new room will begin shortly. A June 2004 completion date is planned. The CIA presented a progress report on the "Document Declassification Support System" (to replace the "Equities Notification Database"). It concluded the meeting with a Remote Archive Capture (RAC) report. Of the nearly 2 million pages scanned at the Presidential Libraries, 934,000 pages are completed or undergoing active review—including 50,000 pages from the Carter Library. The Carter Library staff and former President Jimmy Carter are looking forward to receiving 30,000-50,000 pages of declassified material by year's end. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) FOIA Website Usage Tops One Million Hits

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 15 March 2002, *Web Trends* software began tracking public interest in CIA's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) website. An activity summary over the 1 Sept 2003 -14 March 2004 reporting period indicates that the FOIA website attracted 1,018,869 hits (averaging 1,362 *visits* per day, and 31,297 *hits* per day). Each visitor stayed online an average of ten minutes. The top five keywords selected were "UFO" (15,932 hits), "Iraq" (8,170), "Guatemala" (7,854), "Soviet" (6,600) and "Vietnam" (6,164). One-time visitors totaled 683,139; whereas, 93,962 were repeat visitors. [redacted]

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Interest in IRONBARK Documents

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Thayne, Wyoming, is seeking CIA materials pertaining to "Operation IRONBARK"—

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specifically, "a dozen or so articles of a 'Special Collection' published in the Soviet naval journal, *Morskoi sbornik* between 1960 and 1962" as well as a copy of Soviet Lt. Col. Oleg Penkovskiy's [Penkovsky] letter to the US President, information on the outcome of Penkovskiy's 1963 spy trial, and Joseph J. Bulik's failed efforts to garner support on his behalf.

- The FOIA case manager searched the MORI database of previously-released material, printed a number of responsive documents for the requester, and sent him a Requester Report, from which to select additional documents of interest. Also, regarding *The Penkovsky Papers (New York: Doubleday, 1965)*, the case manager suggested that he consult the Internet to search for out-of-print books on this subject.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Requester Focuses on CIA's Museum**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A frequent requester and freelance writer, Russ Kick, is asking for "all handouts, brochures, guidebooks, catalogues, and other publications regarding the CIA's museum. This includes anything given to or sold to visitors to the museum, anything which lists and describes the exhibits, etc."

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Seeking Turkish Export-Import Company's Records**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The National Security Archive is requesting all records from 1985 through 1995 pertaining to Enka Marketing Export-Import, Inc. (a Turkish trading company), its New York City office, Enka's subsidiary bank (Entrade Int'l Ltd.), its Turkish chief officer (Yavus Texeller), and its dealings with Iraqi purchasers. For background, requester notes: "Some of the goods exported to Iraq by Entrade were covered by credit guarantees from the Agriculture Department's Commodity Credit Corporation....Entrade and Yavus Texeller were indicted in February 1991 in the US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Entrade pled guilty in October 1992 to charges that it provided illicit payments to... an Italian bank, Banco Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) in return for contracts with Iraq..."

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Nazi War Crimes Tribunal Contacts DCI**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ DCI "Alpha" (i.e., "alphabetical") files include a series of 1947-1949 exchanges between DCI Hillenkoetter (May 47-Oct 50) and Dr. Kempner, Deputy Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, Nürnberg, Germany. Dr. Kempner apparently initiated the exchange in July 1947, to alert the DCI to various topics that he felt might be of interest. For example: "In connection with the case against former officials of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of which I am in charge, I came across hundreds of their addresses and among them are a number who did coding and decoding work. While we are only interested in the contents of these messages, your office might be interested in the technical side and in the details of the procedures of coding and decoding..." Another topic concerned information from a former German Minister of Post and Transportation on several "inventions," one of which pertained to "a string of television relays consisting of airplanes, each of which transmits the television impulses to the next" to overcome line of sight problems. The DCI was not very interested in this "invention"—or any others that his staff judged to be unpromising. Yet another topic concerned German efforts to press Japan into war against the United States. The DCI was interested in this information, as well as certain trial transcripts. For instance, DCI Hillenkoetter found "of definite value to me" documentation on German sterilization experiments on prisoners, and others, utilizing x-rays and other means. (Note: As the Cold War began, it was anticipated that the next war would likely involve nuclear weapons. Hence, information on the effects of radiation on the human body assumed importance in terms of the national security requirement to protect US soldiers and civilians. The newly-created Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) dealt with this issue, as did the National Science Foundation, the

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military, and other entities. In 1994, a Presidential Advisory Committee released a study on Human Radiation Experiments. Future DCI Deutsch sat on that commission.)

- *The "Nazi/Japanese War Crimes Task Force" approved these documents for release. In yet another example of how such "older" material remains topical today, the above-cited references to German "experimentation," and interest in sterilization and radiation, coincide with the opening of a new exhibit, "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," which opened 22 April 2004 at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. The exhibit focuses on German efforts to "purify" the German bloodline by "eugenics." One method involved sterilization (of non-Germans) through radiation.*

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~~(U//AFO)~~ NSC Feedback to CIA

~~(U//ATUU)~~ An 18 November 1978 Memorandum from David Aaron (Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs) to Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Frank Carlucci, reads: "In keeping with our agreement to keep in touch about perceived problems in the area of political intelligence, I have been surprised by the lack of analysis of two subjects in recent days—why the Soviets may have put MiG-23s into Cuba and the Soviet reaction to our announcement on other country arms sales to China. In the first case, the Agency has done a good job of reporting its technical analysis on the aircraft of concern to us in Cuba. Nevertheless, I have seen no analysis from CIA speculating on the possible reasons why the Russians have put the planes in there and what this says about their view of relations with the United States. Similarly, in the case of arms sales to China, we would welcome—even now—the thoughts of Agency analysts behind the Soviet's strong, quick and high-level reaction to our announcement and what this says about the Soviet view of our bilateral relations at this time. In this connection, we would be interested in analysis of the impact on Soviet relations with Western Europe of arms sales by European countries to China. Analysis of these issues does not require National Estimates or major printed memoranda/studies. We would just like to hear from you on these subjects in typescript."

- *This is not CIA's first reminder to 'anticipate' possible interests of policymakers (e.g., IRR Weekly, "Producing a Relevant CIA Product," 5 September 2003). Also interesting is the reminder that a lengthy and exhaustive treatment of the subject—and the accompanying delay associated with such efforts—was not what Aaron was seeking. David Aaron was Zbigniew Brzezinski's deputy.*

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