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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 20 - 24 October 2003  
Executive Summary***

***Future Planning Calendar***

(U//~~ATUO~~) **18 November 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **3-5 December 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next semi-annual meeting.

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

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

**(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI Invokes Special Authority at ISCAP to Protect PDB**

(U//~~ATUO~~) In a memo dated 17 October 2003, DCI Tenet informed the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) that he is invoking his special authority to protect sources and methods in a case involving the declassification of the *President's Daily Brief* (PDB). The action arose from a requester's appeal to ISCAP for the release of a 1968 issue of the PDB.

[redacted] The DCI subsequently invoked his special authority under Section 5.3(f) of EO 12958 to protect the document, because its release "could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security and would reveal information about the application of an intelligence source or method."

- *The DCI's authority to protect classified material was added to EO 12958 in the amendments of March 2003. The PDB case at ISCAP is the first instance in which the DCI has invoked the special authority. The main effect of the change to the ISCAP process is the requirement that the ISCAP either agree to protect a document in its entirety or initiate an appeal to the President. Before the addition of the special authority, the DCI had to initiate any appeal.* [redacted]


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**(U//~~FOUO~~) Friends in High Places**

(U//~~FOUO~~) The CIA Declassification Center (CDC) is the Executive Agent of the Remote Archive Capture (RAC) Program. RAC is the Government-wide effort to scan documents at Presidential Libraries to facilitate automatic declassification review under EO 12958, as amended. The Presidential Libraries Team reviews on-site the CIA component of the scanned collection. Reviewers from equity-owning agencies process non-CIA records online at [redacted] using STAIRS—the "State-of-the-Art Interagency Referral System." Presidential Library

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documents are historically valuable. As such, they claim a very high priority in the EO review process. Support for the RAC program is found at the highest level. Former President Jimmy Carter is a case in point. He recently wrote to [redacted] (CDC's RAC program focal point) praising the professionalism of RAC workers at the Jimmy Carter Library, and stressing the importance of their declassification mission. [To view the letter, click the link: 

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **CDC Holds Annual Planning Conference**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Over 60 CDC staff met last week at a remote location to discuss FY 2003 accomplishments, and to plan business process re-engineering for FY 2004. A/D/IMS and C/IRRG participated on 20 October and addressed release and IM issues. Nine years into the program, the discussed changes to the business process still provoked a heated, but reasoned, debate over procedures and goals. This annual event pays many dividends. On the human level, it allows everyone in the large CDC organization (staff and contractors alike) to become better acquainted, to understand their colleagues' roles, and to appreciate how they each support CDC's program objectives. [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Yale Graduate Student Seeks Information on Polish Citizen**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A graduate student in Yale's Department of History wants information pertaining to Henryk Josewski, "who during the years 1944-1953 was part of the underground opposition to communist rule in Poland." The requester asks us to search not only our "main" files, but also "the Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Index," the "COINTELPRO Index" and "logs of physical surveillance (FISUR)."

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Renewed Interest in MKULTRA**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Over the past two weeks, 18 requesters asked the FOIA Initials Branch for the CD ROM version of MKULTRA records. In the past, only two or three requesters per year requested the (three-to-a-set) CDs.

- *The FOIA case manager had to order more CDs in order to satisfy this increased demand.* [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **"Don't Cry for Me..."**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A *Current Bulletin* of 12 July 1952 reports that the "demise of Senora de Peron appears to be a question of days. All major diplomatic functions have been cancelled at the request of the Foreign Office. The US Embassy in Buenos Aires comments that her death could touch off civil disturbances." "Peron has stated privately that his wife is dying, and during the past few weeks the government's propaganda campaign has been concentrated on her. A high point of the campaign has been the allegation that the United States has banned her book. This build-up increases the possibility that any demonstrations occasioned by her death might assume an anti-US character."

- *Senora Peron died on 26 July 1952. According to one estimate, one million Argentines gathered to watch her funeral procession and three million Argentines stood in line to pass by her casket. The references checked did not cite the occurrence of any large anti-American demonstrations in connection with her death. "Santa Evita" was made (even more) famous by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber in their opera "Evita," first performed in London in 1978.* [redacted]

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY~~**(U//~~ALUO~~) 'Polygraphers' Detect Lies**

(U//~~ALUO~~) One topic that recurs in DCI files concerns the efficacy of the polygraph, better known as the "lie detector." Walter Pforzheimer, Legislative Counsel, in September 1953, forwarded to the DCI testimony that Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover made to a Senate committee: "The name 'lie detector' is a complete misnomer. The machine is not a lie detector. It shows the variations of your blood pressure and your emotions. The person who operates the machine is a lie detector by reason of his interpretations...The man operating it must be extremely skilled and must be conservative and objective...however when the human element enters into an interpretation of anything, there is always a variance. I would never accept the conclusion of a lie detector as proof of innocence or guilt. All that it can be called is a psychological aid." Mr. Hoover went on to relate a story of two suspects given a polygraph in relation to a child's murder. He described the first suspect as "quite nervous and high-strung" and said "the lie detector indicated he was guilty of kidnapping and murdering a child." Not satisfied, the FBI "tried it (the polygraph) on another suspect... He proved to be as innocent as anyone could be." Five days later, the second ["supposedly innocent"] suspect confessed," and he went to the chair and paid the price."

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