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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 14 - 18 June 2004
Executive Summary***

Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) **9 July 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA 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 Meets [redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) The External Referral Working Group (ERWG) met on 16 June at [redacted] Linda Ebben, ISOO representative, updated 38 individuals from 17 federal agencies on the status of the declassification plan approvals. Visits to agencies have been scheduled and Memoranda to Agency Heads will be prepared as well as a summary memo to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Ms. Ebben then reported on the status of draft ISOO Referral Standards for the 25-Year Program. The draft referral standards document was sent to ERWG members and she suggested they share the document with the appropriate components, compiling all comments and responding to ISOO before 25 June. The proposal will then be sent to the Classification Management Working Group (CMWG) for their review; implementation of the standard is planned for October 2004. Also, the Department of State briefed the ERWG on its declassification program under the Systematic Review Project (SRP) and provided an overview of their organization as well as their review and referral process. [redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) **CDC Briefs Senior ISOO Representatives on Its "Declassification Plan"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 17 June, four representatives of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) visited CDC for an all-day briefing on CIA's Declassification Plan through 31 December 2006. All agencies were required to submit plans at the beginning of the calendar year. ISOO is visiting each agency with significant activity for a briefing on their plan. Visiting CDC from ISOO were Rudy Waddy, Deputy Director for Operations, ISOO; Linda Ebben, CDC, POC, and Jorg Wetzal and Kristopher Johnson of the ISOO staff. CDC provided ISOO with a full range of briefings and demonstrations including a program overview; and briefings on the declassification process, RAC and NARA programs, the Metrics program, and an analysis of the CDC workload through 31 December 2006. Demos were also provided on the Image Workflow Automation System (IWAS), the CIA Records Search Tool (CREST), and the State-of-the-Art Information Referral System (STAIRS). ISOO visitors were very engaged, asking many good questions. In general, they seemed pleased with the state of the program. They were most interested in whether CDC will meet the 31 December internal records automatic declassification date (CDC will) and the degree of release CDC would achieve (they were less pleased with these resource limited projections). William Leonard, Director of ISOO, will send a memo to the DCI describing the ISOO findings. [redacted]

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **Interest in Agency Recruitment Video**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Arizona requester seeks information on "[the] recruitment commercial for the CIA [with] actress Jennifer Garner (Alias)." The requester seeks "all correspondence, records of communications, and contracts and any other written agreements between the CIA and Ms. Garner, her agent, her legal representatives, and ABC/Disney."

- The FOIA case manager accepted the request, [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) A California requester specifically wants an "English language translation of the Chinese Ultrationalist book authored by Zhang Xiaobo and Song Qiang which is entitled The China That Can Say 'No' To America. .originally published in 1996 in the native Mandarin Chinese."

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the request.* [redacted]

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(b)(5)**(U//~~ATUO~~) Request on Death of Guatemalan Student Leader**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From frequent requester, the National Security Archive, a request for "any or all records relating to the October 1978 assassination of Guatemalan student leader Oliverio Castaneda de Leon from 1978 until the present."

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the request.* [redacted]

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(b)(5)**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center****(U//~~ATUO~~) From The Archives:****(U//~~ATUO~~) 1975 DCI Nominee "Too Partisan"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Ford collection, a 4 December 1975 "Information Items" memorandum from the White House Situation Room to Assistant to the President Scowcroft contains several paragraphs drawn from the *Washington Star*, one of which states, "Garry Wills writes that a shabby appointment as CIA Director may help. Senator Church says he's afraid that the choice of a partisan like George Bush to head the CIA will undermine the professional spirit of that Agency."

- *Agency morale had taken hits during the ongoing Church Committee (Senate) hearings that began in September 1975 and the concurrent Pike Committee (House) hearings. DCI Colby was a frequent witness. Author Christopher Andrew notes in For The President's Eyes Only, "... by exposing [CIA malfeasance], Church hoped to establish himself as a leading contender for the Democratic nomination in the next presidential election. Church attacked Bush's nomination on the grounds that his Republican background made him too political an appointment, but the Senate confirmed Bush as DCI by a majority of 64-27. When [President] Ford arrived at the CIA auditorium in Langley for Bush's swearing-in [ceremony] on January 30, agency morale seemed on the mend."* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Meatless Future

(U//~~ATUO~~) Also from the Ford collection, a 26 January 1976 "Noon Notes" memorandum from the White House Situation Room to Assistant to the President Scowcroft contains an article titled "More Evidence of Effects of Poor Harvest in Soviet Union." It states "There are a growing number of reports of food shortages in rural areas. Party propagandists in Leningrad recently acknowledged the 'bad' harvest but claimed it was 'no catastrophe since we will be buying more grain abroad.'" "While stressing that there would be enough grain for human consumption, they admitted that they do not have enough feed grain...in one area of drought-stricken Kazakhstan more than enough meat is available now, but future supplies are in doubt because 'all the livestock had to be liquidated.'"

- *The shift of feed grain from animal to human consumption relegated livestock for immediate slaughter. The use of the term "liquidated" generally has a different implication in totalitarian usage, but we can be reasonably assured that livestock were not butchered for political crimes.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Declassified Documents Service

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Carter collection, a 31 October 1978 document states, "An ex-CIA employee has started a publishing company that does nothing else but microfilm and sell (after sorting, indexing, etc.) all documents that the government declassifies. The Soviet embassy apparently sends ordinary employees to pick up the newest batches (they pay cash); the Chinese have six subscriptions. Other governments subscribing to the service include Brazil,

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Britain, France, Finland, Iran, Norway, and West Germany."

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