

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 9-13 August 2004
Executive Summary***

Future Planning Calendar

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **18 August 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **National Magazine Interested in Notable People**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A writer for *Time* magazine submitted three requests seeking information on 25 deceased CIA officers, 22 deceased foreign figures, and 50 deceased celebrities.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Request for Payroll Records of Subcontractor**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The nonprofit organization, Coalition for Fair Contracting, Inc., is requesting "copies of certified payroll records... for Southern Insulation, subcontractor to Project Development Group, Inc. (PDG Inc.), for the period June 1 – July 30, 2004. In fact, the Coalition utilizes certified payroll records to monitor how the government ensures compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, and to see if contractors performing work under the Act are complying with federal laws and regulations. During a review of these records by the Coalition, if areas of concern are identified, then copies are returned to the federal agency or the U.S. Department of Labor with a formal request to review the records further for any irregularities."



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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Interest in Documents on Former U.S. Ambassador**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A California author is seeking "copies of the declassified (1995) CIA file of William Pawley, former U.S. Ambassador and Cuban businessman (prior to the Castro revolution)."

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(b)(5)**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center****(U//~~ATUO~~) CREST System at NARA Gets Record Workout!**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The CIA Records Search Tool (CREST) is the system by which the public can access records released under the 25-Year program. CREST is a stand-alone system consisting of four workstations located at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in College Park, Maryland. There currently are 8.7 million pages of CIA released records on CREST searchable by index data or full text. CDC has used the number of pages the public prints from CREST as a measure of researcher interest. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) The total number of pages printed this week-8,587-is the largest weekly volume this year. The major topics of interest were journals from the DCI Office of the Legislative Council (1953 and 1973) and a large set of U-2 Program documents. The previous high-7,809 pages-was during the week of 20 thru 26 October 2003. Through week 45 of this fiscal year, researchers at NARA printed 17,284 documents totaling 119,209 pages. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Off-site Review of NIS Collection

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 9-10 August 2004, CDC's External Referral and Liaison Team visited the National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington DC and met with NDU representatives to review their National Intelligence Survey (NIS) collection. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives:**(U//~~ATUO~~) Middle East Peace Prospects Show Little Change in 35 Years**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From an internal Agency document discussing peace negotiations since the 1967 war, forwarded by DCI Helms to National Security Adviser Kissinger in November 1969: "It appears inescapable that the United States must soon choose consciously between accepting the inevitable erosion of its remaining presence in the Arab world -- diplomatic, commercial, economic, and cultural -- and adoption of a policy, traditionally considered impossible and unthinkable in domestic terms, directed at forcing the Israelis to budge. The longer we follow the present policy, the more rapid the erosion in the United States position, the more frozen the Israeli position and the more rapid the descent of the region into a form of chaos. Otherwise, we will see the area become more and more engulfed in hostilities..."

- *The issue of the United States' relationship with Israel and its impact on the rise of Islamic extremism and terrorism will be debated by historians and academics for the foreseeable future, but the CIA's comments 35 years ago certainly highlight the concern that without a Mideast peace settlement the region would experience continued strife.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Arrested

(U//~~ATUO~~) Current Intelligence Bulletins of January and February 1974 report first attacks on and then the arrest of the Soviet author following the publication of the first of his Gulag Archipelago volumes in France. In February 1974, Solzhenitsyn refused to comply with a summons to appear before a Soviet prosecutor and was arrested. He was expelled from the Soviet Union later that year.

- *After spending many years in the United States, Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia in 1994. Many students in the US are probably more familiar with his first novel, A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, which at one time was taught as part of some US high school curricula. That novel revealed the existence of Soviet labor camps, something the regime had never acknowledged. Other works, such as Cancer Ward, uncovered other aspects of Soviet life not usually visible to the West. The Gulag series, however, a nonfiction account of the Soviet labor camp system, left an indelible mark on those who read it.* [redacted]

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