

*Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 12-16 July 2004
Executive Summary*

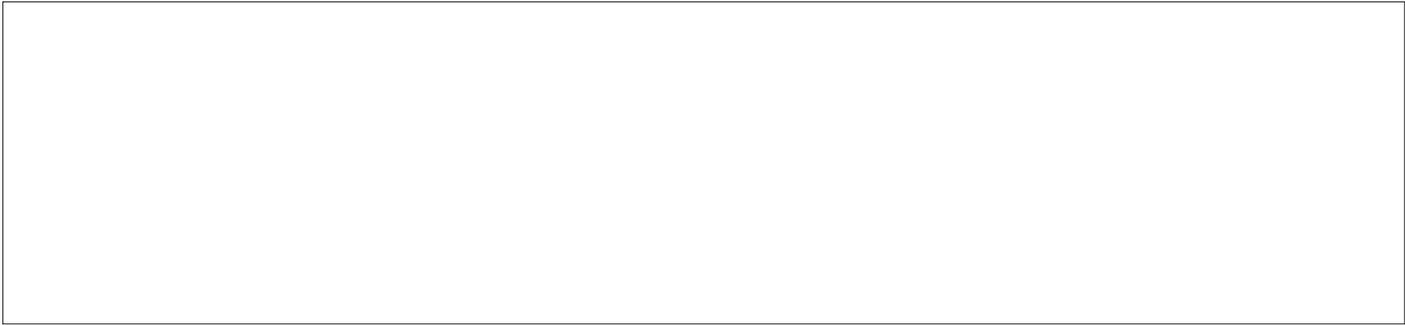
Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) 11 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~~) Researching Noted Television Personality

(U//~~ATUO~~) A writer for the Durham, NC *Independent Weekly* requests information concerning the late television broadcaster, Charles Kuralt. The requester includes in his submission "a September 14, 1962, FBI memo to the Director of Central Intelligence, released through the FOIA, which references a CIA 'communication dated July 19, 1962' regarding Kuralt and Cuba."

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

Note: Mr. Kuralt was best known for hosting the long-running television programs "On the Road with Charles Kuralt" and "Sunday Morning," both on CBS. He also wrote several acclaimed books, his last titled Charles Kuralt's America, published in 1995, revisiting his favorite places in America at just the right time, from New Orleans in January to the North Carolina mountains in May.

(U//~~ATUO~~) Request Concerning WMD Testimony

(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent requester Jeffrey Richelson seeks copies of "the testimony of Robert Walpole and Lawrence K. Gershwin to [the] Commission on Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, May 26/27, 2004."

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

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Note: Robert D. Walpole is the National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation. Lawrence K. Gershwin is the NIO for Intelligence Assurance.

(U//~~ATUO~~) Interest in Noted Czech Figure

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Vienna, VA requester is interested in information on Frantisek Moravec "[the] head of Czechoslovak army intelligence from 1933 to 1939, when he fled the German occupation of his country." The requester adds: "He lived in Britain during World War II, serving as head of intelligence of the Czech government-in-exile. Moravec returned home in 1945. In 1948, he went into exile again arriving in the United States in July of that year. Thereafter, he lived in the Washington, DC area, where he served as an adviser to the CIA until his death in 1966."

- *The FOIA case manager located seven previously released records on this subject from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database and sent them to the requester.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Request for Soviet Intelligence Reports

(U//~~ATUO~~) From frequent requester, The National Security Archive, comes a request for copies of five intelligence reports from the 1960s. The titles include, "Operational Training in the Soviet Strategic Rocket Forces," "Soviet Air Defenses: Who Decides to Pull the Trigger," and "The Hanoi-Peking-Moscow Triangular Relationship."

- *The FOIA case manager accepted the request.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) A Central Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) of 5 November 1969 reports that a senior Chilean military officer told the US Army attache that the commander believes Socialist Senator Salvador Allende will win next year's presidential election. The CIB adds that "Allende is a member of the most extremist major leftist group, and he is a strong admirer of Fidel Castro."

- *Comment: This early prediction proved accurate. In a close election, Allende was elected President of Chile in September 1970.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Everybody Needs a Day Off

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Carter Library collection provided the following excerpt from a 24 April 1978 White House Situation Room memo to Dr. Brzezinski:

"Embassy Manama reports that recently a regular Soviet flight headed down the Persian Gulf to Aden left its corridor, apparently due to bad weather, and overflowed both Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. According to the Bahraini civil aviation director, the Soviet pilot refused to reply to tower inquiries. When Bahraini controllers alerted the tower at Dhahran to the imminent intrusion of Saudi airspace by a Soviet plane, they allegedly were told the Saudi air force defense system did not 'work on Fridays.'"

"Embassy Manama believes the Gulf states have not gone 'noisily public' about the erratic and uncooperative behavior of the Soviet pilots because they feel 'politically and militarily impotent.'"

The piece further states that the Bahraini defense minister told the Ambassador "...the incident has reinforced his contention that regional Gulf security cooperation must be improved and asked that his arms requests to the U.S. be considered in this context."

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