

## *Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 5-9 January 2004 Executive Summary*

### *Future Planning Calendar*

(U//~~ATUO~~) 27 January 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) 24 February 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//~~FOUO~~) Revised CDC 25-Year Declassification Plan

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 8 January 2004, at the request of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), CDC submitted under the signature of the Senior Agency Official for EO 12958 ( [ ] CIO), a 20-page plan describing CIA's approach to meeting the automatic declassification provisions of the EO.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **Executive Summary:** The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) estimates there are a total of 131 million pages of permanent records through 1981 that require review under the Automatic Declassification provisions of Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended. This number includes 111 million pages from CIA holdings, and approximately 20 million pages in records from other agencies containing CIA equities. To date the CIA has completed the review of almost 93 million pages, of which 27 million pages have been released in whole or in part—almost a 30 percent release rate. The review of the remaining 38 million pages will be completed in accordance with the timelines for records in CIA holdings (31 December 2006), records referred from other agencies (31 December 2009), and records involving special media (31 December 2011).

Of the remaining 38 million pages requiring review, CIA will review 19 million pages during the period from FY 2004 through 31 December 2006, and estimates that it will be able to declassify 3 million pages. The CIA will review the remaining 19 million pages during the period 31 December 2006 through 31 December 2011, and estimates it will be able to declassify 3.5 million pages. Reaching or exceeding this targeted release rate, however, will require augmentation of funding as discussed in the classified annex.

Since EO 12958 took effect, CIA has been a leader in the establishment of innovative efforts to facilitate compliance with the Order's requirements. Programs established by the CIA include the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) and an equities identification training program for the declassification community; a declassification review team at NARA II in College Park, Maryland; the deployment of the highly popular CIA Research Search Tool (CREST) at NARA II; and the Remote Archive Capture (RAC) program for records at Presidential Libraries. CIA's efforts to improve processes for equities notification throughout the Intelligence Community were recently endorsed by Congress in funding for the Equities Notification Database. CIA intends to continue its commitment to the spirit of the Order through a vigorous review and release effort emphasizing Presidential Library records and by exploring the possibility of expanding deployment of the CREST system to both Presidential Libraries and other archives. [ ]

#### (U//~~ATUO~~) Conversion of CSI Case Numbers

(U//~~ATUO~~) In preparation for the transition to CADRE (CIA Automated Declassification and Release Environment), the CIO/IMS Historical Collections Division (HCD) has updated its MORI (Management of Officially Released Information) case number system to better reflect the origin and nature of its work. On 5 January 2004, the MORI

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team converted the existing CSI numbers

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~~(U//AFO)~~ FOIA Requests

~~(U//AFO)~~ Memorandum Sought on USS Liberty Incident

~~(U//AFO)~~ A repeat requester is seeking "declassification and release of [the] CIA Intelligence Memorandum of June 23, 1967 relating to the USS Liberty incident." He mentions that his request is in conjunction with research conducted at the University of Miami's Graduate School of International Studies, Middle East Studies Institute.

- *The FOIA case manager searched the MORI database and determined that the requester actually wanted a re-review of the CIA's Intelligence Memorandum: The Israeli Attack on the USS Liberty (dated 13 June 1967).*

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*Editor: On this subject, the requester, Judge A. Jay Cristol, authored: The Liberty Incident: the 1997 Attack on the U.S. Navy Spy Ship. Washington (DC) Brassey's Military, 2002.; and, "The Liberty Incident," Seminar on Intelligence, Command and Control Program on Information Resources Policy, 105, Harvard College, Guest Presentations, Spring 1995. In the interim, he completed: The Liberty Incident (1997) Ph.D dissertation, University of Miami. To read text from each work, consult: [www.thelibertyincident.com/articles.htm](http://www.thelibertyincident.com/articles.htm)*

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~~(U//AFO)~~ Reporter Seeks CIA Contract Information

~~(U//AFO)~~ A *Washington Post* Staff Writer is seeking "information about current contracts between your Agency [CIA] and Fair Isaac Corporation. Please enclose details about the financial arrangements and the scope of services with Fair Isaac Corporation." The requester seeks expedited treatment because "the information is urgently needed to inform the public about the federal government's growing use of private sector technology and data." And, because "it is a matter of current and ongoing debate in Congress and in statehouses across the country."

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*Requester Robert O'Harrow, Jr. was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in 2000, and received the Carnegie Mellon Cybersecurity Reporting Award in 2003. Fair Isaac Corporation is the largest provider of consumer credit scoring models used in credit approval. The company offers a wide range of software products and packaged solutions, serving the specific needs of various industries and applications.*

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(U//~~AIUO~~) A CIA serial (18 November 1965) titled "Vietnam Checklist for the Director of Central Intelligence" includes an article on a US military operation in South Vietnam called "Silver Bayonet." Elements of the 3rd Brigade/1st Cavalry Division were engaged in heavy fighting with an estimated 3,000 North Vietnamese regulars west of the Plei Me Special Forces camp in the highlands of South Vietnam's Pleiku Province. "According to MACV, yesterday's major action—in which Communist troops launched a fierce pre-dawn attack against field positions of the 2nd Battalion/7th Cavalry Regiment—resulted in enemy losses of 303 killed and one captured, as against American casualties of 60 killed and 41 wounded."

- *This fight was detailed in We Were Soldiers Once...And Young—a 1992 book written by Joe Galloway, former UPI reporter present at the battle and retired senior correspondent from US News & World Report, and US Army Gen. Hal Moore, who commanded of the 450-man 7th Cavalry Regiment. This 1992 book inspired the 2002 film, We Were Soldiers, starring Mel Gibson.*

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**(U//~~AIUO~~) Flying the CIA Flag**

(U//~~AIUO~~) In a June 1977 letter to DCI Turner, the Legislative Counsel recommended that the DCI approve an "indefinite loan" of a CIA flag to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The Legislative Counsel explained that Chairman Daniel Inouye had recently contacted him about purchasing a CIA flag for his office. "I told him this question was a novel one for me and that I would look into it. I subsequently learned ... that the protocol regarding Government flags is set out by the Institute of Heraldry, Department of the Army. Under this protocol, service or departmental flags are neither sold nor are they given to Members of Congress for their personal offices.... Service flags are loaned to committees having oversight over the individual services or departments for display in committee rooms, for example the Armed Services Committee [which] has all the flags of the military services displayed...." Chairman Inouye said he thought "it would be in the Agency's interest to have our flag displayed in that room noting we were supposed to be pros in the business of public perceptions, etc."

- *The timing of the Chairman's statement (quoted above) is interesting, given the tenor of Congressional investigations into Agency activities in prior years.*

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