

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 19-23 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**)~~ **CDC Briefs DCIO on 25-Year Program**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ On 20 July, Chief/CIA Declassification Center (CDC) presented an overview briefing to the Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCIO) on the 25-Year Declassification Program. Other CDC participants in the briefing included: Chief/Presidential Libraries, who demonstrated the Image Workflow Automation System (IWAS) used for automated review, and which supports complex workflow and online redaction; and, Chief/Metrics and Operations Team, who gave a demonstration of CREST—the CIA Records Search Tool. CIA has placed four CREST workstations at NARA, which provide full text search access to over 8.7 million pages of CIA records released under the 25-Year Program.

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

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **Watergate—and the 'Enemies of Detente'**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) A fascinating memorandum, dated April 1974, provides CIA analysis of Soviet concerns about the implications of the Watergate scandal for their leader (Brezhnev), for Soviet foreign policy generally, and for preparations for a possible upcoming summit with the US. The memo states that "the Soviets have believed from the outset of the Watergate affair that it was being used by the President's political opposition to get him. As the President's difficulties have grown, so have Moscow's suspicions. Now the Soviets profess to see the 'enemies of detente' behind the President's problems." The article states that "Brezhnev himself has a personal stake in detente" ...and cites one report that indicates that "elements of the Soviet military-industrial complex who are disenchanted with detente and concerned about recent [Soviet] policy setbacks would use a Nixon impeachment to try to oust party leader Brezhnev."

- *Comment: Secretary Kissinger was traveling to Moscow at about this time to discuss an upcoming summit meeting. In March 1974, President Nixon was named a co-conspirator in Watergate, and in April 1974 his four key aides resigned. The memo, which would have had a very limited dissemination, demonstrates part of what CIA must be able to do –namely, provide analyses on any matter with foreign policy or national security implications, regardless of personal or political sensitivities. The US-Soviet summit convened in June 1974, and President Nixon was "warmly received" by Brezhnev. By July 1974, the impeachment of President Nixon began. He resigned his office on 8 August.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **A State FOIA Release Gone Bad**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From Carter Library comes a March 1979 National Security Council (NSC) Memorandum that states, "[the Italian Newspaper] *La Repubblica* also published some documents that were released under FOIA. They were gossipy and dated from 1970-71. They should have been vetted better (by State). We have told the Italians we will do a better job. We have tightened up FOIA."

- *Comment: The flap over the recent publication of State Department and White House documents on Indonesia by The National Security Archive offers a more recent reminder that foreign governments might bristle at the release of certain information –or the timing of its release.* [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **CIA's Man on the Case**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A 29 October 1976 letter, under review from the Ford Presidential Library, records CIA General Counsel, Anthony Lapham's response to a Department of Justice request for declassified documents pertaining to the Criminal Division investigation of CIA, ITT, and Chile. General Counsel Lapham informs the National Security Council that the Agency cannot declassify White House and NSC documents, and is returning the requested documents to the White House for sanitization following the removal of CIA equities.

- *The General Counsel invited the NSC staffer to contact a lawyer on his staff with any questions.* [redacted]

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