Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 5 - 9 May 2003 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//AIUO) 14 May 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//AHUO) 24 June 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//AHUO) 4-5 June 2003: Historical Review Panel: Next meeting at State Department and CIA Headquarters.

(U//AHUO) 31 December 2006: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//AIUO)_Historical Collections Division

(U//AIUO) IMS Delivered Kirkpatrick Papers to NARA

(U//AHUO) Representatives from the Historical Collections Division (HCD, formerly Special Collections Division) at IMS delivered 205 documents (380 pages) that compose the Kirkpatrick collection to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on 5 May. The CIA obtained the documents in early 2000 from the widow of former senior Agency officer Lyman Kirkpatrick. The documents were part of a collection of "personal" papers that remained in Mrs. Kirkpatrick's possession following her husband's death. Mrs. Kirkpatrick contacted the CIA to review the documents because she desired to donate them to Princeton University. After review and declassification, SCD returned copies of the documents to Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The original documents were forwarded to NARA for public release.

(U//ATUO) Composition of Collection:

- (U//AIUO) Documents reflecting Kirkpatrick's role as Inspector General and Executive Director.
- (U//AIUO) Documents memorializing Kirkpatrick's meetings with senior level Cuban exiles, who sought overthrow of Castro.
- (U//A1UO) Reports on Wehrmacht order of battle in May 1944, which Kirkpatrick authored for the Army when he was working for OSS.
- (U//AIUO) Administrative matters, including Kirkpatrick's support for an early retirement system and a scholarship program for children of employees.
- (C) Documents relating to a September 1959 *True Magazine* article by Charles McCarry (under the pen name William Nathan), which contained highly critical comments about the relationship between the FBI and the CIA.

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(U//ATUO) FOIA Requests

(U//AIUO) Well-known Author Asks About QKENCHANT

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(U//AIUO) In April 2003, attorney/author Vincent Bugliosi submitted a FOIA request for information for a new book he is writing about the JFK assassination. Mr. Bugliosi is best known as the prosecutor of Charles Manson for the Tate-LaBianca murders in 1969, and for his book *Helter Skelter* about those murders. In his FOIA request, he stated that he is writing "a book on the assassination of President Kennedy," which he hopes to have "completed for the fortieth anniversary of the assassination on November 22 of (2003)." He asks for "documents detailing the relationship, if any, that existed between Clay Shaw and the CIA on the QKENCHANT project." He also asks for information on "whether QKENCHANT was a clandestine or non-clandestine operation..."

- The FOIA case manager found five pages of material responsive to the request. According to the releasable material, QKENCHANT "was the name of an Agency project used to provide security approvals on non-Agency personnel and facilities. Such approvals were required so that Agency personnel could meet individuals to discuss proposed projects, activities, and possible relationships."
- Clay Shaw was a successful New Orleans businessman who was indicted for, and eventually acquitted of, conspiracy to assassinate JFK in a controversial case prosecuted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in 1967. Mr. Shaw had a connection with the CIA that was outlined in an article by Max Holland that appeared in Studies in Intelligence in 2000. Mr. Shaw "was an observant businessman who traveled widely," and he agreed to provide reports to the CIA's Domestic Contact Service (DCS) when he noticed something of intelligence significance during his travels -- a relationship that lasted until 1956. In the early part of that relationship, the CIA checked on Mr. Shaw's background with a "five Agency" check. Because that check predated the QKENCHANT program, which began in 1952, the CIA concluded "in all probability (Mr. Shaw) was not cleared by the QKENCHANT program."

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(U//ATUO) From the Archives: FBI Support to CIA for Korean Surge

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(U//AHUO) DCI Roscoe Hillenkoetter wrote to FBI Director Hoover on 22 August 1950 to express thanks for FBI support to the Agency related to the outbreak of Korean hostilities, in documents that were reviewed recently at the CIA Declassification Center. "I wish to call to your attention the high degree of cooperation which we have received from your Bureau. Our responsibilities required approximately forty persons to be promptly employed and trained. Through the efforts of your Bureau in expediting personal security investigations, we were able to meet an urgent operational deadline."

• Previous correspondence in the files indicate the FBI had been reluctant to do applicant investigations, arguing in part resource constraints, while the newly-created CIA argued if we did our own investigations, we would be duplicating the type of work the FBI was already set up to do. A 13 November 1947 memo from Mr. Hoover to DCI Hillenkoetter, for example, stated that while it had been FBI's intention to discontinue background investigations for CIA as of "November 15, 1947 ... In order not to place an undue burden upon the office of CIA, we have given this matter consideration and will be pleased to continue to conduct these inquiries until January 1, 1948." There were obviously other such "extensions."



Roscoe Henry Hillenkoetter

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