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*Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 14 - 18 July 2003  
Executive Summary*

**Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **7 August 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

**Future Planning Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **13 August 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **16-18 December 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next semi-annual meeting.

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

**Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:**

**(U//~~ATUO~~) EO Mandatory Declassification Review**

**(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent Requester Submits 21 Requests in One Day**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Frequent requester Michael Ravnitzky of Silver Spring, Maryland this week submitted to CIA 21 Mandatory Declassification Requests -- the largest number Mr. Ravnitzky has submitted at one time. Mr. Ravnitzky asked for declassification of such documents as "the CIA Publications Review Board procedures," "CIA procedures for handling ... 'crank mail,'" and "CIA reports concerning the ... film 'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind'...."

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

**(U//~~ATUO~~) Judicial Watch Seeks Documents Relating to Reported Iraqi Attempt to Buy Uranium in Niger**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Judicial Watch, Inc., a self-described nonpartisan, nonprofit foundation established "to root out corruption in our government," submitted a FOIA request for documents relating to the reference in President Bush's State of the Union speech to a reported Iraqi attempt to buy uranium in Niger. The request, which asked for expedited processing, was also made to DOD, DIA, State, and the NSC. A similar request has been submitted by the National Security Archive.

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Human Rights Watch Requests Documents on Policy regarding President of Chad**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Human Rights Watch requested records on the "United States government policy regarding Hissène Habré, after his ouster as President of Chad on 1 December 1990."

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Request for Records on William King Harvey**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Indianapolis requester, who indicates he is writing "a scholarly biography," asks for the CIA personnel files of the late William King Harvey and his wife Clara "C.G." Harvey. He says that it is his understanding that other researchers have examined these and the files of various other CIA officials who were involved in the formative years of the Agency.

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- The FOIA case manager performed a search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database, which indicated that there have been many previous requests for information on the legendary Bill Harvey. The FOIA case manager will review the documents that have been released to determine if any are responsive to the request.

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center****(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: "I Then Must Ask and Answer, Am I Worth Dying For"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) In the CIA Declassification Center, reviewers recently encountered a letter dated July 1972 to DDCI Vernon Walters written by a friend of his. The writer enclosed a letter from Jackie Martin, a mutual friend who was a career journalist who served as a war correspondent and director of photo operations of the Marshall Plan.

"I have just returned after two interesting months in Europe on an official Government assignment. I was able to see my friends and co-workers of the Marshall Plan years in Paris, and also to retrace steps taken in WWII as a war correspondent with the Allied Sixth Army Group.

"Thanksgiving Day was spent photographing the US Military Cemetery at Epinal in the Vosges Mountains. As I worked, it grew increasingly cold, and out of a deep fog came row upon row of crosses. Some of them carried the names of boys I'd had Thanksgiving dinner with 23 years ago. They had been young, and gay, that day. And they all shared one constant fervent thought--to finish what had to be done and get home. As I stood there in the enveloping fog, I remembered well their faces. They had indeed finished the job for us. But they didn't get home. I took off my glove, and, as I walked back to the Visitors House, I touched white marble here, and here, and said, 'Thank you, thank you.' There was no answer in that vast, beautiful quietitude save the last of the red and gold leaves falling thru the branches of the trees.

"I paid my respects at our Embassy in Paris. Ambassador Charles Bohlen was kind as always. Maj. General Vernon Walters, the Military Attache, had just come back from Vietnam. With a rare clarity he shared his knowledge of the principles, forces and interests involved in this war, and he paid the highest tribute to our men there. At the end of our talk he quoted a poem. I give it to you now to think about in this new year, during which we can love and laugh, see beauty and know the special joy of freedom.

Dear Lord  
Lest I continue  
My complacent way  
Help me to remember  
Somewhere out there  
A man died for me today

As long as there be war  
I then must  
Ask and answer  
Am I worth dying for."

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