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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 29 July - 2 August 2002 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **20 August 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting, site to be determined.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **21 August 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **8-9 January 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) Seeking Records on Morocco

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester who identifies himself as a graduate student in Middle East Studies at the University of Washington, seeks records on "the 'Green March,' Morocco's November 1975 seizure of the Spanish Sahara ... including materials related to what then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger called 'Leila,' ... the activities of then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton and then Lieutenant-General Vernon Walters of the Central Intelligence Agency." The requester also seeks information on "the Madrid Accords, signed 14 November 1975 by Spain, Morocco, and Mauritania" Lastly, requester seeks records on "... the operations of military and counterinsurgency advisors in Morocco from 1980 to 1988, especially the activities of Green Berets in Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara between 1981 to 1984."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Bulgarian Requester Interested in "Exodus Operation"

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Sofia, Bulgaria requests documents about or pertaining to links found between the "Exodus Operation" and Bulgaria.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Asks for Copy of Contracting Manual

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Washington DC requester asked for a copy of "the CIA Contracting Manual."

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **National Security Archive Interested in Colonel Gabriel Ramon Diaz Ortiz**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The National Security Archive requested biographic information on Colonel Gabriel Ramon Diaz Ortiz, who, according to the requester, served as commander of the Twenty-Fourth Brigade of the Colombian Armed Forces as of 2000.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **CIA Declassification Center**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Outreach Program -- CDC Reviewers Complete 6-Week Pilot at Maxwell AFB**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Reviewers from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) working at the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama successfully completed on 26 July the initial six week pilot project to identify and review, in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958, 25-year-old classified material containing CIA equities. The reviewing team reviewed a total of 220,701 pages, of which they exempted from declassification 101,044 pages and had no objection to the release of an additional 119,657 pages.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Outreach Program -- Stennis Space Center, Naval Oceanographic Office, Mississippi**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ During the week of 29 July, representatives from the CIA Declassification Center traveled to Stennis Space Center, Mississippi where they reviewed a large collection of National Intelligence Surveys (NIS), maintained by the Naval Oceanographic Office (NOO). The team reviewed 2,033 NISs, totaling 209,795 pages, using as a guide the CDC NIS database, which contains a list of the previously determined declassification decisions of over 7,000 NISs.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Remote Archive Capture -- Carter Library**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A five-person team from the CIA Declassification Center began scanning operations at the Jimmy Carter Library near Atlanta, Georgia on 22 July. The team's goal is to complete 300,000 pages. The team is made up of two individuals conducting document preparation and scanning activities, and three individuals performing equity identification. A sixth member of the team is scheduled to join them on 5 August.

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **From the Archives: CIA Support to the JFK Funeral**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A 9 December 1963 letter from a high-level Secret Service official to DCI John McCone indicates the Agency played a minor role in the funeral of President Kennedy. The letter opens, "I was very pleased with the fine cooperation we received from your Agency in implementing the security provisions for the funeral..." It continues by noting that "agents of your Agency under the supervision of (names redacted) were immediately placed at our disposal. Their services were utilized at St. Matthews Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery, and all along the route of the funeral procession..." The letter continued, "I understand that Mr. (name redacted) had an additional force of men available if they had been needed," and closed with the Secret Service indicating they were "deeply grateful."

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Publications Review Board**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Board Behind Review Pace of Fiscal Year 2001**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ In July the Publications Review Board received 2,402 pages for review. This compares with 6,369 pages it received in July 2001. For Fiscal Year 2002 to date (starting 1 October 2001), the Board has received 19,610 pages. At the same time last year, the Board had received 21,938 pages.

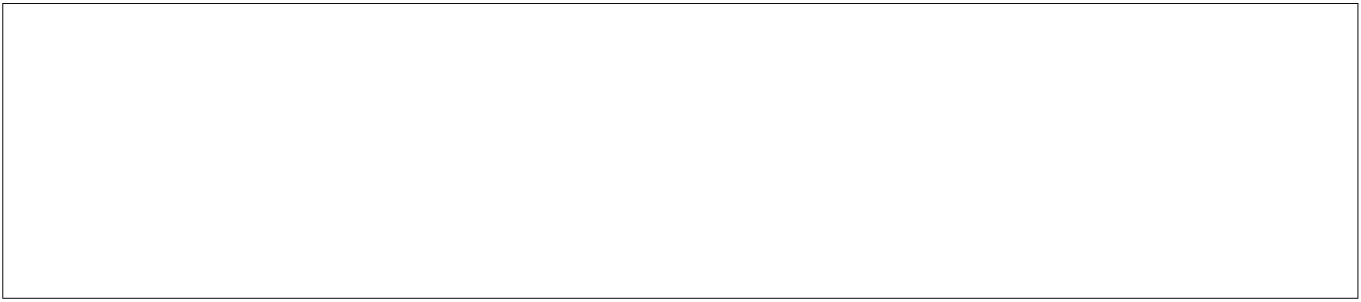
- One reason for the high figure in July 2001 was the Board's receipt of approximately 2000 pages from one author.
- The Board set a record in Fiscal Year 2001 with 26,072 pages reviewed. With two months to go in the current fiscal year, the Board is unlikely to exceed or even meet this figure.

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