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## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 22-26 March 2004 Executive Summary***

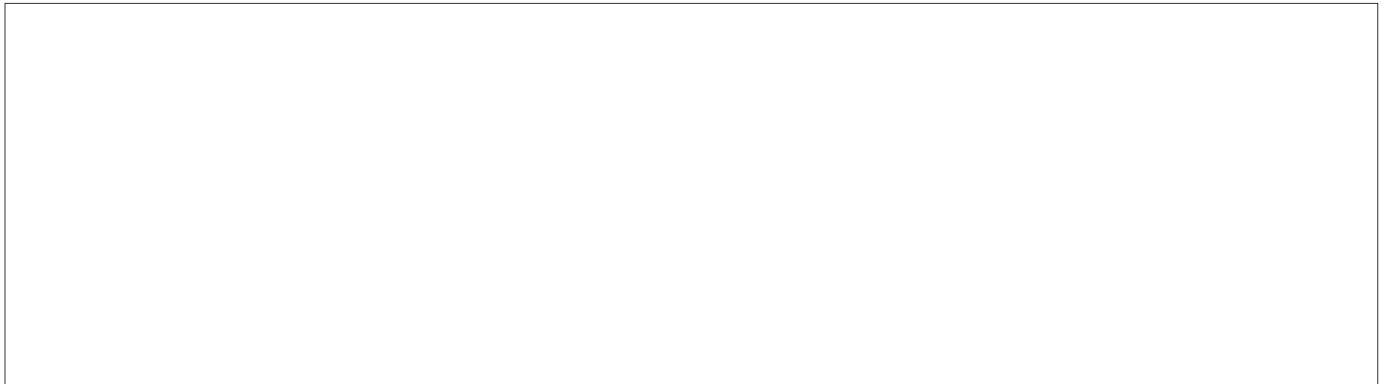
### **Future Planning Calendar**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **14 April 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **27 April 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//~~ATUO~~) FOIA Requests**

##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Seeking All Materials in Baseball Star's CIA File**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The requester identifies himself as a published author and lawyer, who is writing a book about the life of Curtis Charles Flood. He seeks "copies of Mr. Flood's CIA file." The file on the St. Louis Cardinals outfielder, he adds, "probably would include information from 1956 through 1997." He claims that the famed major league player lived in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Mallorca, Spain, during the 1970s.



*Editor: 'Curt' Flood played in the World Series three times for the St. Louis Cardinals. When the Cardinals traded Flood to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1969, he refused to go. Instead, he initiated an unsuccessful six-year legal war on baseball's 'reserve clause' that foreshadowed the era of free agents. (Visit your Internet: [www.law.pitt.edu/madison/contracts/supplement/flood\\_v\\_kuhn.pdf](http://www.law.pitt.edu/madison/contracts/supplement/flood_v_kuhn.pdf))*

##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Information Request About Deceased T-28 Pilots**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From Tullinge, Sweden, a requester is seeking to learn "the date of death" and, where applicable, the "correct name" of four pilots [all of foreign background] killed in aircraft accidents while flying T-28 aircraft under contract in the Congo (Zaire).

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- The FOIA case manager, [redacted] informs the requester that records responsive to the request, should any exist, would be contained in operational files, and that according to the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, operational files of the CIA are exempt from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the FOIA. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) The Book *Widows* Sparks Interest in Paisley**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An appreciative former requester is now asking for "whatever you have available on the [John Arthur] Paisley story." As one of four subjects in the book, *Widows*, Paisley's "radio license caught my eye....My husband [she writes] is also a radio amateur." The requester is citing: *Widows* (Corson, William R.; Trento, Susan B.; and Trento, Joseph J.: New York: Crown Publishers, 1979)—a well known book to intelligence officers.

- The FOIA case manager searched the Agency database of officially released records and located 66 responsive documents. A "Requester Report" listing these available documents will enable the requester to select those documents of interest to her. [redacted]

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

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

**(U//~~ATUO~~) SSCI Addresses the Analytic Process**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An August 1977 study by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) on US intelligence analysis notes several issues in the analytic process that require attention: 1) The heavy cost of undue stress on current intelligence, 2) The tendency not to reach out for all sources of data (especially open source and competitive analyses), 3) The momentum of an accepted approach which tends to play down or ignore incompatible events, and 4) The failure to combine political and economic analysis where necessary. Robert Bowie, who was to become DDI a few months later, commented that he and several other senior Agency officers should discuss the study's implications. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) A Fond Farewell**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Acting DDCI John Blake (Aug 77 - Feb 78), responding to feedback from retiring employees who said that "out-processing" had replaced the personal touch, reminded managers in July 1977 that they had a special responsibility to see that retiring employees left the Agency with dignity. These retirees, he said, deserved a "thank you," and at least a modest ceremony to mark the end of their career. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) General Pinochet Seizes Power**

(U//~~ATUO~~) By 1969, *Current Intelligence Bulletin* (CIB) articles were anticipating the next Chilean election and S. Allende's selection as president. Those predictions proved accurate, and, by 1973, the CIB contained almost daily items reporting the steady deterioration of the political and economic situation in Chile. One article, dated 24 August 1973, is notable because it reports that "the resignation last night of General Carlos Prats as both Minister of Defense and army commander in chief has further muddled an already confusing situation....Prats was succeeded as commander in chief by General Augusto Pinochet. All of the other members of the cabinet, including the military officers, have submitted their resignations, but, thus far, these have not been accepted by Allende."

- Allende was ousted (and killed) in a September 1973 coup by a military junta led by General Augusto Pinochet. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) Europe and the US Resupply Effort**

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Ford Library comes a familiar story about US difficulty in enlisting European support for a controversial initiative—in this case, the resupply of Israel during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war: "The US Embassy in

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Rome is very doubtful that the Italian government will approve US logistical support of Israel from Italian soil. Israeli embassy officials in Rome, in an effort to secure the fastest possible transshipment, recently raised the possibility of purchasing large quantities of ammunition and clothing from US sources in Italy. The Italian government, however, wants to avoid the strong protests that such an action would elicit from the country's powerful Communist Party. Moreover, Rome faces the prospect of a politically explosive oil shortage this winter and does not want to risk getting on the wrong side of the Arab states. The government's extreme sensitivity on this point is emphasized by its objection, according to USDAO [US Defense Attache Office] Rome, to US resupply aircraft overflying Italian territory....Portugal's reluctant agreement to permit US bases in the Azores to be used for a resupply effort is not likely to be extended to civilian airfields, according to the US Embassy. The Spanish government has very firmly made clear its opposition to the use of Spanish facilities in support of Israel, and the US ambassador believes that further US pressure would force a reappraisal of US-Spanish defense cooperation. Vienna is trying to steer a middle course between Washington and Moscow on the sensitive issue of USAF overflights of Austria. The Austrian position is particularly delicate since both the Soviets and the US are signatories to the State Treaty which commits Austria to military neutrality. Vienna, however, has been critical of "excessive" American use of the overflight privilege in the past and informed US officials on 12 October that it will insist that the overflight agreement limiting the frequency of flights be strictly observed. In the past few days, the Austrians have been under pressure from the Soviets to make a public announcement on overflight policy but have refused since it would only attract unwanted publicity to the American actions."

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