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## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 29 October - 2 November 2001 Executive Summary***

### **Immediate Calendar:**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **October 2001:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **15 November 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

### **Future Planning Calendar:**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **January 2002:** Historical Review Panel 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)~~ **National Security Archive Interested in Taliban Activities**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The National Security Archive requested information on "the late 1994 or January 1995 battle and subsequent capture of Helmand, Afghanistan by the Taliban," "the February 1995 battle and subsequent capture of Charasyab, Afghanistan by the Taliban," and "the September 1995 battle and subsequent capture of Herat, Afghanistan's second city by the Taliban."

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##### ~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Noted Author Seeks Copies of DCI Memoranda**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Frequent requester and noted author Jeffrey Richelson asked for copies of the following memos: "Richard Helms to Deputy Directors, March 6, 1972 (re: assassination);" "William Colby to Deputy Directors, August 29, 1973 (re: assassination);" and "George Tenet's September 16 'We are at War' memo."

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##### ~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Brazilian News Agency Interested in Relatives of Bin Laden**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester affiliated with Globo News TV in Brazil asked for information on Salem bin Laden and Mohammed bin Laden, both purportedly relatives of Osama Bin Laden.

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##### ~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Canadian Newspaper Seeks Information on Agency Contracts**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The editor of the *McGill Daily* in Montreal, Canada sought copies of "contracts between the CIA and

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McGill University signed between 1980 and the present."

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~~(U//**AIUO**)~~ **Temporary Mail Halt Doesn't Stop Manuscript Submissions to PRB**

~~(U//**AIUO**)~~ The Publications Review Board (PRB) received more manuscripts in October 2001 than in October 2000, despite the temporary halt in mail delivery to the Agency following the 11 September terrorist events. In October 2001, PRB received 30 manuscripts comprising 1,372 pages, compared to 26 manuscripts comprising 1,486 pages in the same month last year.

- *Most authors submit materials to PRB via fax.* [Redacted]

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~~(U//**AIUO**)~~ **From the Archives: In 1966, DCI Won't Confirm or Deny CIA's Ability to Steer Hurricanes**

~~(U//**AIUO**)~~ DCI William Raborn declined to confirm or deny the CIA's ability to steer hurricanes back and forth across Cuba, according to the notes from a 1966 speech the DCI presented in St. Louis. The speech was reviewed recently by the DI team at the CIA Declassification Center. The DCI stated in the speech that the CIA had been blamed by unfriendly accusers for many things -- not only steering hurricanes to Cuba, but also for the collapse of a bank in Lebanon, for the difficulties the French were experiencing with their former empire, and for the seizure by Ghana of a planeload of diplomats from Guinea. Raborn explained to the audience that "once you begin to confirm or deny, you begin to build a pattern. The time will come when your answer or silence will give the opposition useful information." The DCI quoted Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts, "remember, in a free country, when we

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tell our own citizens we are also informing our enemies, for they read our newspapers too."

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