

*Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 4-15 April 2005
Executive Summary*

Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) 11 May 2005: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) 21 June 2005: 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 Two Weeks

(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI Visits CDC's RIMM Kiosk

(U//~~ATUO~~) "Records and Information Management Month" (RIMM-2005) kiosks attracted wide interest and drew the attention of DCI Porter Goss.

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DCI Goss spoke with kiosk participants while viewing the various displays. The CDC kiosk featured a display of the CREST (CIA Records Search Tool) System. DCI Goss and his Chief of Staff, [Redacted] took the opportunity to request some CDC production statistics for use on the 7th floor.

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~~(U//FOUO)~~ **Briefing at ISOO Training Conference**

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Chief, CIA Declassification Center (CDC) participated in the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) Training Program (formerly the Air Force Training Program) [redacted]

[redacted] C/CDC presented a briefing on *25-Year Declassification: Past, Present and Future*, in which he shared observations both from his perspective as C/CDC since 1995, and as Chair of the interagency External Referral Working Group (ERWG) since 1997. 17 April 2005 marked E.O. 12958's tenth anniversary. [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **What Became of "Project Jennifer?"**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester is seeking information on "Project Jennifer," and asking what happened to the project. He adds that the requested information is to be used for a scholarly purpose, and that he is willing to pay up to ten dollars in fees.

- *The FOIA case manager noted that we have processed numerous prior requests on this subject. One responsive document, and two press releases, accompanied our reply. The case manager further acknowledged that previous searches in our other records systems on the M.V. Glomar Explorer might hold interest to the requester. This material pertains to the construction of the Glomar Explorer, and Agency contacts with the media. There are no photographs in this material, and no information on the operation of the ship, or related equipment. The Agency's determination not to release any additional material on this subject has been upheld in a FOIA litigation.* [redacted]

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **CIA Payments to *La Nación***

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Frequent requester, Multinational Monitor is seeking all records concerning "any direct or indirect monetary payments from the CIA or its agents or proxies to the Costa Rican newspaper, *La Nación* . . . from 1960 to the present . . . The information I am compiling will be used in an article that will meaningfully contribute to the public's understanding of the CIA's historical work in Latin America." Thus, the requester seeks a waiver of search and duplication fees.

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **CIA's Image With Younger Consumers**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ The requester seeks "information or records on propaganda or solicitation of materials related to children's media (comic books, cartoons, toys, video games, etc.) information showing if the CIA is looking to alter its public image in relationship to younger consumers, specifically American youth under the age of 13."

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that we are unable to determine what records he seeks. The FOIA does not require federal agencies to perform research, answer questions, or conduct unreasonable searches through a body of material to see if any of it is related to a particular request.* [redacted]

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

~~(U//ATUO)~~ **Handsome Sweetheart of the Arab World**

~~(U//ATUO)~~ During CD review of Johnson Presidential Library material, a reviewer encountered a report of an unusual chant by an Arab mob during anti-Russian demonstrations in Cairo, which took place during the June 1967

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Arab-Israeli war. On 10 June 1967, a group of demonstrators threw stones at Russian homes, shouting "Down with Russia!" They then chanted in support of President Gamal Abdul Nasser of Egypt, the leading promoter of pan-Arab sentiment in the Muslim world: "We want no one else but you, Gamal. You are the handsomest. You are our sweetheart."

- *Comment: Unfortunately, this Situation Report does not record for posterity why the crowd was inspired to chant slogans to Nasser's beauty, which was not considered a major component of his popularity.*

~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Quintessential Khrushchev**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ A *Current Intelligence Weekly Summary* article, dated 10 March 1960, reports on the Premier's visit to several Asian countries, where Khrushchev "irritated his hosts by his thoughtlessness." A low-point of the trip apparently was Khrushchev's meeting with Indonesian President Sukarno. As Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio reported to the US Ambassador, "there was almost constant bickering. He [i.e., Mr. Subandrio] quoted Sukarno as saying: 'I didn't invite this man here to be insulted by him.' At one point, Sukarno told Subandrio, 'You take over, I can't stand another minute of this.' When Sukarno expressed no interest in detailed economic figures, Khrushchev told him [Sukarno], 'You are no socialist. Socialism consists of figures, figures, figures.' 'You are a robot,' Sukarno retorted."

~~(U//AIUO)~~ **CIA Domestic Activities?—Conditional Support**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ In an Oval Office conversation between President Gerald Ford and (former) DCI Richard Helms on Saturday, 4 January 1975, the President voiced how much admiration he had for Helms and CIA's work. Then he said: "Frankly, we are in a mess" and "will have a Blue Ribbon Panel look into these charges" of domestic spying. Helms suggested adding the FBI to the investigation of domestic spying activity, which Ford said he would consider. He, also, said to Helms: "I automatically assume what you did was right, unless it's proved otherwise."

- *Comment: On 5 January 1975, Ford named the Rockefeller Commission to investigate domestic spying by the CIA. He did not include the FBI in the scope of the Committee's investigation. The Church Committee and Pike Commission subsequently investigated other activities of the CIA in the 1960s and 1970s.*

~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Reporters and Spies**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ The following excerpt from the White House Situation Room *Evening Notes* of 4 December 1973 comes from the Nixon Library. "Another [*Washington*] *Star* editorial on reporters as spies asserts that CIA Director Colby has done well to sever whatever ties the Agency has had with a handful of staff reporters for American news organizations. Colby has correctly recognized that making spies out of staff reporters for serious news gathering organizations is not in the public interest. The *Star* hopes that upon further reflection, he will agree to keep his cotton-picking hands off all those to whom the public looks for its news."

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