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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 18-29 October 2004  
Executive Summary***

**Future Planning Calendar**

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

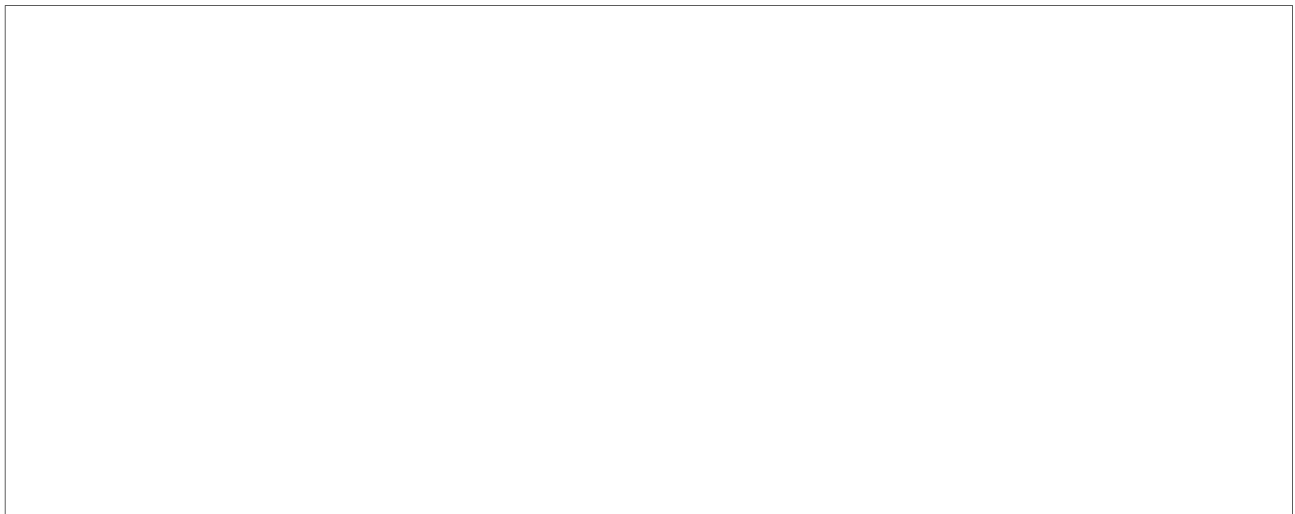
(U//~~ATUO~~) **10 November 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **15, 16 & 17 December 2004: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

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

**Overview of IRR Activities--Last Two Weeks**



(U//~~ATUO~~) **ISOO Updates ERWG on Federal Declassification Plans**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 27 October, the External Referral Working Group—(ERWG, a voluntary interagency forum created in 1997 to coordinate 25-year declassification review efforts under EO 12958)—convened its monthly meeting at The National Archives at College Park, Maryland. The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) offered the 55 attendees from 21 federal agencies its draft report findings concerning the status of federal agencies'

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declassification plans. Of the 74 federal organizations that are responsible for classified material, 28 are not subject to Section 3.3 of E.O 12958, as amended—either due to an absence of material, or because they have reviewed their small amount of material. Of the 46 remaining agencies, nearly all anticipate meeting the 31 December 2006 automatic declassification deadline for reviewing material that is 25 years, or older. The major challenges ahead involve completing the review of referrals by 2009 and of special media by 2011, while reviewing material under rolling declassification. ISOO will issue a new appeal to update agency declassification plans during the week of 1 November. Updated plans are due by 31 December 2004. [redacted]

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

**(U//~~ATUO~~) Request for Documents on Abandoned Iraqi Weapons**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive is seeking: "All documents produced from February 1, 1991–March 1, 1992 related in whole or in part to the use of abandoned or captured Iraqi weapons, tanks, artillery and all other armaments in Afghanistan by the Afghan resistance, also known as the Mujahadeen."

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- The FOIA case manager accepted the request, [redacted]

*Editor: The requester enclosed pages 225 and 226 from Steve Coll's Ghost Wars (New York: The Penguin Press, 2004), in which the author alleges that the Mujahadeen in Afghanistan used weapons retreating Iraqi soldiers abandoned in Kuwait.*

**(U//~~ATUO~~) Turning Intelligence Into a Work of Art**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An undergraduate exchange student writing from the Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France, seeks all of the records included in the "Princeton Collection." She adds: "The information contained in this request will be used to create a work of art, which I believe has the potential to create significant interest in different approaches taken to understanding the role of intelligence during the Cold War, as well as seeking to point to public benefits of the CIA's voluntary declassification program." Calculating that her request for 'hard copy' records totals 17,600 pages, she asks that a total fee waiver be granted—because the "Education and Scientific" fee category charge of \$1,750 is beyond her means.

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- The FOIA case manager noted the requester's awareness that the CIA Internet website offers instant access to, as well as printing of, these documents. To receive hard copy records, the requester must submit a down payment of \$437, and a written fee commitment, prior to the processing of her request. [redacted]

*Editor: The so-called Princeton Collection refers to a conference held at Princeton University on 9 and 10 March 2001, titled "CIA's Analysis of the Soviet Union, 1947-1991." CIA reviewed and released over 19,000 pages of DI analytic papers, and assembled an additional 62,000 pages of DI documents—declassified under the Agency's voluntary declassification program, under FOIA, and by CIA's 25-year program—for the conference. These documents provide a representative sample of the DI's economic, political, military, and scientific and technical analysis during the Cold War. [See: [www.foia.ucia.gov](http://www.foia.ucia.gov).]*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) On 20/21 October, senior CDC personnel ventured offsite to discuss a multitude of issues and challenges, and to formulate plans for improving overall CDC performance aimed at meeting the 2006 declassification deadline. Participants in the offsite discussions developed about fifty-five action items that bear on near-term production planning. Presenters at the offsite included [redacted] CIA's Acting Executive Director, C/IRRG, and a Historical Collections Division (HCD) reviewer. [redacted] discussed the external environment and terrorism, and voiced strong support for the declassification mission. [redacted]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives:****(U//~~ATUO~~) Following the Paper Trail. . ."an exceedingly large task"**

(U//~~ATUO~~) In September 1968, the coordinator of the Johnson Library Project for the CIA wrote a Memorandum for the Record documenting his conversation with a staff officer of the National Security Council. This officer was responsible for maintaining the vault that contained all materials in the White House on foreign affairs, national security, and intelligence. As President Johnson declined to run for another term, the officer knew that on 19 January 1969 the entrance to the West Wing would be piled high with boxes from the vault ready to be shipped to Austin. "Everything in the vault is scheduled to be shipped to Austin for inclusion in the special classified section of the Johnson Library. This practice was followed in assembling the Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Libraries. Even though CIA made no specific contributions to either the Truman or Eisenhower Library as such. . . you would be absolutely astounded to know how much CIA material is in them. I think you can take it for granted that every g\*\*\*d\*\*\*\* piece of paper ever sent to Mr. Eisenhower by CIA is in the Eisenhower Library." The CIA officer felt that this volume of material "raises the question whether CIA should try to obtain permission to inspect and catalogue the CIA materials already in the presidential libraries. The White House filing system by which documents are filed according to general subject only, and not by origin, would make this an exceedingly large task."

*Comment: The automatic declassification date for presidential library material is 31 December 2009. An important segment of the 25-year program is presidential library review. To date, we have reviewed almost the complete CIA portion of the Johnson Library collection—170,000 pages with a 72 percent release rate.* [redacted]

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