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## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 26 November - 30 November 2001***

### ***Executive Summary***

#### **Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **7 December 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

#### **Future Planning Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 January - 1 February 2002:** Historical Review Panel meeting at  (date tentative)

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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 Bin Laden**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive submitted a request for information pertaining to "the US Government's 1996 back channel initiative to Sudan to capture Osama Bin Laden. According to media accounts, the Sudanese government was to arrest Mr. Bin Laden in Khartoum, and then extradite him to Saudi Arabia. Thereupon, the Saudis were to turn him over to the United States."

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##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Florida Instructor Requests Information on Brazilian Leaders**

(U//~~ATUO~~) An adjunct instructor of geography at the University of Florida asked for information on Joao Goulart, former President of Brazil, and General Jair Ribeiro, former Brazilian Minister of War.

- The FOIA case officer advised the requester that although it is the CIA's policy to neither confirm nor deny the existence of records that might indicate a current or former operational or analytical interest in any particular foreign personality, the CIA can sometimes provide requesters with overt or previously released records containing information on foreign nationals that is unrelated to any classified or covert interest. Accordingly, the requester was provided with a listing of previously released documents on these individuals from which the requester may select documents that interest him.

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##### **(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Seeks Documents on Weapons of Mass Destruction**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Staten Island, New York requester asked for information regarding "the proliferation of W.M.D. (weapons of mass destruction) in general; biological weapons in specific."

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with listings of previously released documents under the subjects of proliferation and biological, nuclear and chemical weapons from which the requester may select documents that interest him.

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

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) CDC Quality Council Meets**

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 28 November, the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) Quality Council approved the formation of four teams to review personnel recruitment, technology, business process, and quality/quantity standards. The teams are formed from members of the Council and members of CDC. The teams will focus on identifying improvements in the review process while maintaining the highest possible quality. [REDACTED]

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**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: Reports of Castro's Death in 1956 Greatly Exaggerated**

(U//~~ATUO~~) Fidel Castro was killed in 1956 by Cuban military forces while leading an invading force on the eastern coast of Cuba, according to the Havana press. The CIA reported the press item in a 1956 Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB). According to the CIB, which was recently reviewed by the DI team at the CIA Declassification Center, Castro had announced that he was returning to Cuba for a "fight to the death," and was killed in a military action. The report of his death, though, was greatly exaggerated as Castro succeeded in seizing power in Cuba in 1959. [REDACTED]

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