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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 28 April - 2 May 2003
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **14 May 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **20 May 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **4-5 June 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at State Department and CIA Headquarters.

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

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) Litigation

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Wins Livshits Lawsuit

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 28 April 2003, the US District Court for the District of Columbia granted CIA's motion for summary judgment in a FOIA lawsuit brought against the Agency by Inna Livshits of New York. Ms. Livshits had sued the Agency because she alleged "since 1979 various agencies of the federal government have been involved in an elaborate conspiracy to murder her and her son," and wanted all CIA material relating to the alleged conspiracy. The CIA found no records about the plaintiff or the alleged conspiracy. Ms. Livshits produced one document that she obtained from the Department of State, which was a 1979 cable from the US Embassy in Rome requesting the FBI, CIA, and State Department perform a "USSR Refugee Name Check" on the plaintiff. The plaintiff argued that the existence of the document "infers that the CIA has a record of ... a felony committed by various US Government agencies..." The court granted CIA's request for summary judgment, which is a request for dismissal of the case, because her assertions were "fantastic or delusional scenarios and are clearly baseless."

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) History Student Wants Information on Roswell Incident and Picture of DCI

(U//~~ATUO~~) A student from Woodland, California submitted a FOIA request that began "Recently in my US History class we learned about the 1940s..." She asked for information on the alleged UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico, "Operation Majestic" -- also known as Majestic 12, -- and about Area 51 in Nevada. She concluded with a request for a picture of George Tenet for her family's "Wall of Fame."

- *Students from Woodland, California have been sending in similar letters since 1997. CIA has received nine so far this year. The record was in 2000 -- when we received 27 letters from Woodland students. The letters have the same elements -- Roswell, UFOs, Area 51, and most conclude with a request for a picture of George Tenet.*

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- The FOIA case manager informed the student that CIA has "no information on the so-called Roswell incident," that after "a thorough and diligent search on behalf of a previous requester" no records were found on Majestic 12, and that the CIA neither confirms nor denies the existence or non-existence of Area 51. With regard to the picture of George Tenet, the student was asked to contact the CIA's Public Affairs Staff, Washington, DC 20505. Also, the student will receive a copy of an article from the Studies in Intelligence, Summer 1997, by Gerald Haines, titled "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) State Department Coordinates with CIA the Release of History of the INR

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Arlington, Virginia asked the Department of State for the release of a document he described as "a history of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research written in approximately 1981 by Martin Packman." State found a responsive document, which it is coordinating with the CIA for a concurrence with State's proposed treatment.

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- Because the document was originated by the Department of State, and State has requested that CIA return it to them after our review, the case is termed a "coordination." If State had sent us documents from their files that were originated by CIA, the case would be a "referral," and the CIA would treat the documents and respond to the requester directly. [Redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) State Department Refers CIA Documents Responsive to Washington Post Request

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Washington Post asked the Department of State for records "concerning countries stricken by recent financial crises." State found three responsive documents in their files that had been originated by the CIA, and referred them to CIA for review.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester from MIT Asks for Information on Saddam's Son-in-law

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, seeks a "Biography, personal history, personality profile, and psychological assessment of Husayn Kamil, Saddam Husayn's former son-in-law and head of Iraq's military industries, who defected to Jordan in August 1995."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Italian Student Asks About PBSUCCESS

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Italian student at the University of Turin who is writing a masters thesis on "PBSUCCESS," submitted several questions regarding a previously released document titled "The Sherwood Tapes."

- The FOIA case manager canceled the request because the requester did not supply either a return mailing address or a telephone number. [Redacted]

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