

***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 13-17 September 2004
Executive Summary***

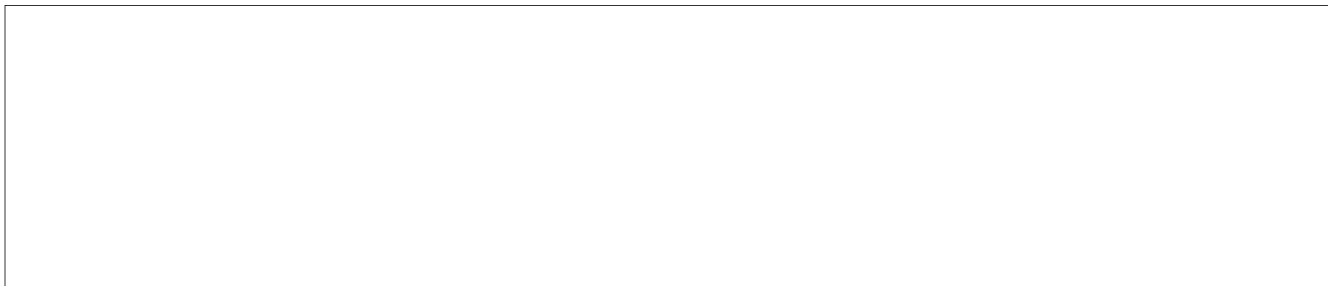
Future Planning Calendar

(U//~~ATUO~~) *Canceled* [28 September 2004]: *Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)*: Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) *13 October 2004*: *Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)*: Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA in Washington, DC.

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

Overview of IRR Activities--Last Week



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

(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Funding of Darryl F. Zanuch's 1951 Film?

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Roswell, NM, is seeking any documentation concerning the CIA's possible participation in the funding of the 1951 motion picture *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. He adds: "It is commonly understood that your Agency has funded a great variety of artistic projects over the years, and I want to establish, via existing documents, that this was the case with *The Day the Earth Stood Still*."



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Editor: Significant to his request, the requester adds: "...the 1951 film cast included Freeman Lusk playing the part of 'General Cutler'—a character name/designation not originally found in the screenplay adaptation of Harry Bates story/novella 'Farewell to the Master.' It appears that this character name is a reflection of the real Robert Cutler (1895-1974) who was indeed a general during World War II, and later a member of the CIA's Psychological Strategy Board around the time the film in question was made, and later the Special Assistant for National Security Affairs (and liaison between the President and the National Security Council) to President Eisenhower."

(U//~~ATUO~~) Scholarly Interest in the 'Doukhobors'

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Canadian requester seeks CIA information on two factions of the Doukhobors religious sect in Canada, the spiritual leader Stefan Sorokin, and any CIA involvement with the Canadian government in this context. For example, he writes: "In the 1950s and 1960s, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) sought to prevent significant terrorist attacks by the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors. This preventive action might have involved

cooperation with, or the knowledge of, the CIA." This request, he notes, "relates to a scholarly study I am conducting on the Doukhobors and the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors in the years from 1880 to 1990."

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Editor: The Doukhobors emigrated to Canada from Russia in the late 19th century, and engaged in arson as a form of protest against government authority in the early 1920s. By 1950, internal dissension and leadership squabbles produced factional disputes punctuated by arson, bombings and unsavory demonstrations.

(U//~~ATUO~~) Preparing for the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requests all documents pertaining to: (1) "Actions taken by the Soviet Union from November 26 to December 24, 1979, including but not limited to military deployments and diplomatic correspondence in preparation for their invasion of Afghanistan on December 24, 1979" and (2) "A November 26, 1979 Soviet Politburo meeting in Moscow where Soviet authorities tentatively decided to invade Afghanistan."

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Editor: The Archive enclosed page 49 of Steve Coll's Ghost Wars (New York: The Penguin Press, 2004): "After the coup and the murder of Taraki...alarming information started to arrive about Amin's secret activities, forewarning of a possible political shift to the West....In [KGB chief] Andropov's fevered imagination, the CIA's recruitment of Amin was part of a wider unfolding plot by the agency "to create a 'New Great Ottoman Empire' including the southern republics of the Soviet Union." To prevent this, "Andropov and the rest of Brezhnev's inner circle concluded the best way [to shore up Afghan communism] would be to assassinate Amin and mount a military invasion of Afghanistan....Meeting in Moscow, the Politburo's inner circle made the first tentative decision to invade on November 26, 1979, just five days after the Jamaat student mob had sacked the U.S. embassy in Islamabad and three weeks after Iranian students had seized hostages at the besieged American embassy in Tehran."

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) External Referral Working Group

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 15 September 2004, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) met at [redacted] Attendance numbered 41 representatives from 17 federal agencies. NARA updated members on efforts to make the new Interagency Referral Center (IRC, formerly known as the Joint Referral Center) fully operational. The IRC will offer agencies the means to review systematically their referrals at NARA and make declassification decisions using NARA's ADRRS (Archives Declassification Review and Redaction System) module.

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Full IRC operations should begin later this year.

(U//~~ATUO~~) CDC's representative thanked the Department of State, Air Force and NSA for expeditiously reviewing and returning material for the Carter Project. The aim of the project, at the request of the library director, is to deliver an unclassified computer system, which will contain declassified CIA and OGA material belonging to the Carter Library. The public will be able to search, read and print documents. The initial goal for the project is to deliver 30-50 thousand pages of declassified material by year's end. The ERWG chair urged all members to review (either in hardcopy or via STAIRS "State of the Art Interagency Referral System") and return their material, so that they can participate in the project's opening ceremony. Raytheon and TASC contractors offered a demonstration of STAIRS—allowing attendees to see how the tool is used to review material from the interagency Remote Archive Capture (RAC) program—and the classified CREST (Community Records Search Tool) system—showing them the final product that is delivered to the Presidential libraries. To date, CREST is deployed at the original four Presidential libraries in the RAC program. [redacted]

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY~~**(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives:****(U//~~AIUO~~) Apollo 11 Success Fosters Soviet Envy**

(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI Helms wrote President Nixon a letter of thanks on 15 August 1969 for including him at the White House dinner honoring the Apollo 11 astronauts for their July moonwalk. Helms took the opportunity to quote from a recent CIA intelligence report that said, "[Finnish] President Kekkonen received the impression from Kosygin that the Soviet leadership is suffering from an 'acute case of jealousy' over the successful Apollo 11 flight to the moon."

- *Comment: Despite the intense competition between the US and USSR in the "space race" of the 1950s through the 1970s, the Soviet Union never put a man on the moon.*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Deja Vu —\$40 Per Barrel Oil

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the White House Additional Information Items for [National Security Advisor] Zbigniew Brzezinski on 01 June 1979: "Despite the latest round of OPEC price increases, the gap between contract prices and spot market prices has continued to widen. Spot prices have soared to \$26-34 per barrel for Persian Gulf crudes and \$29-35 per barrel for African crudes. The UAE [United Arab Emirates] claimed on Wednesday that it had received offers of \$40 per barrel for its crude."

- *Comment: While stated OPEC prices were then about \$17 per barrel, spot prices 25 years ago (and today) often exceed the nominal pricing structure. Recent price jumps have resulted in crude oil once again reaching \$40 per barrel (and higher). However, such prices were unheard of 25 years ago.*

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