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***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 16  
April - 20 April 2001  
Executive Summary***

**Immediate Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **24 April 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

**Future Planning Calendar:**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **17 May 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **17 June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP):** Next meeting at CIA.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **October 2001:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(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~~) **OIM Declassification Center**

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) On 18 April, the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) met in Washington at USAID, chaired by [redacted] of the OIM Declassification Center (ODC). Among the agenda items, the Group planned the creation of a working group to recommend revisions to Executive Order 12958. Also, the DIA presented "Using the Intelink for Declassification", and the ERWG Secretariat distributed the Group's "Report for Fiscal Years: 1999 - 2000" and "Who's Who in Declassification."

- *The ERWG was formed in 1996 to coordinate declassification policies, standards, and procedures among the agencies affected by President Clinton's Executive Order 12958 on Classified National Security Information. Today over 40 declassification programs representing more than 25 federal agencies participate in ERWG programs.* [redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) **From the Archives: In 1953, General Counsel Houston Outlines His Philosophy on Building Successful Legal Staff**

(U//~~ATUO~~) In 1953 General Counsel Lawrence Houston outlined his views of building a top notch legal staff in a letter to the Federal Bar Association that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center. "I am particularly fortunate in having been able to keep my staff small and therefore run it more or less in the nature of a private firm.... All of (my attorneys) have been recruited by me except my deputy .... I have taken almost equally from within the Agency and from outside of Government .... I have in each case interviewed the individual attorney applicant at least once and occasionally several times .... By the time they are ready for

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appointment, I have personally a pretty fair knowledge of their general ability and legal skill. Obviously, of course, in a small organization such as mine their personality must be of such a nature as to present a good chance of compatibility with other members of the staff and Agency employees with whom they will work .... As a general observation, I have found no type of person or personal characteristics which have any advantage to the office. I have concentrated on a thorough education ... general intelligence, experience, and above all, motivation for career service in the Government based not only on whatever security there may be in Government work but on the philosophy that public service has its own rewards greater than the monetary rewards of private practice .... I have had no occasion to regret any of the choices I have made in this manner and feel I have a law office that could stand up in the quality of its work with any in Government or, for that matter, with any private law firm I have had dealings with." [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ National Security Archive Maintains South American Interest

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Among the requests received from the National Security Archive include information on "the arrest of the French - Chilean messenger for the JCR (Junta Coordinadora Revolucionaria) ... Jean Yves Claudet in Hotel Liberty, Buenos Aires on November 1, 1975," and "the mysterious helicopter crash resulting in the death of the Chilean interior minister General Oscar Bonilla in early 1975."

- *CIA accepted the requests* [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ Requester Interested in Documents on US Soldier Who Defected During Vietnam War

~~(U//ATUO)~~ A requester with Crain Communications in New York seeks information on "the alleged defector McKinley Nolan ... U.S. Army 16th Infantry Division, South Vietnam."

- *The FOIA case officer provided the requester with 34 pages of previously released material on this subject from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database. Also, the FOIA case officer advised the requester that because the subject was a member of the US Army at the time of his alleged desertion, he could also contact the Department of the Army, the Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, and the National Personnel Records Center.* [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUO)~~ Area 51, Majestic 12, and Roswell Are Still Popular FOIA Subjects

~~(U//ATUO)~~ Several requesters from Woodland, California, in almost identical letters, requested documents pertaining to Area 51, Majestic 12, and the alleged 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico. In addition, all of the requesters asked for a photograph of DCI Tenet.

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- (U) Since the beginning of the CIA's FOIA program, documents on these topics have been among the most frequently requested. The FOIA case officer will inform all requesters that they may access the CIA's UFO records collection at the Agency's web site on the internet.
- ~~(C)~~ UFO researchers frequently ask about Area 51 in Nevada, where they believe the US Government conducts tests on captured alien space craft.

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- (U) UFO researchers believe an alien spacecraft crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, and the CIA has been asked many times for its records on the event. The CIA responds that it holds no information on this alleged event.
- (U) Majestic 12, or MJ-12, is also a frequent request subject of UFO researchers. It is allegedly a top secret research and development operation formed by President Truman to exploit the alien materials gathered at the Roswell crash site. The CIA has been unable to locate records on Majestic 12 in FOIA searches in the past.
- (U) The requests for DCI Tenet's photograph will be referred to the Office of Public Affairs.

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**(U//~~ATUQ~~) Canadian Journalist Interested in Aircraft Sales to Canada**

(U//~~ATUQ~~) A Training and Development Editor with the *Spectator*, a newspaper in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada requested information on "CIA records, files, or communications, from 1987-1989 inclusive, that pertain to aircraft sales to Canada, using the keywords Boeing and/or Airbus Industries."

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