

## ***Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 27 September-1 October 2004 Executive Summary***

### **Future Planning Calendar**

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

~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **26 October 2004: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

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

### **Overview of IRR Activities--Last Week**

#### ~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **PIPD Achieves Banner Results in Fiscal 2004**

~~(U//A//UQ)~~ IRRG's Public Information Programs Division had a spectacular FY 2004. All programs reduced their backlogs significantly—FOIA/PA by **19.6%**, EO by **39.4%**, and appeals by **19.2%**. Even more importantly, PIPD reduced the number of old cases in all programs ("old" cases are those before FY 2001). Information disclosure is more than paying lip service to an idea, or merely conforming to a law. Experience demonstrates the practicality of offering information to the American people that promotes the functioning of a healthy democracy, while, at the same time, safeguarding our nation's intelligence secrets.

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#### ~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **CDC Exceeds Its FY 2004 Production Goals**

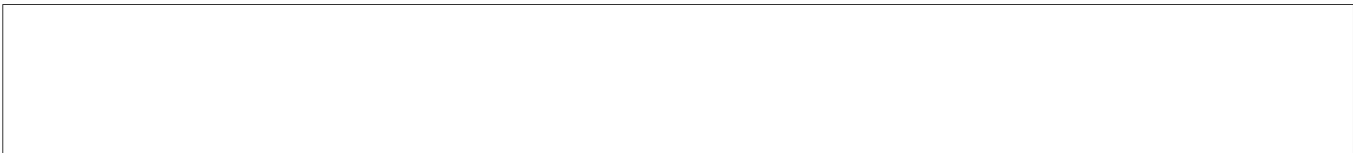
~~(U//A//UQ)~~ The CIA Declassification Center's preliminary end-of-FY numbers reveal that CDC is well ahead of its fiscal 2004 goals. According to its 30 September data figures, CDC surpassed its target goals in each of the following categories: (1) Pages reviewed, (2) Pages released, (3) Pages reviewed via automated review, (4) Pages released via automated review, and (5) Presidential library material reviewed and released. A final accounting will appear in the next IRR Weekly.

#### ~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **FOIA Requests**

##### ~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **Interest in Former CIA Officer's Writings on Islam**

~~(U//A//UQ)~~ A requester, who is writing a book, seeks a series of papers written mostly in 1957 by Donald N. Wilber, a CIA officer, concerning Islam. Citing Wilber's memoirs, *Adventures in the Middle East* (Darwin Publishers, 1986) p. 195, the requester notes that Wilber served as CIA representative to an interagency working group on Islam, and coauthored the group study. He adds: "I am looking for the group study, as well as the publications in the series '*Islam and ...*' that Wilber mentions. That would include *Islam in Iran* , *Islam in Pakistan* , *Islam in Afghanistan* , and any others in that series."

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##### ~~(U//A//UQ)~~ **Request Alleging CIA Activities Against Cuba**

~~(U//A//UQ)~~ An inmate at South Central Correction Center is asking for information relating to "acts of state-sponsored terrorism undertaken against the government and people of the nation of Cuba by the Central Intelligence Agency." Specifically, his request focuses upon efforts to: (1) Destabilize the Cuban economy, (2)

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Sabotage petroleum products imported by Cuba, (3) Sabotage other Cuban foreign traded products or cargoes, (4) Infect Cuban livestock with biological agents, and (5) Sabotage Cuba's agricultural industry and/or food supply. Below his closing signature, we find "cc: Cuban delegation, United Nations."

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(b)(5)~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Zabibah and the King —Saddam's Novel**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ A requester seeks the English [language] translation of the novel, *Zabibah and the King*, or *Zabiba and the King*, purportedly authored by Saddam Hussein. He adds: "In a May 25, 2001 article, *The New York Times* reported the CIA ascertained the author of the recently published novel was Saddam Hussein, and the agency...extensively studied the novel."

- *The FOIA case manager informed the requester that a search failed to locate the requested translation.*

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*Editor: The Times article (cited above) actually reports that CIA officials doubt that Hussein personally penned the novel, but probably closely supervised its writing. Moreover, CIA scrutinized the Arabic-language book hoping to find clues to the Iraqi dictator's innermost thoughts, fears and feelings. Also, the novel's book jacket caused quite a stir. As <http://ca.news.yahoo.com> reports—Saddam Hussein helped himself to the artwork of a Prince Edward Island citizen for use as the cover of his book. More specifically, "The Iraqi president swiped the picture, by Jonathan Browser of Charlottetown [P.E.I.], as the cover illustration for his romantic allegory in which he portrays himself as a benevolent king bestowing love on his people, represented by the beautiful woman Zabibah...." As for the artist —after discovering the copyright infringement, "Browser said he didn't want the CIA thinking he was in cahoots with the dictator...[so] I sent them an e-mail...It seemed to me it was inevitable they'd find out where the picture came from, and I thought it would be better to let them know."*

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~~(U//AIUO)~~ **CIA Declassification Center**~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Strong Researcher Interest at NARA in CIA Released Documents**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ In FY 2004, researchers at National Archives at College Park, Maryland, printed over 155,000 pages of CIA-released documents using the CIA Records Search Tool. CREST is the public access automated system for viewing, in electronic form, redacted records previously reviewed online by the CIA Declassification Center for the 25-Year Program. In FY 2004, there were 8.7 million pages of CIA-released records on CREST. Records on CREST are searchable by bibliographic index terms, as well as full-text. Due to the age of the documents, the full text—produced by optical character recognition (OCR) software from the scanned images of the hardcopy or microfilm original documents—is imperfect, but still a powerful search tool. Researchers can print out the results of their searches in the form of document images. Currently, CREST hosts four workstations and four printers. Most users find the CREST system at NARA (which is based on a commercial product, LaserFiche), to be quite user-friendly and powerful. In FY 2003, users printed an estimated 70,000 pages. Thus, FY 2004/FY 2003 user activity (as measured by pages printed) more than doubled.

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~~(U//AIUO)~~ **From the Archives:**~~(U//AIUO)~~ **Senator Goldwater "Forewarns" DCI on Reorganization**

~~(U//AIUO)~~ From a 22 June 1978 letter from Senator Barry Goldwater to DCI Stansfield Turner regarding the proposed Intelligence Community Staff reorganization: Goldwater wrote, "I have to admit that I am inclined to yield to you because I want to see you successful, but I think you should be forewarned of probable difficulties. What you are asking for, in reality, is the start of another bureau....What will happen is that you will start off, if we approve it, with this rather small group and over the years it will grow and grow.... I think the most prudent course would be to accept the idea of a small staff until the new organization has had its shakedown cruise. I see no need nor can I

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understand how you can argue for new leaders with no experience.... As for the staffs they would head, I see no reason why you can't do it by just moving people from the different agencies to the points you want them to occupy..." Goldwater underscored that "what I am trying to get at, Stan, is suggesting to you a way that will give you a start on what you seek but not let you make the mistake that is so often made of trying to start off with the whole thing and having it collapse of its own weight. I believe the example that I can point to most poignantly now is Schlesinger's group on Energy. Over at DOE, we have thousands of people with nothing to do and decisions are piling up by the hundreds with no indication that they will ever be worked on, thought about or granted."

- *Comment: Senator Goldwater included in his letter some words of encouragement to DCI Turner: "Every single instance of abuse which has been disclosed to the American public and the eyes of the world has emanated from the White House under both Republican and Democrat Presidents. Please remember that in any thinking that you go through relative to your new job." Concluding, he said, "If you can keep that in mind and keep a firm resolve never to allow it to happen again, I think you will get everything you want in running the ship of intelligence and it can turn out to be as rewarding as running the ships of our fleet."*

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