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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 28 May - 1 June 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) **11 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **26 July 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

(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.

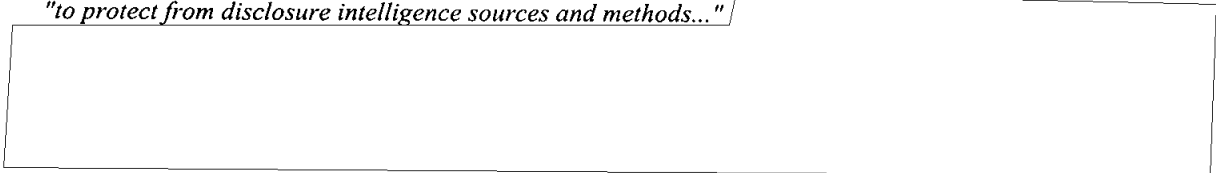
Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) New Times Los Angeles Requests CIA Document on Captain of USS Pueblo

(U//~~ATUO~~) The managing editor of *New Times Los Angeles* submitted a request for a CIA report titled "A Psychological and Political Analysis of Commander Bucher's Statements" dated 30 January 1968. The editor states he learned of the report from a footnote in a recently released publication, *Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), 1964-1968, Volume XXIX, Korea, Part 1*. The subject of the report is CDR Lloyd Bucher, the captain of the USS Pueblo, which was seized off the coast of North Korea on 23 January 1968 by North Korean armed forces. The North Koreans held the Pueblo's crew prisoner for 11 months. The editor enclosed a privacy waiver form signed by Lloyd Bucher.

- *The CIA denied the request under FOIA exemption (b)(1), which exempts classified material from release in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and exemption (b)(3) regarding the DCI's obligation "to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods..."*



(U//~~ATUO~~) CBS News Interested in Brain 'Fingerprinting'

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester with the CBS News program *48 Hours* submitted a detailed request for information concerning "the testing, funding and/or evaluation of research conducted by Dr. Lawrence A. Farwell, dba Human Brain Research Laboratory, Inc., regarding the ... 'Brain Fingerprinting' system." The requester is specifically seeking "documents generated from the CIA's peer-review 'workshop' concerning Dr. Farwell's work conducted in November 1993 [and] any subsequent requests for funding and their evaluation."

- *CIA accepted the request* 

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **National Security Archive Focuses on Peruvian Massacres**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Among the requests received this week from the National Security Archive include information on "the mass grave found between August 14 and 18, 1984 in Pucayacu, Ayacucho [Peru] containing 50 bodies that had been strangled, shot or beaten to death and showed evidence of torture," "the November 13, 1983 massacre near the village of Soccus in Ayacucho Department, Peru of between 27 and 50 women and children participating in a wedding party," "the January 26, 1983 massacre in Uchuraccay, Peru of eight reporters by peasants under the command of the army," and "the April 3, 1983 massacre in Santiago de Lucanamarca and Huanca-Sancos, Peru which resulted in the deaths of 67 peasants and 69 guerrillas by Sendero Luminoso (the Shining Path)."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Wants Information on 1959 UFO Meeting

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Kentucky requester asked for "the items discussed in a Memorandum for the Record, start date 6 July 1959 in which a meeting was held on 9 July 1959 at the CIA concerning unidentified flying objects. During the meeting a case involving the ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) and a woman in South Berwick, Maine was discussed." The requester also seeks "all information or records concerning what happened at the CIA 6 July 1959 after that investigation where the investigator of the case contacted a person called AFFA, as well as the following flying saucer sighting by the three members in the room."

[Redacted]

- *The CIA has encountered inquiries about AFFA from UFO requesters in the past. According to other requesters, AFFA is a native of Uranus.* [Redacted]

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

(U//~~ATUO~~) ODC Informs Marine Corps of Pending Release of STAR GATE Material about Lt Col Higgins

(U//~~ATUO~~) Representatives from the OIM Declassification Center this week informed the Marine Corps that newly declassified material from the STAR GATE collection will be released soon, which will include information on the Intelligence Community's efforts to locate kidnapped Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel William Higgins through remote viewing. OIM also offered to assist the Marines with notification of Higgin's family of the pending release.

- *STAR GATE was the project name for US Government research into the parapsychological phenomenon known as remote viewing. Pursuant to a 1995 Congressional mandate, DIA records on STAR GATE were transferred to CIA with direction to begin a program of review with the intention of declassifying as many as possible.*
- *Lt Col Higgins was taken captive in 1988 while on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Lebanon. US military and intelligence efforts to find Higgins failed, including the STAR GATE remote viewing program. Higgins was hanged by his captors after 18 months in captivity. The STAR GATE project involved other high profile cases, including an attempt to locate Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Agent Enrique Camarena who was murdered in Mexico City in 1985, and CIA Chief of Station William Buckley who was killed by his pro-Iranian kidnapers in 1984.* [Redacted]

(U//~~ATUO~~) OIM To Begin Processing of Third Tranche of Bay of Pigs Release

(U//~~ATUO~~) Representatives from the OIM Declassification Center (ODC) met with OIM's Special Collection Division (SCD) to begin planning the third release of declassified Bay of Pigs material -- comprising about 15,000 pages. The first tranche of Bay of Pigs material, comprising 3,200 pages, was released to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 1998. SCD currently is reviewing the second tranche -- about 6,800 pages -- which SCD plans to have ready for release by the end of the year.

- *The Bay of Pigs collection is the third product line processed by the OIM Declassification Center this fiscal year. The other two are Guatemala 1954 and the recently completed POW/MIA review. (R. Warshaw,*

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: In 1965, DCI Meets with Eminent Photo Scientist

(U//~~ATUO~~) Eminent photo scientist and inventor of the Polaroid camera, Dr. Edwin Land, met with DCI William Raborn at a working dinner in June, 1965, according to a memorandum for the record that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center. The record indicated the DCI asked Dr. Land "how far he could see into the future and what future technology promised for intelligence purposes." Dr. Land responded that he thought 15 years was too far to look ahead and explained that while "it was possible to project the state of the art in various technologies... what is difficult to predict is the specific application which can be made of a given technology." He went on to explain that at Polaroid he had two groups of people, "one of these attempts to look well into the future and identify concepts, designs and ideas that might have useful application, while the other prepared detailed plans and developed specific projects." [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Publications Review Board

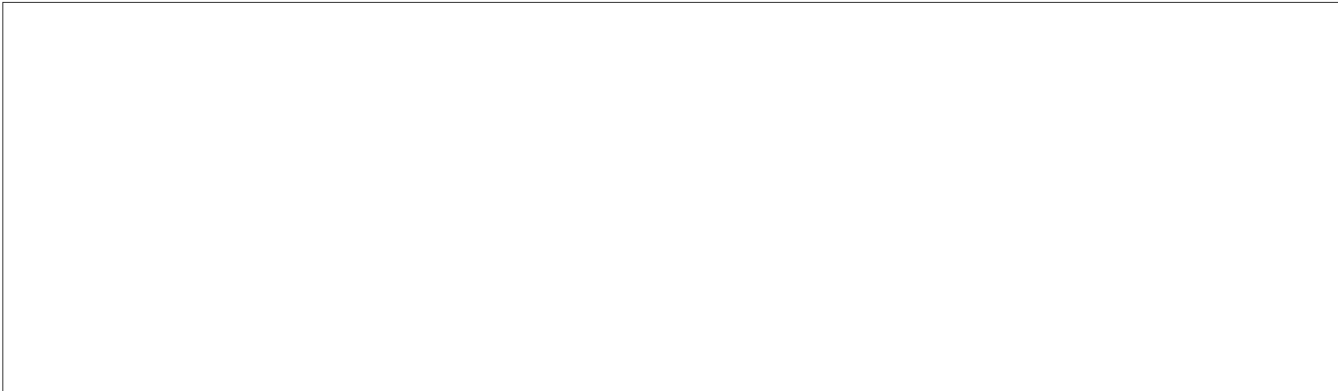
(U//~~ATUO~~) Submissions for PRB Review Surge in May

(U//~~ATUO~~) The Publications Review Board (PRB) received 3,847 manuscript pages in May, the most since it received 4,067 pages in January 1999. Although this was an impressive increase in submissions from previous months, the fiscal year's total is still well behind that of FY 2000. With four months to go in the fiscal year, the Board is unlikely to reach the 25,400+ page total it had for FY 2000.

- *Novels account for two of the larger submissions we received this week; one submission was a textbook-length treatise on intelligence.* [redacted]

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