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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 9 July - 13 July 2001 Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

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

Future Planning Calendar:

(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~~) Australian Wants CIA Documents on UFOs

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Australian requester asked for a copy of the *Studies in Intelligence* article written by Gerald Haines titled "A Die-Hard Issue-CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-1990", as well as a copy of a 1991 unclassified Foreign Broadcast Information Service report on UFO sightings by Soviet military and government officials.

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with copies of the documents from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Historian Interested in Czech General and Son

(U//~~ATUO~~) A historian at Boston University requested information on General Bohumil Bocek and his son Dr. Zdenek Bocek. The requester states the General served in the Czech Army in World War II and "in the summer of 1945 General Patton awarded him the Legion of Merit [and] then [Bocek] rose to the post of chief of general staff of the Czechoslovak Army, and he maintained that position even after the communist coup d'état in February 1948." The younger Bocek, according to the requester, was "arrested in Prague on 1 June 1948, charged with espionage on behalf of the United States and sentenced to life in prison. General Bocek was arrested on 28 February 1951 [and] also charged with high treason and espionage for the United States. The general died under gruesome conditions in prison on 16 October 1952."

- The FOIA case officer advised the requester that the CIA was not created until 1947 and he therefore should contact the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for OSS records on these individuals.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Italian Student Seeks Information on US Foreign Policy During Vietnam War

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Italian university student working on his thesis requested records on "US foreign policy in Cambodia and Laos during the period 1964-1970, the period of Cambodian and Laotian 'neutralism' regarding the US-North Vietnam war."

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with a sampling of documents and a listing of previously released material on these countries for this timeframe from which the requester may select documents that interest him.

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **Requester Interested in U-2 Project Manual**

~~(U//AFO)~~ A Massachusetts requester asked for a copy of the "Idealist Reports Control Manual." The requester indicates, "Idealist was the codename for the U-2 project of the Office of Special Activities (OSA) of the DDS&T from 1961 through 1974."

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **IMS Declassification Center**

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **RAC Team Working at Jimmy Carter Library**

~~(U//AFO)~~ A Remote Archive Capture (RAC) team from the IMS Document Conversion Center continues to scan classified documents at the Jimmy Carter Library near Atlanta. The team has scanned over a third of the more than 800 boxes of Presidential records of interest to the Agency. The team anticipates completing the initial collection of records in August.

- *The IMS RAC teams are sent to locations throughout the United States that house classified materials that contain Agency equities. The teams scan the classified documents so digital versions can be reviewed at International Point by all agencies that have equities in the documents. The IMS Declassification Center plans to send a RAC team to California in August and September of this year to capture material at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (about 30,000 pages), and the NARA Pacific Region facility (about 1,500 pages) and Reagan Library (about 50,000 pages), both near Los Angeles.*

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~~(U//AFO)~~ **From the Archives: DCI Dulles Says Obtaining Intelligence in WWII Was "Child's Play" Compared to Iron Curtain**

~~(U//AFO)~~ In 1953, DCI Allen Dulles delivered prepared remarks at the tenth Agency Orientation Course. The notes from the course were recently reviewed by the DCI team at the IMS Declassification Center. The DCI spoke of the challenges facing the Agency and compared it to the World War II experience, "We are working now in the most difficult era that intelligence has ever known. It was child's play to get intelligence during the war compared to getting intelligence today from behind the Iron Curtain. There are new difficulties because some of the most important targets are in the scientific and technical fields, which makes it harder for the ordinary individual to be able to operate. But that difficulty is, and must remain, a challenge to us all."

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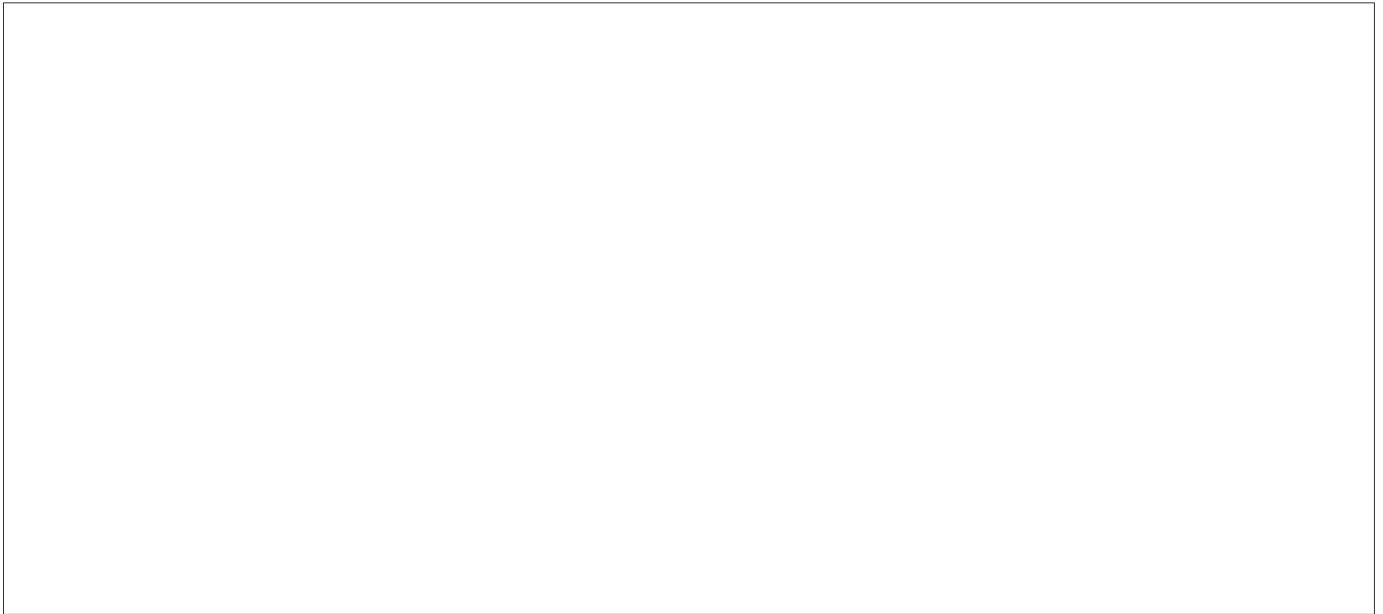
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