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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

**INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
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US COAST GUARD
NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE
OFFICE
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AND MAPPING AGENCY
MARINE CORPS INTELLIGENCE
AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE
NAVY INTELLIGENCE
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY

We will meet at 1130 hours on Wednesday, 11 June, see the Members Only section for location.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER FOR JUNE 2008

The Kirtland Air Force Base Office of Special Investigations Agent P. J. Davis will present us with an update on activities in the Albuquerque Area. The Kirtland Air Force Base Commander and Deputy Commander send their regrets for not being able to address us.

SPECIAL NOTE

Last month, Chapter President Dick Callaghan suffered a heart attack and was admitted to the coronary care unit of St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe. After a week of hospital care, Dick returned home to continue his recuperation. Just before this newsletter went out, Bob Clark called to report that Dick has returned to the hospital for further tests. Dick Callaghan's family also told us that because he needs a great deal of rest, they are asking friends and acquaintances to postpone calling or visiting him at this time.

Please keep him in your prayers.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING OF 14 May

Substituting for Dick Callaghan and Vice President Bob Clark, Joe Cantergiani volunteered as both host and speaker for our May luncheon.

Joe briefly updated us on the plan to establish a Chapter-sponsored scholarship for a deserving University of New Mexico (UNM) student.

He said our donation of \$500 yearly will be matched with an equal amount from AFIO National. According to Joe, a professor from the Political Science Department will brief the members about the scholarship at an upcoming luncheon.

Continuing, Joe Cantergiani called on Bill Young to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Next, Dolph Saenz led the members in a prayer asking that our country continue to be blessed with good fortune. He said we should be thankful for the fellowship we all enjoy as Chapter members of AFIO. Dolph asked the members to pray that President Dick Callaghan and Vice President Ron Cuellar return to good health as quickly as possible. He then called for God's protection for our Armed Forces and the civilian workers supporting them overseas. In closing, Dolph welcomed back Gerre Jones to our Chapter and was pleased to see he was once again in good health.

Picnic

Cantergiani then asked how the members felt about a Chapter picnic during our upcoming Summer Break in July and August. Several members – Ruby Ellen Smith, Edna Valverde Fowler and Dolph Saenz thought it might be a good idea to consider.

Air Force Base Commander

Next, Vice President Jerry Monahan took the floor to suggest that we might want to consider talking with the Kirtland AFB Commander when he speaks at an upcoming Chapter meeting, about us returning to the base club for our luncheons. However, Jerry added that as of now he doesn't see any strong consensus among members to go back to the base. We could just take the issue under advisement, he thought.

UNM Memo of Agreement RE: Scholarship

Joe Cantergiani closed our meeting with a free ranging discussion among members of how the selection of an AFIO Scholarship recipient should proceed.

The suggestions from the floor were:

- A. 2 Representatives from UNM/2 from the Chapter
- B. 2 representatives from UNM/ 1 from the Chapter
- C. 1 represenative from UNM/ 2 from the Chapter
- D. Vote should be unanimous
- E. Top 3 or 5 candidates attend one of our luncheons
- F. Flexibility is key to the selection process and GPA scores should not be the single focus of the voting.

Marie Miranda reminded members that most college students have a myriad of special and extenuating circumstances surrounding classroom grades and we should pick the individual with the strongest commitment toward intelligence work and energy to successfully pursue such a career following graduation from UNM.

Chapter Dues

Because of our Chapter's scheduled Summer Break this year in July and August, Treasurer Jean Yardumian suggests that members pay their annual Chapter dues of \$10.00 at the upcoming June meeting. These yearly dues are delinquent if not paid by 1 August.

How Are We Doing on the Intelligence Front ?

Even reading between the lines, it's hard to say for sure. As outside observers we do see a cumbersome and unwieldy bureaucracy of some 16 agencies staffed by 40,000 individuals in Washington, D.C. alone. Continuing heavy reliance on technical systems seems to be the norm, with ongoing efforts at trying to reestablish our once formidable humint capabilities. It's worth noting how Israel (also with worldwide interests) runs a first class intelligence organization with a staff of just 2,000 – including clerks, drivers and secretaries.

Homeland Security

Our new super agency, Homeland Security, still gets mixed reviews. The following article – appearing in **The Wall Street Journal** – was provided to us by Chapter member Pete Bostwick.

This article challenges some of the assurances we have heard over the past several years that intelligence sharing between organizations is now streamlined and a fact of life and that turf battles within the intelligence community are a thing of the past.

DHS report: Intelligence sharing still lacking

Homeland security cites new efforts to fill local needs

By SIOBHAN GORMAN -- The Wall Street Journal 02/26/2008

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security is stumbling in its efforts to coordinate the gathering and sharing of domestic intelligence with state and local officials, one of its core responsibilities, according to an internal report.

In particular, Homeland Security doesn't provide state and local officials with all the information they need, according to a report commissioned by the department and written by an outside consulting firm. It also often tailors intelligence reports for department officials in Washington rather than those at lower levels of government, the report said.

Homeland Security officials said the findings are accurate but the purpose of the report is to develop new initiatives to build upon progress they have made over the past year in improving communications with state and

local officials.

Since the 2001 terrorist attacks, several government terrorism reports have recommended shoring up the way federal, state and local jurisdictions share information. The first post-Sept. 11, 2001, investigation, which Congress undertook in 2002, said such gaps prevented the dissemination of potentially valuable information about al Qaeda. Homeland Security's creation was supposed to smooth the way.

The findings are expected to provide fodder for intense questioning of the department's top intelligence official when he testifies before a House panel today. They mirrored those of previous reports, including one from the department's own advisory council in 2005.

The report "starkly demonstrates that we are still not providing our first preventers in state and local law enforcement with the timely and accurate intelligence they need to help keep the homeland safe," said House Homeland Security Chairman Bennie G. Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat.

Charlie Allen, the department's intelligence chief, said the department's intelligence operation is still young, and "we're doing an extraordinary job compared to what we were doing a year ago." He said he has sent 22 aides to work at state-level intelligence centers, which has "made a world of difference" in improving intelligence sharing, and he plans to add more in coming years. He commissioned the report, he said, to help him make further improvements and plans to act on its recommendations.

The report was written by national-security-consulting firm Centra Technology Inc., of Burlington, Mass., as part of a six-state pilot program it organized to diagnose and fix the problems. It found that the program improved the information flow with several initiatives, which included establishing a direct line with local agencies to get information quickly and issuing daily notices addressing topics of specific interest to a given state.

Among the problems, participants complained that Homeland Security doesn't ask states what their top information needs are, nor has it assembled a way to incorporate such needs into its intelligence analyses, the report found. Officials at lower levels of government said, as a result, there is a gap between the information they need and what the department was providing.

Department intelligence reports "often lacked the state and local 'so what,' that would explain how overseas and domestic developments should affect local decisions, according to the report. State and local officials also said Homeland Security was "often silent in the early stages" of international or domestic crises.

These officials complained their requests for intelligence information from other agencies in the department, such as immigration enforcement, were regularly denied. Even straightforward queries, like checking the name of a suspicious person, met with "a bewildering array of entry points" into the department, the report found, and local officials had to know exactly which agency within the department to ask in order to get a response.

The Homeland Security information-sharing challenges parallel the experience of a similar initiative the White House and Congress established at the National Counterterrorism Center, said Rep. Jane Harman, a California Democrat who sits on the Homeland Security committee. She said the problem won't be solved by creating new channels of communication.

"We need to make existing channels work," she said. "This just smells like the usual turf battles that we have been trying to overcome."

Mr. Allen said the report's findings will help the department complement the work of that group.

Summer Reading / James Bond Returns

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Ian Fleming's birth, British author, Sebastian Faulks, was asked by the Fleming Estate to write a new installment of the Bond series.

This new Bond novel titled Devil May Care has just been released and begins with the hero temporarily swearing off drink and women and even experiencing some rare moments of self-doubt.

Reviews of Devil May Care have been positive—describing it as a classic Ian Flemming-style thriller showcasing a debonair, resourceful and ever quick-witted 007.

Special Note / Summer Break

We want to remind all members that our New Mexico AFIO Chapter will be taking a vacation recess during the months of July and August.

Following our upcoming luncheon on 11 June, we will not formally meet again until Wednesday, 10 September 2008.

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