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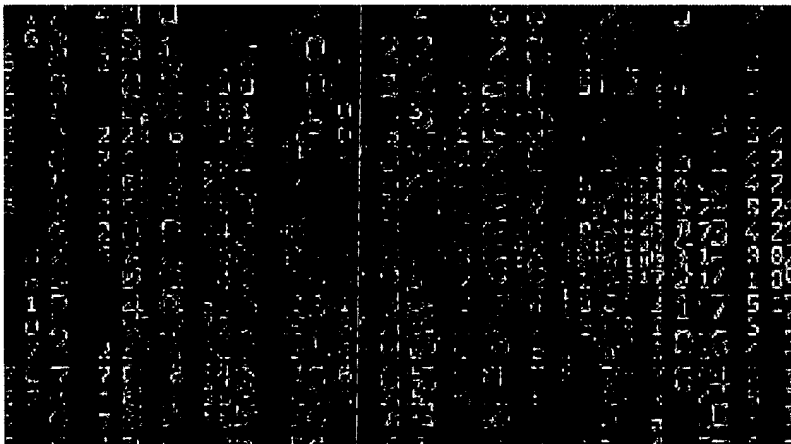
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(U) “Why is My Review Taking So Long?”: PRB By the Numbers

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Whether it’s conference papers, internship reports, journal articles, or resumes, writing and publishing have become an inextricable part of professional life, even for most of us in the intelligence community. Hardly a day goes by where there isn’t a need or useful opportunity to exchange ideas in an unclassified, public environment outside of our office walls.

While publishing has become more a part of day-to-day life than ever, secrecy agreements still place priority on the protection of classified and sensitive information

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over the speed of information sharing. Inspiration for an op-ed or interview may strike at the eleventh hour, but the protection of classified information will always take precedent over personal deadlines. Due to technological limitations and the immense demands on our staff, it is often not possible to accommodate deadlines less than several days in the future, especially if they are received outside of our staffed business hours (M-F, excluding Federal holidays).

For the PRB, the emergence of social media and online publishing have provided considerable challenges now that the barriers to information sharing are lower than ever. When the PRB formally came into existence in the 1970s, approximately 1,000 pages were reviewed annually. A few decades later, that number has exploded – in 2014, the PRB reviewed over 150,000 pages, including over 4,000 resumes. That’s an average of over 400 pages *a day*.

The PRB works as quickly as possible to ensure that submissions are reviewed in an efficient manner. The best way to ensure a review is completed in a timely manner is to provide a specific deadline with your submission – but understand that our ability to meet your deadline may be limited.

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