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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Declassification of Specified Information Relating to the National

Reconnaissance Office

Pursuant to the last proviso of Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 4.2(a) of Executive Order 12356, I have determined that the following information relating to the National Reconnaissance Office no longer requires, and therefore no longer shall have, protection under

- (1) There is a National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) organized as an agency of the Department of Defense and funded through a program known as the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP), which is the single, national program to meet U.S. Government intelligence needs through spaceborne and assigned airborne reconnaissance.
- (2) The mission of the NRO is to ensure that the U.S. has the technology and spaceborne and airborne assets needed to acquire intelligence world-wide, including to support such functions as monitoring of arms control agreements, indications and warning and the planning and conduct of military operations. The NRO accomplishes this mission through research and development, acquisition, and operation of spaceborne and airborne data collection systems.
- (3) The Secretary of Defense has the ultimate responsibility for management and exerction of the NRO and the Director of the NRO reports to the Secretary. The Director of Caritral Intelligence establishes the collection priorities and requirements for the targeting of NRP operations and the frequency of coverage, approves along with the Secretary of Defense the NRP budget, and provides security policy guidance for the NRP. Both Department of Defense civilian and military personnel and Central Intelligence Agency personnel work at the NRO.
- (4) The Director of the NRO is Martin C. Faga. The Deputy Director of the NRO is Mr. Jimmie D. Hill. The Deputy Director of NRO for Military Support is Rear Admiral Dan March, USN.
- (5) The mailing address of the Director of the NRO is:

The Honorable Martin C. Faga Director National Reconnaissance Office The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

I recommend that you declassify the above information. In my judgment, disclosure of the information would not cause damage to the national security.

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