

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

SUBJECT: Declassification of DYNO Program (§/■)

REFERENCE: Declassification of DYNO Program, 22 Sept 97, 5400
Ser 8013/26 (§/■)

(§/■) I have received and very much appreciated your letter of 22 September 1997, advocating declassification of the DYNO program. In fact, Lieutenant General Minihan and I have recently chartered a team to consider declassifying [REDACTED] to DYNO.

(§/■) The Offices of General Counsel of the National Security Agency (NSA) and National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) are of the opinion that the declassification authority for [REDACTED] and indeed all "intelligence space activities" (Presidential Decision Directive/National Security Council-49) is the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). Since DYNO [REDACTED], I believe the DCI should approve the declassification of this program as well.

(§/■) The [REDACTED] declassification team is charged with preparing a joint NRO/NSA proposal and request for the DCI to declassify the fact of the [REDACTED] program and to grant delegated authority to approve the declassification of appropriate programmatic data and technology. We, of course, will also coordinate this proposal with the Secretary of Defense. The DYNO program, [REDACTED], initiated certain capabilities and performed certain missions that are still carried out by today's systems. The declassification proposal will have to balance between releasing sufficient information to tell a significant story to the American public-recognizing the

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contribution of this program to the Nation-without revealing sensitive intelligence sources and methods or otherwise compromising intelligence collection systems. For this reason, I have assigned your request for declassification of DYNO to the [REDACTED]

(S/1) I appreciate your invitation to announce declassification of DYNO at the Naval Research Laboratory's Diamond Jubilee. I will encourage the team to proceed with all due haste but any declassification must have the requisite approvals and careful scrutiny before public release. I commend you and your colleagues for your initiative, and hope you will work closely with the [REDACTED] team on this very important project.

Keith R. Hall
Director, National
Reconnaissance Office

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