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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Executive Director for Intelligence
Community Affairs(b) (1)
(b) (3)SUBJECT: Declassification of KH-7, and -9 Technology Background

- NRO requested on 29 May declassification by ADCI of technology including:
 - Selected KH-7, and -9 programmatic data and material.
 - Selected KH-7, and -9 imagery.
 - Sample images that tie into the theme of the effect of imagery intelligence on the Cold War.
- Motivated by 50th anniversary of CIA and Air Force.
 - Plan to honor program veterans at ceremony in October 97
 - Use material for NRO Family Day in October 97.
- Secondary motivation is to highlight historical role of imagery intelligence in resolving the Cold War.
 - Plan for academic style conference on history and technology in spring 98.

Declassification Guidance

- Declassification is guided by need to protect current intelligence sources and methods. Guidance drafted by NRO security dictates that the following information will not be released:
 - Technology not currently available to adversaries.
 - Information that could lead to development of countermeasures against satellite reconnaissance.
 - Vulnerabilities of satellite reconnaissance sources and methods.
 - Information damaging to foreign relations.
 - Information on targets that reveals interest leading to increased security by an adversary.

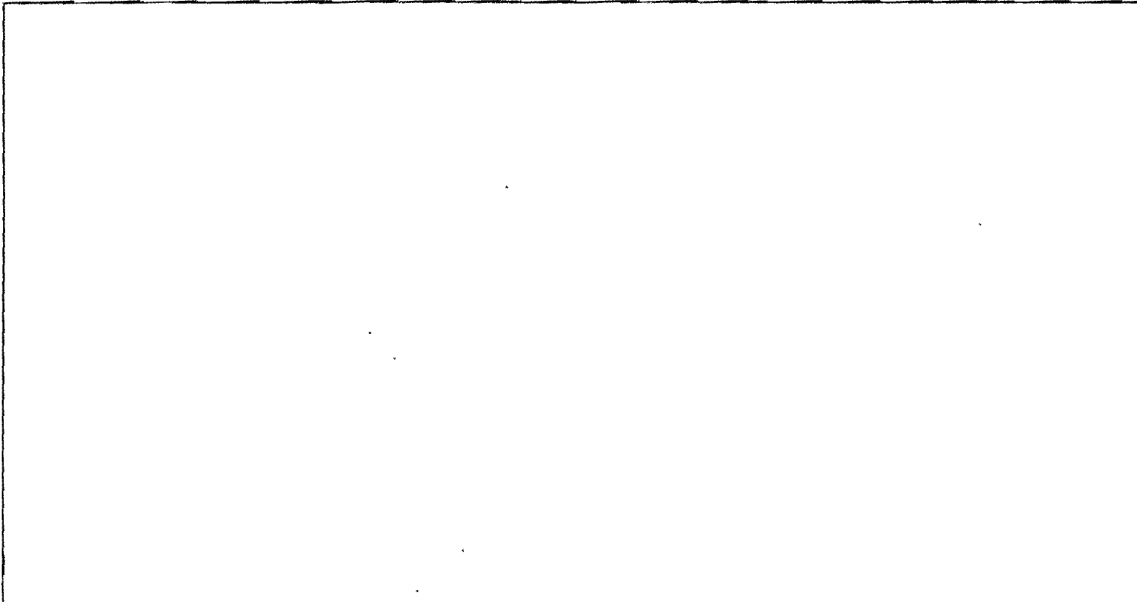
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Current Status


- NRO identifying programmatic material for ceremony and displays.
- (S) Imagery Policy and Security Committee (IPSCOM) members comfortable with NRO request.

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- FDDC has noted that the potential exists to affect access to current targets if care is not taken in choosing sample imagery.

Conclusions

- Review process has been good, involving all relevant IC organizations.
- NRO proposes to declassify obsolete technology.
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- Declassification does not dilute DCI authority.

Recommendations

DCI should:

- Authorize declassification of selected KH-7, and -9 material as requested by NRO.

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