

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Principal Deputy Director's Note

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(U) MISSION GROUND STATION DECLASSIFICATION

~~(S//TK//REL)~~ The Director of National Intelligence has concurred with the NRO plan to declassify the "fact of" [REDACTED] Mission Ground Stations (MGSs) located near Washington, D.C.; Denver, CO; and Las Cruces, NM; as National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) MGSs. We will also declassify the presence of the NRO at [REDACTED] (Alice Springs, Australia and Menwith Hill, United Kingdom). The effective date of declassification occurs on 15 October 2008.

(U) Our initial actions provide advance notification to the National Security Council, Intelligence Community, Congress, government departments and agencies, allied partners, and contractors. Further steps include security guidance, education, classification guide changes, a strategic communications plan, implementation procedures, and points of contact for questions.

(U) This declassification decision applies only to "fact of" and not "facts about" activities or people at those locations. A 60-day implementation period will allow time to accomplish notification and resolve anticipated questions.

(U) All current classification rules will remain in effect during this 60-day period. Points of contact are the System Operations, Director of Security [REDACTED], and Office of Security and Counterintelligence, Chief of Policy [REDACTED]. We will keep the workforce fully informed of further developments and issue a notice prior to the declassification.

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