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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Bruce Carlson, USAF (Ret.)  
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

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Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: (U) Declassification of QUILL as a Radar Imager

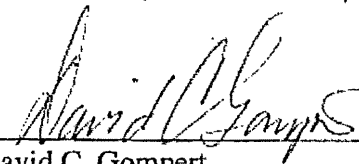
REFERENCE: (U) NRO/PDD Memorandum dated 25 September 2009

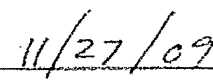
(U) In response to the National Reconnaissance Office's request of 25 September 09, the "fact of" QUILL as a radar imager is hereby declassified effective 25 November 2009. All affected agencies and mission partners shall ensure this decision is reflected in the appropriate program security classification guides.

~~(S//TK//NF)~~ QUILL was an experimental Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) satellite, based on the Corona satellite and available SAR hardware, which flew in 1964. While the short-lived experiment contributed in many ways to today's radar technology, it ended 45 years ago and thus no longer requires protection.

~~(S//TK//NF)~~ This decision solely affects the "fact of" QUILL as a radar imager. All other details, including technical data, performance, products, mission numbers, designators or program names (past and present) involving QUILL remain classified.

(U) Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please feel free to contact John Hackett, ODNI Director, Information Management at [REDACTED]

  
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