MEMORANDUM TO ALL NRO PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: Personal Identification Policy during the Initial Acknowledgement of the NRO

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This letter provides interim guidance to all NRO government people concerning their personal identification during the initial days following the acknowledgement of the NRO. I refer you to the referenced message which discusses the declassification of the NRO in detail.

When the existence of the NRO is openly acknowledged, there will initially be no change in how people acknowledge their affiliation with the NRO. That is, they will only acknowledge NRO affiliation in SCI channels. In unclassified situations, they will only acknowledge affiliation with their parent agencies such as USAF, Navy, Army, etc. This includes military and civilian personnel transactions, civil documentation such as loan applications, and social settings.

In the near future, we will explore a policy that will allow some of our people to acknowledge their NRO affiliation at less than SCI levels. No disclosure will be allowed where there is potential for compromising our mission. Over the next month, we will assess the needs, risks and benefits associated with
acknowledgement for the various elements of the NRO. Other than the open Pentagon External Relations office, all other NRO facilities will continue to be acknowledged only within appropriately classified channels.

Finally, because of its proximity to the NRO External Relations Office, all permanently badged NRO members and Suite visitors should primarily use the 9th corridor entrance. Individuals who must use the 10th corridor entrance should be cautious to avoid media and other uncleared visitors to the Public Affairs office.

Please contact the NRO Staff security office at [redacted] at the [redacted] in the Suite if you have questions.

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