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SUBJECT Declassification of the GRAB ELINT Satellite Reconnaissance Programs (S/B)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION
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SUMMARY

PURPOSE: (S/B) To seek your concurrence in the proposed release of the GRAB Project.

BACKGROUND: (S/B) In your letter to the Director, NRO, dated 14 August 1997 (TAB A), you expressed your support for the release of certain cryptologic systems in the public record. The POPPY program was recommended as the candidate system for declassification consideration and potential release to the public.

DISCUSSION: (S/B) Since that time, NSA, CIA, NRO, and NRL have established an Integrated Process Team (IPT), with members representing the pertinent offices involved in the declassification process. The declassification effort will be a phased approach. Phase I will address only the GRAB program (the proof of concept program that preceded POPPY from 1958 to 1962), with a goal of declassification approval in time to accommodate NRL's 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee 15-19 June 1998. The initial release will consist of a pamphlet, selective artifacts, and a three panel display with programmatic data telling the GRAB story and recognizing the program pioneers. The portions of GRAB to be declassified mention the fact of NSA's involvement in the processing, but provide no details. To accomplish coordination of DCI approval for the declassification and release of GRAB, the IPT has prepared a package consisting of the proposed GRAB exhibition display (TAB C), information of residual sensitivity for GRAB declassification (which continues to be in coordination with the community) (TAB D), guidelines for review of programmatic data (TAB E), and a risk assessment report (TAB F) to the National SIGINT Committee members for consideration at their 10 April meeting. The SIGINT Committee will send a memorandum to the DCI for approval (TAB B). The goal is to secure DCI approval by 1 May.

(S/B) The IPT is continuing to review POPPY which will follow as Phase II of this declassification effort.

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COORDINATION/APPROVAL				DATE	PHONE
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RECOMMENDATION: (U) Recommend you concur in the release of the proposed NRL GRAB Exhibition Package **prior to the 10 April** National SIGINT Committee Meeting. If you wish to discuss further, please contact Sally Seward, D/N5P/NSA Member SIGCOM at 963-3083.

DIRECTOR'S DECISION:

CONCUR OK/100 DATE 9 April 97

NON-CONCUR _____ DATE _____

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