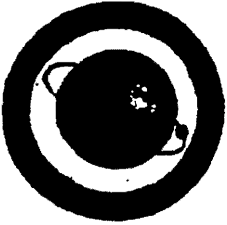


GROUND STATION DECLASSIFICATION



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~~(S//TK//REL)~~ Thank you for thoughtful consideration regarding our initiative to declassify the "fact of" [REDACTED] National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) mission ground stations and the "fact of" an NRO presence at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap, Alice Springs, Australia, and Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, United Kingdom. I am taking this opportunity to provide an update since my October 2006 letter.

(U) We have completed the first phase of our declassification effort--identifying potential impediments and risks. While a variety of issues were identified, acceptable mitigation plans were available to address each one. Therefore, I plan to proceed to the next phase--mitigation--after which I will be in a position to request concurrence of the Director of National Intelligence concerning declassification. [REDACTED]

(U//FOUO) I have directed the NRO Office of Security and Counterintelligence to plan the implementation strategy that will enable the final decision. [REDACTED] will lead this effort and may be contacted on [REDACTED]

(U) Thank you very much for your continued support, and I will keep you informed as this effort progresses.

Donald M. Kerr

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