



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

22 February 2008

Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: ~~(S//REL)~~ National Reconnaissance Office
Mission Ground Station Declassification

REFERENCE: (U) DNRO Memorandum, Subject: SAB, 23 May 2007

~~(S//FK)~~ In the referenced memorandum, we informed you and our mission partners that the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) was moving forward with detailed implementation and risk mitigation planning for the declassification of the NRO's Mission Ground Stations (MGSs). My intent is to declassify the "Fact-of" [REDACTED] MGSs (located near Washington D.C.; Denver, CO; and Las Cruces, NM) as NRO MGSs. We will also declassify the presence of the NRO at [REDACTED] (Alice Springs, AUS and Menwith Hill, UK). All risks and issues, as identified in our internal and mission partner coordination (IC, DoD, DOS, NASA, Commonwealth Partners); have been incorporated into our detailed implementation Program Plan attached.

~~(S//REL)~~ Recommendation: DNI concur with our request to declassify the "Fact-of" [REDACTED] NRO MGSs and NRO presence [REDACTED] MGSs. To allow sufficient time to complete the comprehensive notification process, begin mitigation steps, and disseminate written security guidance and parameters, declassification will occur 60 days from the date of DNI concurrence. During the implementation period, all current classification rules will remain in effect.

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Attachment:

~~(S//REL)~~ Implementation Program Plan for the
Declassification of NRO MGS, 22 February 2008

Concur:

J. M. McConnell
Director of National Intelligence

Date

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