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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

24 September 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: ~~(S//TK//REL)~~ Declassification of the "fact of" National Reconnaissance Office Mission Ground Stations and the "fact of" presence at Harrogate, United Kingdom and Alice Springs, Australia

- REFERENCE: (a) ~~(S//TK//REL)~~ Memorandum, "NRO Mission Ground Station Declassification Study," dated, 23 May 2007
- (b) ~~(S//TK//REL)~~ Memorandum, "NRO Mission Ground Station Declassification Study," dated, 24 October 2006

~~(S//TK//REL)~~ I am writing to update you on our initiative to:

[REDACTED] and 2) declassify the "fact of" an NRO presence at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap, Alice Springs, Australia, and Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, United Kingdom. The Director of National Intelligence (DNI) has concurred with my declassification decision. The declassification will take effect on 15 October 2008.

(U) We will not be issuing a news release regarding this declassification. No other details about our MGS activities will be declassified or openly acknowledged. The intent of the declassification is to ensure that the NRO is positioned to fully support new initiatives developed across the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and with our close allies in the Governments of Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

(U//FOUO) Our declassification implementation plan includes formal notification to the leadership of Congressional committees with intelligence oversight responsibility, Commonwealth partners, and other appropriate constituents. Additionally, the plan provides for security guidance and

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education, security classification guide revisions, public
affairs and communications plans, procedures and points of
contact for questions, and to monitor implementation. During
the implementation period, all current classification rules will
remain in effect.

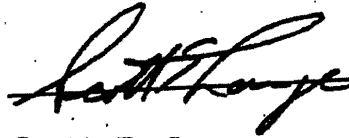
~~(S//TK//REL)~~ [REDACTED]

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Classified Name	Classified Agency	Unclassified Name	Unclassified Agency
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Aerospace Data Facility - West	ADF-W
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Aerospace Data Facility - Southwest	ADF-SW
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Aerospace Data Facility - East	ADF-E
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Royal Air Force Menwith Hill Station	RAF-MHS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap	JDFPG

(U) Should you have any questions concerning this action,
please contact Mr. Ben Gimeno, Deputy Director, NRO, Business
Plans and Operations, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Scott F. Large

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