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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Office of the Director

24 September 2008



Dear [Redacted]

~~(S//TK//REL)~~ Pursuant to letters dated 24 October 2006 and 23 May 2007, I want to inform you that the Director of National Intelligence has concurred with my decision to declassify the "fact of" [Redacted] National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Mission Ground Stations (MGS) and the "fact of" an NRO presence at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap, Alice Springs, Australia, and Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, United Kingdom. The declassification will take effect on 15 October 2008.

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Classified Name	Classified Acronym	Unclassified Name	Unclassified Acronym
[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) We will not be issuing a news release announcing this declassification. No other details of 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

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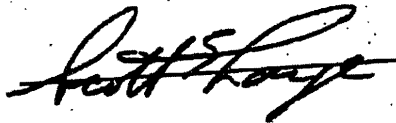
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the Governments of Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

(U//FOUO) The NRO Office of Security and Counterintelligence has developed an education program for personnel to implement this declassification and we are in the process of informing and educating our workforce.

(U) Thank you very much for your continued support. 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