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May 1, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Board Of Directors Overt/Covert Guidance 1 May 92

The Board accepted Col [REDACTED] briefing on the proposed concept of an overt NRO, as presented, with the following comments. This memorandum should be considered the Overt NRO Baseline upon which implementing planning actions are based.

Unclassified NRO mission:

The mission of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is to ensure that the US has the technology and overhead assets needed to acquire superior worldwide intelligence in war and peace. To this end, the NRO conducts research and development and acquires and operates overhead systems for the collection of intelligence.

Unclassified Identity of the DNRO

The Director of the NRO is Mr. Martin C. Faga. Mr. Faga's DNRO duties are in addition to his duties as ASAF (Space) and Director, DSPO.

Unclassified Deputy Director and Deputy for Military Support

The Deputy Director of the NRO is Mr. Jimmie D. Hill.

The Deputy for Military Support is ADM Daniel March. ADM March is also the Deputy Director of the Defense Support Project Office.

Unclassified key NRO officials

Mr. [REDACTED] is the Director of IMINT Programs for the NRO.

[REDACTED] is the Director of [SIGINT - TBD] Programs for the NRO.

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BGEN Donald R. Walker, USAF is Deputy Director of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Programs under Gen [REDACTED]

RADM [REDACTED] is Deputy Director of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Programs under Gen [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] is Director of Plans and Analysis for the
NRO.

(Unanimous agreement that all key staff officials should be
openly identified by name at unclassified level with title of
some kind (Gen [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] RADM [REDACTED] GEN Walker)

Staffing of NRO

The NRO is staffed by members of the Armed Forces and the
Intelligence Community.

(Agreement that NRO members can be acknowledged at unclassified
level by parent organization within Intelligence Community (CIA,
NSA, DIA, etc. - [REDACTED] is CIA) but also just as NRO
members without listing parent agency affiliation

Location

The NRO has an office in the Pentagon, Room [4C1000 - room
number TBD], phone number 703-614-XXXX.

Identify NRO presence in Pentagon, 4C1000 with telephone number

Westfield - West Building as acknowledged NRO location, however
[REDACTED] possibility with or without sign not addressed

-- Hill thought overt activity like [REDACTED] program office
should be at different location

-- Physical protection brought up by [REDACTED] unclear
what resolution was - security should look at whole Westfields
issue

National Reconnaissance Program:

The NRO implements the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP)
which is the single national program designed to meet those

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intelligence requirements of the United States Government that can best be satisfied by overhead reconnaissance.

The size of the NRP remains compartmented.

Previously Approved:

- Propose changes to National Space Policy to allow some discussion of satellite reconnaissance at unclassified level

- Include NRO as single organization in USG responsible for satellite intelligence collection

- Decompartment the "fact of" certain systems and limited system facts for military support for release at Secret level

- Preserve the following features of the NRO

- Concept of streamlined management process

- Ability to conceal appropriate technology, organization and operations consistent with sources and methods protection

- Continuation of "must know" authority for the DNRO within [REDACTED]

- Ability to support military operations from planning through execution

Additional BOD guidance:

... "satellite" involvement for DPSP and DSFC to allow better flow of information.

- No reaction to charter issue

- FOIA - Mr. Hill believes we might get some form of exemption if we put it in original package but not after we are already declassified - need to work some more.

- Public affairs officer - yes we should consider one but Mr. Hill advises through CIA not SAF

- NRP Directives to replace DoD Directives - no guidance,

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depends on path we take

- OK to reassess physical security needs of acknowledged NRO facilities

- Ensure information security mechanisms are in place and thorough enough to withstand challenges to classification

- Continue with personnel protection assessment for key NRO managers

- Mr. Faga not limited by Fuhrman Panel recommendations - is implementing those he has agreement on and looking at others

- Need to address contractor relationship after NRO is overt - Mr. Hill thinks it could stay the same - covert

- Need clear ground rules about what is classified

Please refer any questions or comments to Renee Strickland

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