

# Acting NRO Director Appoints External Review Panel

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Washington, DC -- Keith R. Hall, the deputy director and acting director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), has commissioned a panel to review the NRO's current organizational structure and make recommendations regarding its role in the 21st century.

Retired U.S. Navy Admiral David Jeremiah, former Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff and now President of Technology Strategies and Alliances, will head the panel. The panel's Executive Secretary will be Mr. Mike Munson, former Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Other panel members are:

- Mr. Stephen Friedman, a member of the Aspin-Brown Commission on the U.S. Intelligence Community and Senior Chairman and Limited Partner of Goldman, Sachs, & Co.
- Mr. Tony Iorillo, Chairman of the American Mobile Satellite Corporation Board of Directors and former Senior Vice President of Hughes Aircraft Company
- Mr. John McMahan, former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and retired President and CEO of Lockheed Missiles and Space Company
- General Larry Welch, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Institute for Defense Analysis and former Air Force Chief of Staff
- Mr. Martin Faga, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Center for Integrated Intelligence Systems, MITRE Corporation and Director of the NRO from 1989 - 1993.

In chartering the panel, Hall asked its members to review several major issues facing the NRO, the first one being to review the NRO's mission and strategic vision into the 21st century. In addition, the panel will address how the NRO can improve customer satisfaction, how the NRO should be organized and structured for its future mission and what existing and reengineered business practices and processes will be necessary to meet additional challenges.

"The NRO's technical program is on track and the consolidation of assets in space and on the ground is clearly beneficial for the nation's intelligence requirements," Mr. Hall recently stated in a town meeting to NRO employees.

"The way the NRO has been conducting its business, however, needs a thorough review after nearly 30 years of evolution," he continued.

"We want to retain the elements of the NRO that make it a dynamic space agency. At the same time, we need a candid look by outsiders to ensure the next director of the NRO has an organizational structure that meets the need of the customers, answers to increased executive and legislative oversight, and is responsive to new fiscal management policies."