Dr. Donald Kerr Named as NRO Director

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Dr. Donald M. Kerr becomes the fifteenth Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) following appointment by the Secretary of Defense with concurrence of the Director of National Intelligence.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Kerr had served since August 2001 as Deputy Director for Science and Technology in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The NRO is a DoD agency within the intelligence community that designs, builds, launches and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites.

Dr. Kerr was the Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation responsible for the Laboratory Division prior to the CIA post. He has held several key positions within private industry and as a member of the Department of Energy, was Director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.