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CHRONOLOGY OF
DECOMPARTMENTATION OF SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY

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| 1 | Aug 26, 60 | Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, The Attorney General, DCI, and Chairman AEC, from President Eisenhower. Established the TALENT-KEYHOLE Control System. |
| 2 | Nov 9, 70 | Memo for BCO/TCO frm Maj Rose, BYEMAN/TALENT-KEYHOLE Classification. First document to establish commonality between BYEMAN and TALENT-KEYHOLE Systems. |
| 3 | Oct 14, 71 | Letter to Amb Johnson, State, from Mr. Packard. Relayed ExCom discussion on revealing "fact of" satellite reconnaissance, including differentiation between photographic and SIGINT systems sensitivity. Urged NSAM 156 Committee consideration of "fact of" question in SALT context. |
| 4 | May 23, 72 | Memo for Secretaries of Military Depts, et al, from DepSecDef Rush, Classification, Downgrading and Declassification of Official Information; Pursuant to Executive Order 11652. |
| 5 | Sep 1, 72 | Memo for Directors Program A, CIA Reconnaissance Programs, C and D from [redacted] Guidance on Implementation of EO 11652. |
| 6 | Mar 29, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/22, from Executive Secretary, USIB, Modification of the TK Controls for Products of Photographic Satellites. Transmits [redacted] proposal to reduce restrictive handling of certain products of photographic satellite systems. |
| 7 | Apr 12, 73 | Memo for Executive Secretary, USIB, frm Dr. McLucas, Modification of TALENT-KEYHOLE Controls, April 12, 1973. The sole dissenting letter on decompartmentation, it asked analysis of implications before approaching the President. |

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| 8 | Apr 25, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/23, Potential Savings Involved in the Modification of the TK Controls for Products of Photographic Satellites. Asked USIB members for cost savings for decompartmentation. |
| 9 | May 17, 73 | Ltr to Service Intelligence Chiefs frm Mr. Hughes, DIA, Guidelines and Procedures for the Sanitization of KH-9 and KH-4 Photography for Military Purposes, with attachments. |
| 10 | May 21, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/24, from Executive Secretary, USIB, Modifications of the TK Controls for Products of Photographic Satellites. |
| 11 | Aug 17, 73 | BYEMAN, TALENT, TALENT-KEYHOLE Access Status as of August 17, 1973. |
| 12 | Aug 29, 73 | Memoranda frm Staff in response to request for comments on USIB decompartmentation paper: Memo frm [redacted] April 6, 1973 Memo frm [redacted] April 10, 1973 Memo frm Maj Geiger Memo frm Lt Col Millson Memo frm Lt Col Owens, August 29, 1973 |
| 13 | Sep 10, 73 | Memo for the Record, Maj Coyle, USIB Decision to Decompartment TK Photography, Reports on USIB indorsement of decompartmentation at Sept 10 meeting (attended by Mr. Singel and Maj Coyle). |
| 14 | Sep 10, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/25, Modification of the TK Controls for Products of Photographic Satellites, Minutes on Decompartmentation discussion at USIB Sept 10 meeting. |
| 15 | Sep 14, 73 | Ltr to AF/CC from Maj Gen Keegan, Modification of TK Controls for Photographic Satellite Products, recommended that decontrol go beyond the USIB approval. Attached is a talking paper and note to Sec AF frm Chief. |

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| 16 | Sep 20, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/25, Modification of the TK Controls for Products of Photographic Satellites, further discussion frm the Sept 20 USIB meeting. |
| 17 | Sep 21, 73 | Memo for the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs frm Mr. Colby, Subj: Modification of the TALENT-KEYHOLE Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Asked for decompartmentation of satellite photography. |
| 18 | Sep 28, 73 | Memo for Gen Kulpa frm Mr. Inlow, Modification of the TK Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites; Notice of intent to establish a Steering Group for guiding decompartmentation. Attached a draft paper establishing a full time COMIREX T-KH Modification Working Group. |
| 19 | Oct 11, 73 | Memo for Mr. Inlow frm Gen Kulpa, Subj: Modification of TK Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites; accepting nomination as NRO Steering Group member. |
| 20 | Oct 12, 73 | Memo for Dr. McLucas frm Lt Col Coyle, General Keegan's Talking Paper for the Chief of Staff; Analyzed Gen Keegan's proposal. |
| 21 | Nov 23, 73 | Memo for The Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury, the Attorney General, DCI and Chairman, AEC frm Dr. Kissinger, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Stated the President's approval to modify special security controls on photo reconnaissance program. Directed DCI to establish policy guidelines for continued protection of the satellite collection program. |

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| 22 | Nov 29, 73 | Note for Gen Kulpa frm Lt Col Coyle, with memo to SecDef for Dr. McLucas' signature and note frm Gen Kulpa to Dr. McLucas. Requested SecDef sign ltr reiterating security rules for BYEMAN and TALENT-KEYHOLE Systems. Dr. McLucas did sign memo on Nov 30; SecDef did not. |
| 23 | Nov 29, 73 | Memorandum for The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs frm Dr. McLucas, Subj: Impact of Photoreconnaissance Satellite Decompartmentation. Asked for NSAM 156 Committee review of NSCA 2454. |
| 24 | Nov 30, 73 | Memo for the Record by Lt Col Hofmann, Subj: Modification of TALENT-KEYHOLE Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Record of first meeting of COMIREX Decompartmentation Steering Group. |
| 25 | Dec 13, 73 | TWX WHIG 1534, to CHARGE and PILOT, Subj: Guidelines for Imagery Decompartmentation. Asked for assistance in determining sensitive technical parameters to be protected. |
| 26 | Dec 14, 73 | USIB-D-46.7/21 frm Exec Secretary, USIB, Subj: Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Use of Reconnaissance Satellite Photography in Briefing Senior Foreign Officials. |
| 27 | Dec 19, 73 | TWX CHARGE 8546, to WHIG. Expressed concern about revealing state-of-art of KH-8 and KH-9 if photography is decompartmented. |
| 28 | Dec 22, 73 | Ltr to Mr. Colby frm VADM de Poix, asking for authority to release KH-4 photography for use in preparation of NATO targeting material. |

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| 29 | Dec 22, 73 | Memo for Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury, The Attorney General and Chairman, AEC from Mr. Colby, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Provided notice of decompartmentation decision. |
| 30 | Dec 22, 73 | USIB-D-46.2/29 frm Mr. Colby, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Notified community of Presidential approval to decompartment satellite photography and specified four-phase implementation plan. Attached is Annex A, Interim Guidelines, Dec 22, 73. |
| 31 | Jan 4, 74 | TWX to TCO State, SSO DIA, TCO NSA, TCO SAFSS frm CIA OPCEN Cite 1164, 041502Z Jan 74. Explains effect of modification of TK controls on foreign nationals. |
| 32 | Jan 9, 74 | Ltr to VADM de Poix frm Mr. Colby. Authorized NATO aircrews access to sanitized KH-4 photography. Guidelines attached. |
| 33 | Jan 16, 74 | Note for Gen Kulpa frm Lt Col Hofmann, Subj: Decompartmentation Steering Group Meeting, January 16, 1974. Summary of meeting of January 15. |
| 34 | Jan 18, 74 | USIB-D-46.2/30 to USIB Members frm Chairman, COMIREX, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Forwarded second-phase implementing guidelines for review and noting. |

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| 35 | Jan 18, 74 | Memo for COMIREX T-KH Modification Steering Gp and Working Group, frm Exec Secretary, COMIREX, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites--Phase II. Transmitted draft of second phase implementing guidelines. |
| 36 | Jan 22, 74 | Memo for [] NPIC, frm Lt Col Coyle, Subj: Additional Study of Satellite Parameters. Asked for determination of kinds and quality of KH-8 and KH-9 imagery which could be released at SECRET level without revealing system parameters. |
| 37 | Jan 23, 74 | Memo for Mr. Inlow, COMIREX, frm Gen Kulpa, Subj: Photographic Satellite Parameters. Asked protection of photo satellite capabilities. |
| 38 | Jan 29, 74 | Memo for Mr. Plummer frm Lt Col Coyle, USIB Point Paper on Phase Two Decompartmentation, January 29, 1974. Prepared for USIB meeting; Mr. Singel attended. Attached is USIB-D-46.2/30, Jan 18, 74, Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellite and list of pertinent papers. |
| 39 | Feb 15, 74 | Memo for T-KH Modification Steering Group from Mr. Inlow, Subj: Phase III and Related Papers. Transmitted recommendations on NIIRS ratings, interim guidelines for use of KH-4, 5, 7 and Mapping Photograph from KH-8 and 9, and Modification of Codeword Markings. |
| 40 | Feb 22, 74 | Memo for T-KH Modification Steering Group frm Executive Secretary, COMIREX, Subj: Phase III and Related Papers. Revised version of NIIRS and decompartmentation guidelines. |

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| 41 | Mar 8, 74 | LXD Memo for T-KH Modification Steering Group frm Mr. Inlow, Subj: Revised Sections of Phase III Guidelines. |
| 42 | Mar 12, 74 | Memo for Chairman, USIB frm VADM de Poix, Subj: Supplemental Guidelines for Decompartmentation of KH-8 Photography. Requested discussion of NIIRS rating 6 and above at USIB Meeting. |
| 43 | Mar 14, 74 | USIB-D-46.2/31, Subj: Modification of the Security Controls for the Products of Photographic Reconnaissance Satellites. Reported discussion of NIIRS at USIB meeting of March 14, and referred questions on NIIRS 6 back to COMIREX. |
| 44 | Mar 29, 74 | Memo for Modification Steering Group frm Chairman, COMIREX. Further discussion of NIIRS 6 release. |

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