



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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19 July 2017

Mr. Edwin C. May,

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Dear Mr. May:

This is in response to your letter dated 3 July 2017 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 July 2017. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting a copy of the following document(s):

- **"A copy of the overhead or other photos that identifies Hall 3 and Building 2 in Shipyard 402 at Severodvinsk**
- **Any other material that will identify Hall 3 and Building 2 at that site; overhead or other photos and/or material of the expanded launch basin in front of construction Hall 3**
- **Overhead or other photos of the launching of the Typhoon for sea trials near 23 September 1980**
- **"All usable KEYHOLE imagery related to the identification of components associated with the construction of the Typhoon SSBN was used in the preparation of this report" (contains 38 illustrations)."**

We are unable to accept your request as presented. The subject of your request is outside the scope of the NRO's mission and functions. The NRO is a joint organization engaged in the research and development, acquisition, launch and operation of overhead reconnaissance systems necessary to meet the needs of the Intelligence Community and of the Department of Defense. In this capacity, the raw data collected by NRO systems is provided to other government organizations for processing into a usable intelligence product. Once that product (in this case, imagery) is created, it falls under the purview of the agency that created it, and that agency makes all determinations regarding its further dissemination and use. To be clear, NRO does not maintain a searchable imagery repository, nor does it conduct analysis of imagery or imagery products; therefore, we can take no further action with regard to your request.

The National Geospatial Intelligence Agency is the U.S. Government's primary satellite imagery production and analysis agency. The U.S. Geological Survey also maintains a web site through which unclassified satellite and aerial images can be located and purchased. You can access this site via the following URL: <http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/>. In addition, there are numerous commercial sites on the world-wide web offering a broad variety of satellite and aerial imagery products.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference tracking number **F-2017-00143**.

Sincerely,



for Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison