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SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES AND STREAMING MEDIA PILOT

(U//~~FOUO~~) The Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has approved a 120-day pilot program allowing access to Internet-based social networking sites and streaming media. The pilot will enable all Unclassified Management Information System (UMIS) account holders to access and use select social networking sites and streaming media for mission and incidental use. Pre-screened sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube will be accessible on UMIS only.

(U) The pilot will be initiated in two-phases, with social networking sites opening on 1 October 2011, followed by streaming media on 1 November 2011. The benefits and risks of these technologies will be closely monitored during the pilot. All UMIS account holders are expected to exercise prudent judgment with respect to incidental use of government resources, release of NRO information, and protection from malicious cyber events.

(U) Assessments of the pilot will be ongoing throughout the 120-day period. A decision on more permanent access to social networking sites and streaming media will be made by 1 February 2012. Additional employee guidance, training supplements, and other support materials will be provided during the pilot to increase awareness of proper conduct and use of these new communication technologies.

(U) If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact at (secure) or via email.

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