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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CONTRACTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF SECURITY AND
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: (U) Summary Report of Investigation: Theft
(Case Number 15-0017 I)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation based on information alleging [redacted] appropriated property possibly belonging to the NRO and converted it to his personal use without authorization. The attached Summary Report of Investigation details the investigation results.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG requests that the Executive Officer, Office of Security and Counterintelligence place a copy of this report in the appropriate security file, along with a notation in the appropriate security databases. All other copies are for informational purposes only and should be returned to the OIG.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG recommends that the Director, Office of Contracts (D/OC) determine whether debarment of [redacted] pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation 9.406, is in the government's interest. The D/OC should report the result of his determination as well as any action taken or anticipated to the OIG within 45 days from the date of this report.

(U//~~FOUO~~) OIG investigation reports are to be read only by the individuals to whom the OIG provides them, or to whom the OIG specifically authorizes their release. If there are other persons who you believe require access as part of their official duties, please let us know, and we will promptly review your request. Questions regarding this summary may be directed to Special Agent in Charge [redacted] at [redacted] (secure) or to the undersigned at secure [redacted] (secure).

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Assistant Inspector General
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Attachment:
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*(U) National Reconnaissance Office
Office of Inspector General
Investigations Division*

**(U) SUMMARY REPORT OF
INVESTIGATION**

(U) (15-0017 I)

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(U) Section A – Subject:

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Full name:

Employer: Aerospace Corporation

Current Contract Number: None

Previous Contract Numbers: None

Job Title:

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(U) Section B – Predication:

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 24 April 2015, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received information alleging that [redacted] appropriated property possibly belonging to the NRO and converted it to his personal use. At the time of the allegation, [redacted] was an Aerospace Corporation employee in access at the NRO. As reported, [redacted] alleged actions potentially violated *18 U.S.C. § 641, Public money, property or records*, which makes it unlawful for anyone to embezzle, steal, purloin or knowingly convert to his use or the use of another, a thing of value of the United States or any department or agency thereof, or any property made or being made under contract for the United States or any department of agency thereof.

(U) Section C – Investigative Findings:

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG found that [redacted] took several pieces of computer hardware without permission or authorization from his employer. Available records indicated that the NRO granted [redacted] access to Special Compartmented Information in October 2006 in order to support NRO programs as [redacted] a position which afforded him access to computer hardware. During his interview, [redacted] told the OIG that in 2010, he took a digital data projector, two hard disk drives (HDDs), and a random access memory (RAM) module while employed by Aerospace in Chantilly, Virginia. [redacted] explained that he returned the RAM module and the HDDs to Aerospace in 2012 because he no longer had use for them. [redacted] claimed that the projector was at his home at the time of the interview. [redacted] further told the OIG that at some point between 2005 and 2006, while employed by Raytheon in Reston, Virginia, he took a computer monitor and a laptop. He stated that these items were also currently at his home. [redacted] released the projector, the laptop, and the monitor to the OIG upon request.¹

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(U) Section D – Conclusion:

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) The United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia declined prosecution in favor of administrative action. The OIG examined the identifying information for each piece of equipment, but they could not be identified as NRO property or associated with NRO programs. The OIG subsequently released the items to Aerospace and Raytheon respectively. NRO removed [redacted] from access to NRO facilities and programs. This investigation is closed.

(U) Section E – Recommendation:

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG requests that the Executive Officer, Office of Security and Counterintelligence place a copy of this report in [redacted] security file along with a notation in the appropriate security databases.

¹ (U//~~FOUO~~) During his interview [redacted] also reported a history of taking computer equipment from previous employers without authorization. As the equipment at issue had no NRO nexus, it is beyond the scope of this investigation.

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6. (U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG recommends that the Director, Office of Contracts (D/OC) determine whether debarment of [redacted] pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation 9.406, is in the government's interest. The D/OC should report the result of his determination as well as any action taken or anticipated to the OIG within 45 days from the date of this report.

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