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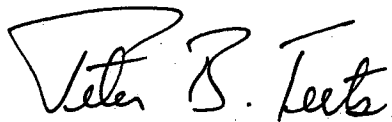
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National Reconnaissance Pioneer Selections for 2003

I am pleased to announce that I have approved the recommendations of this year's Pioneer Selection Board. The National Reconnaissance community will honor the following Pioneers at a ceremony in the Jimmie D. Hill Auditorium on September 23, 2003 at 1:30 PM:

- Mr. Carl L. Ferdensi, Jr., who pioneered algorithms and computer processing techniques for foreign instrumentation signals intelligence data, leading to dramatic improvements in telemetry collection
- Colonel David Raspet, USAF (Ret.), who developed advanced methods of integrating spacecraft into launch vehicles and provided crucial leadership that enabled sustained operation of reconnaissance satellites
- Dr. James W. Stoner, who pioneered techniques for near-real-time processing of electronic intelligence signals and whose algorithm prototyping and quality control were critical to satellite programmatic successes
- Mr. Charles C. Tevis, whose advocacy for space-based signals intelligence collection resulted in the deployment of several innovative systems, and who was instrumental in the founding of the Defense Special Missile & Aeronautics Center

Please join us in congratulating and honoring these pioneers who played a critical role in the early years of national reconnaissance.



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