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National Reconnaissance Office
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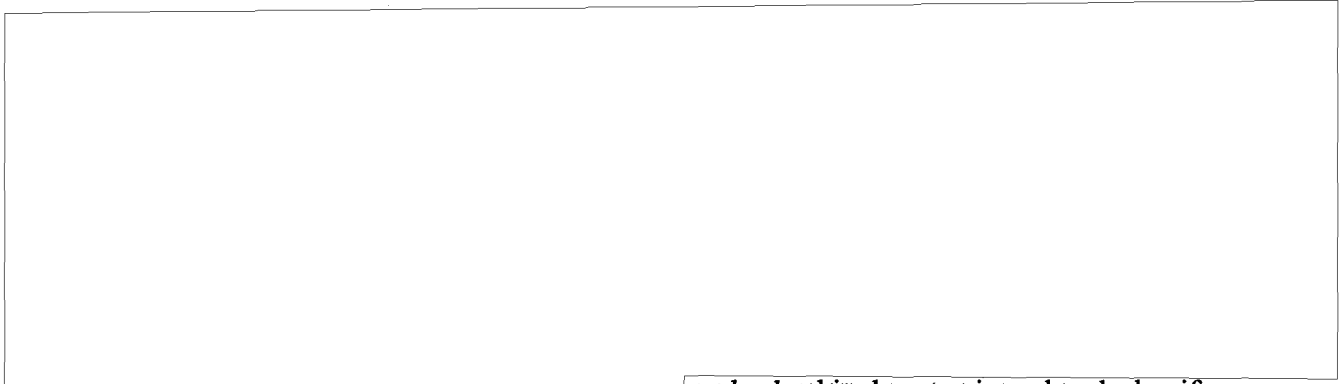
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(For additional info go to [redacted])

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Legislative Liaison Activities



[redacted] our leadership does not intend to declassify any further details about the activity or the spacecraft.

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Corporate Communication Activities

~~(TS//TK//NF)~~ 20 February [redacted] Engagement Press Release:

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(U) At 10:26 p.m. EST Feb. 20, 2008, a U.S. Navy AEGIS warship, the USS Lake Erie (CG-70), fired a single modified tactical Standard Missile-3 hitting a non-functioning National Reconnaissance Office satellite over the Pacific Ocean at 133 nautical miles in space. The objective of the mission, to rupture the hydrazine fuel tank, appears to have been successful. Nearly all of the debris will burn up upon reentry within 24-48 hours, and the remaining debris should re-enter within 40 days.

(U) Many recent news stories have noted the upcoming re-entry and decision to engage an NRO experimental satellite. Due to concern for public safety and the risk to human life, DNRO Scott Large had asked other agencies for assistance with ideas for other courses of action. As was reported, the President made a decision to engage the satellite in hope of alleviating the toxic threat posed by onboard hydrazine.

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~~(TS//TK//NF)~~ The DNRO declassified several facts about the [redacted] satellite to allow meaningful public announcements, but does not intend to reveal anything more at this time. Declassified material includes: the uncontrollable NRO experimental satellite was launched on 14 December 2006, it weighed approximately 5000 lbs, and analysis indicated about 2500 lbs of satellite debris would survive re-entry with 1000 lbs of toxic hydrazine in the fuel tank.

DECL ON: 25X1 20330208 RRG dated July 2005
DRV FROM: NCG 6.0, 21 May 2005

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Future Activities

- (U) 26 February – NRO Overview Brief to incoming
- (U) 3 March – HPSCI Staffer Day
- (U) 5 March – HASC-Strategic Forces Space Activities Hearing
- (U) 6 March – HPSCI FY09 National Intelligence Program (NIP) Budget Brief
- (U) 7 March – HASC Staffer Day
- (U) 11, 13 March – Military Intelligence Program (MIP) Staffer Days
- (U) 13 March – SSCI FY09 IMINT/ICA Budget Hearing
- (U) 13 March – Overhead Architecture Hearing (NIP/MIP)
- (U) 13 March – Facilities and Infrastructure in the IC Hearing (HPSCI)

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