



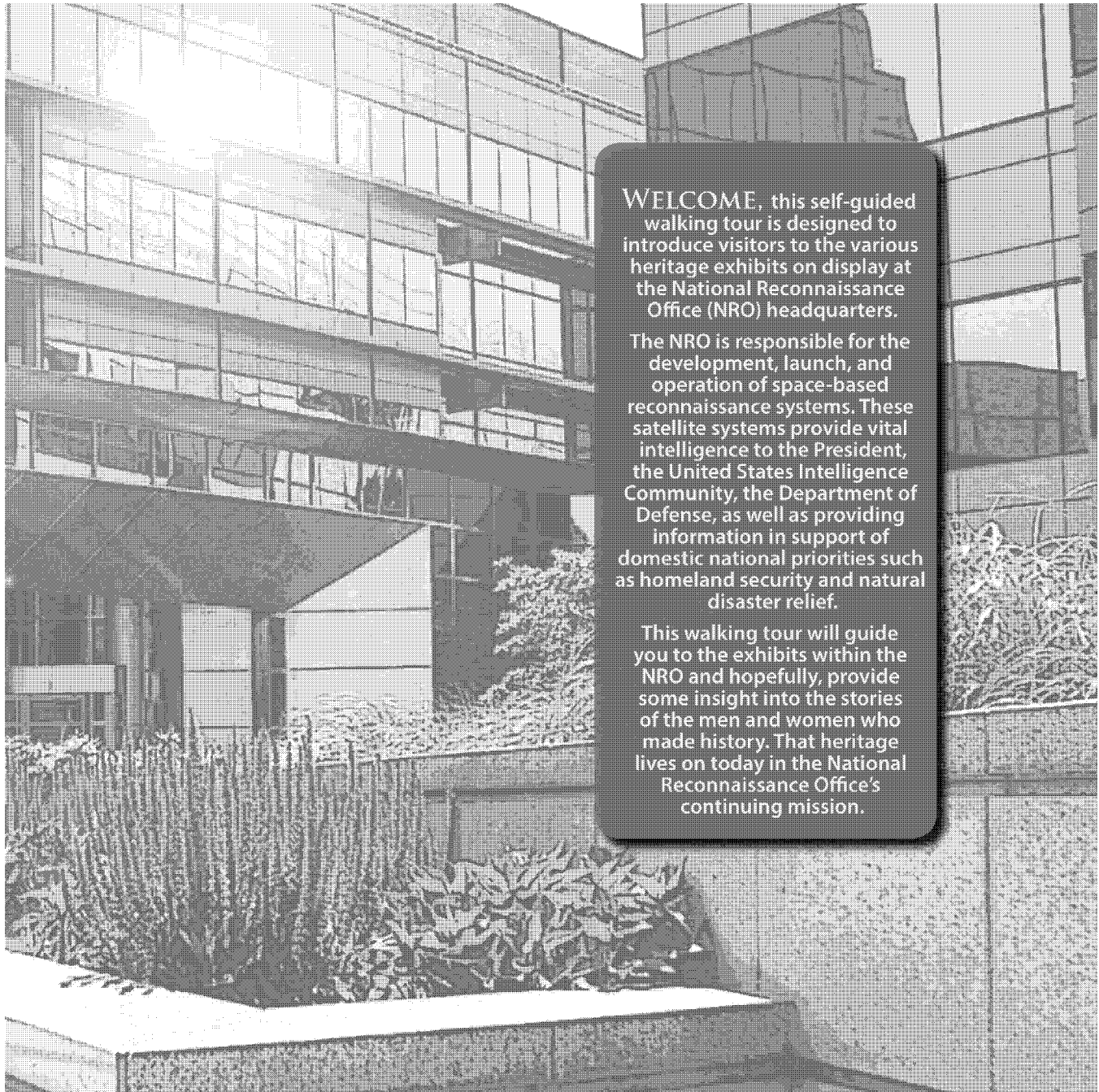
NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

GUIDE TO HERITAGE EXHIBITS









WELCOME, this self-guided walking tour is designed to introduce visitors to the various heritage exhibits on display at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) headquarters.

The NRO is responsible for the development, launch, and operation of space-based reconnaissance systems. These satellite systems provide vital intelligence to the President, the United States Intelligence Community, the Department of Defense, as well as providing information in support of domestic national priorities such as homeland security and natural disaster relief.

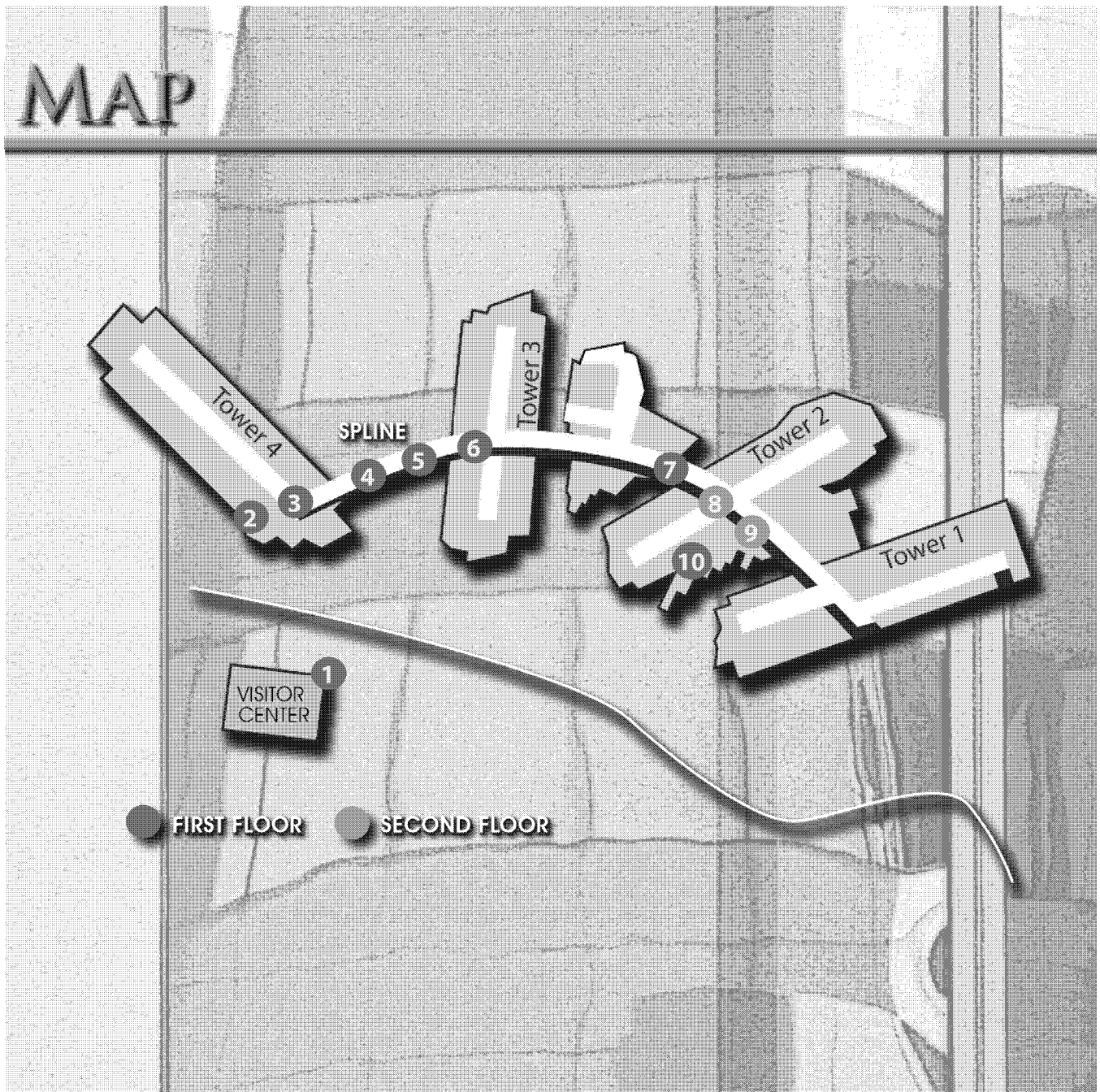
This walking tour will guide you to the exhibits within the NRO and hopefully, provide some insight into the stories of the men and women who made history. That heritage lives on today in the National Reconnaissance Office's continuing mission.

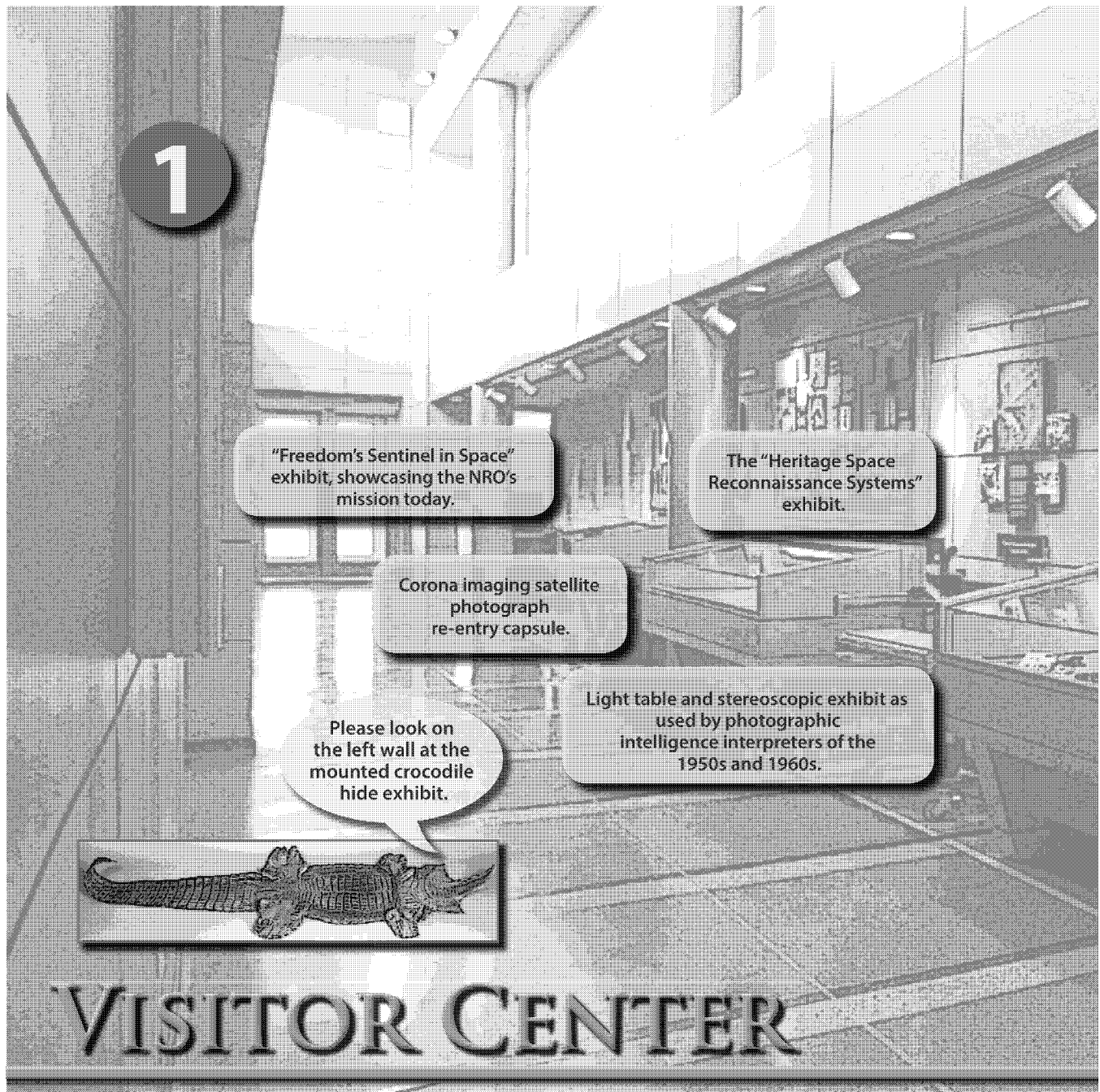
NRO HERITAGE EXHIBITS

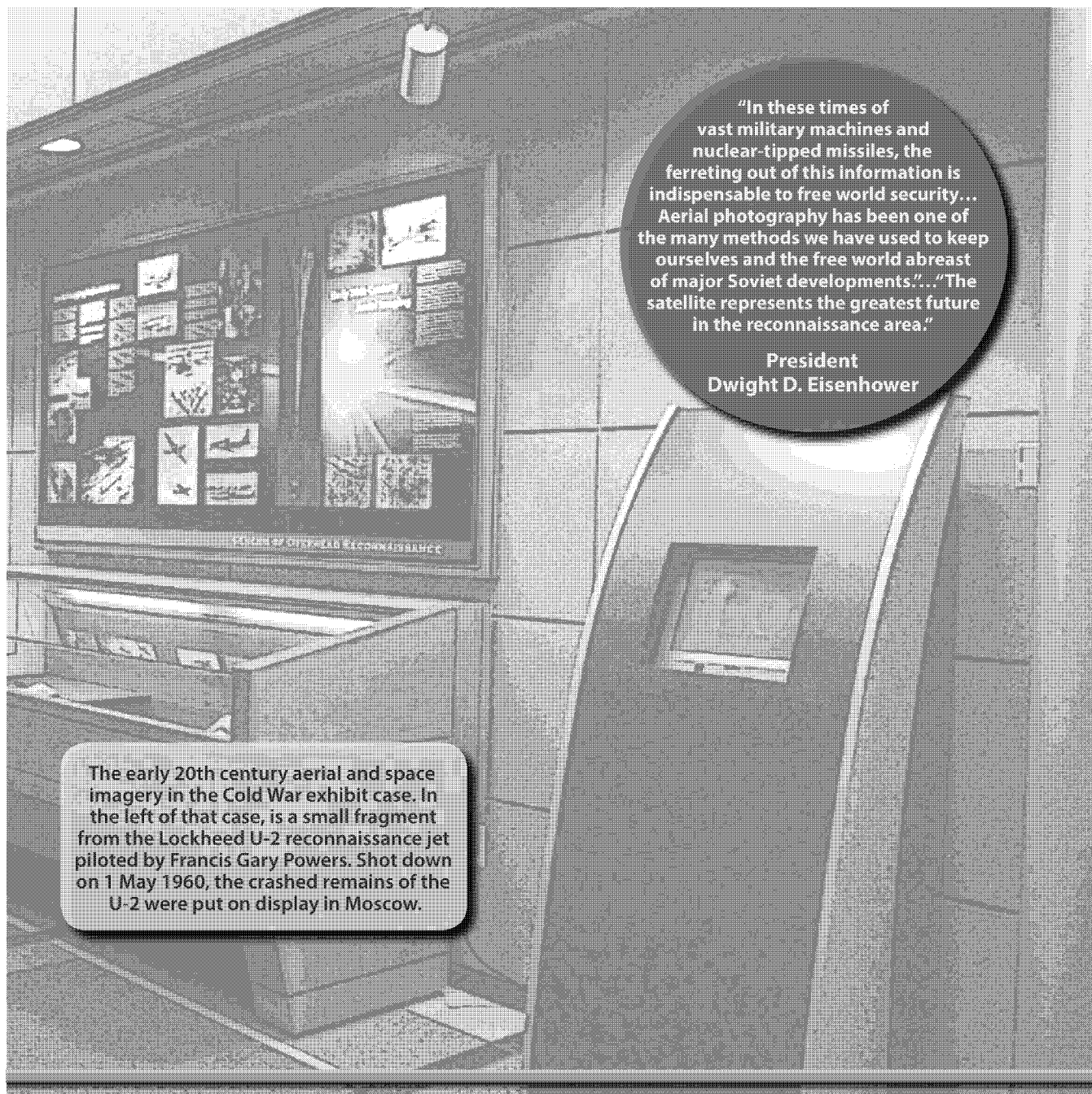
THE TEN HERITAGE EXHIBITS IN THE NRO

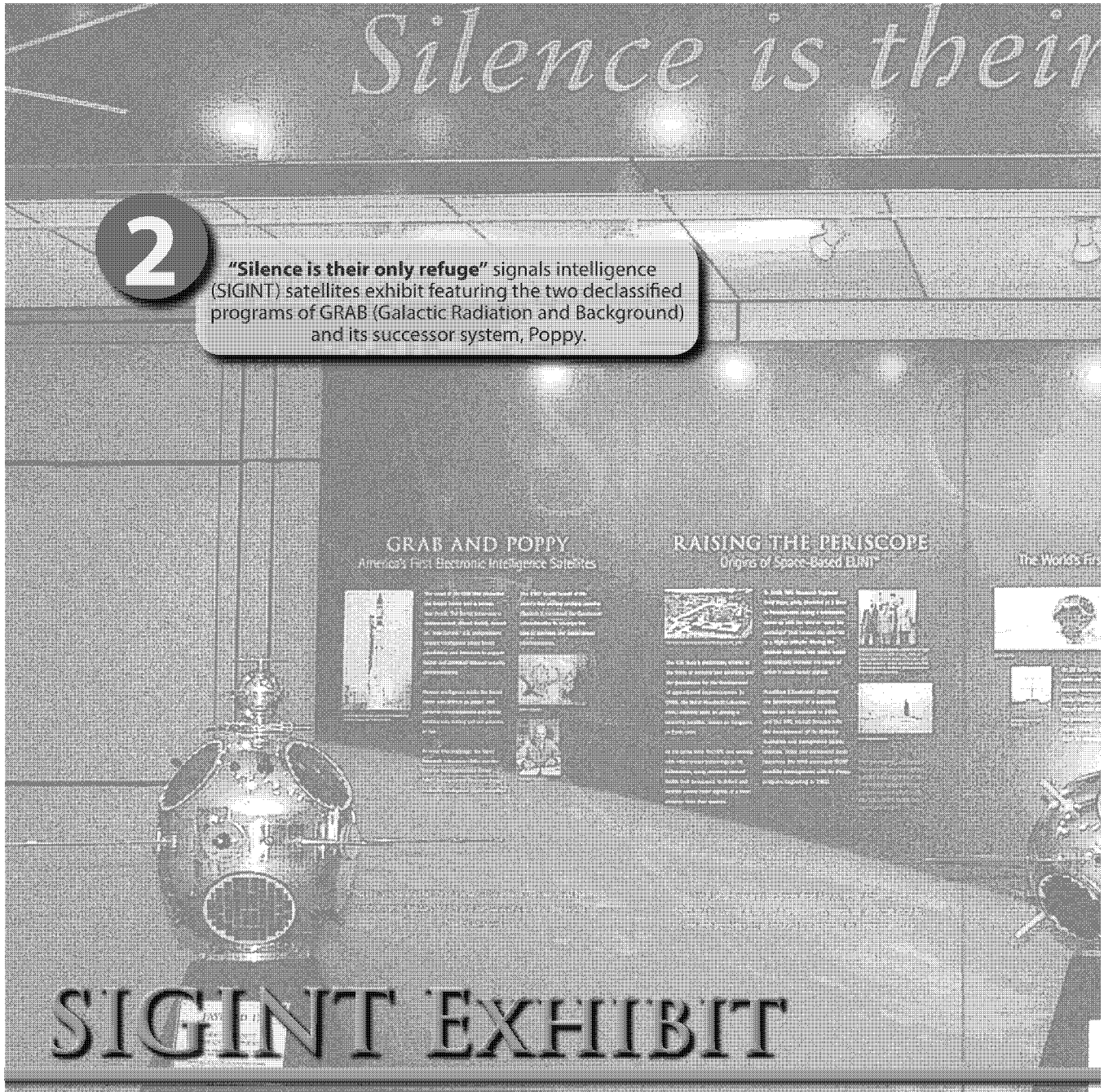
1. The Evolution of Reconnaissance from the early 20th century to the current era of satellites and space-based systems exhibits in the NRO's Visitor Center.
2. SIGINT and Poppy first generation signals intelligence reconnaissance satellites exhibit, in Tower 4, level 1.
3. The Founders' Plaque located just after the entry turnstiles in Tower 4, level 1.
4. Pioneer Hall, dedicated to those individuals who have made lasting and significant contributions to national reconnaissance, Tower 4, level 1.
5. Directors of NRO Programs A, B, C, D Portrait Gallery, spline connecting Towers 3 and 4, level 1.
6. NRO Deputy Directors Portrait Gallery, spline in Tower 3, level 1.
7. NRO Directors Portrait Gallery, spline between Tower 3 and Tower 2, level 1.
8. Corona Image Gallery spline between Tower 2 and 3, level 2.
9. NRO Launch Photo Gallery, Tower 2, level 2.
10. Corona Recovery Capsule/NRO Time Capsule, Tower 2, level 1, Main Lobby.

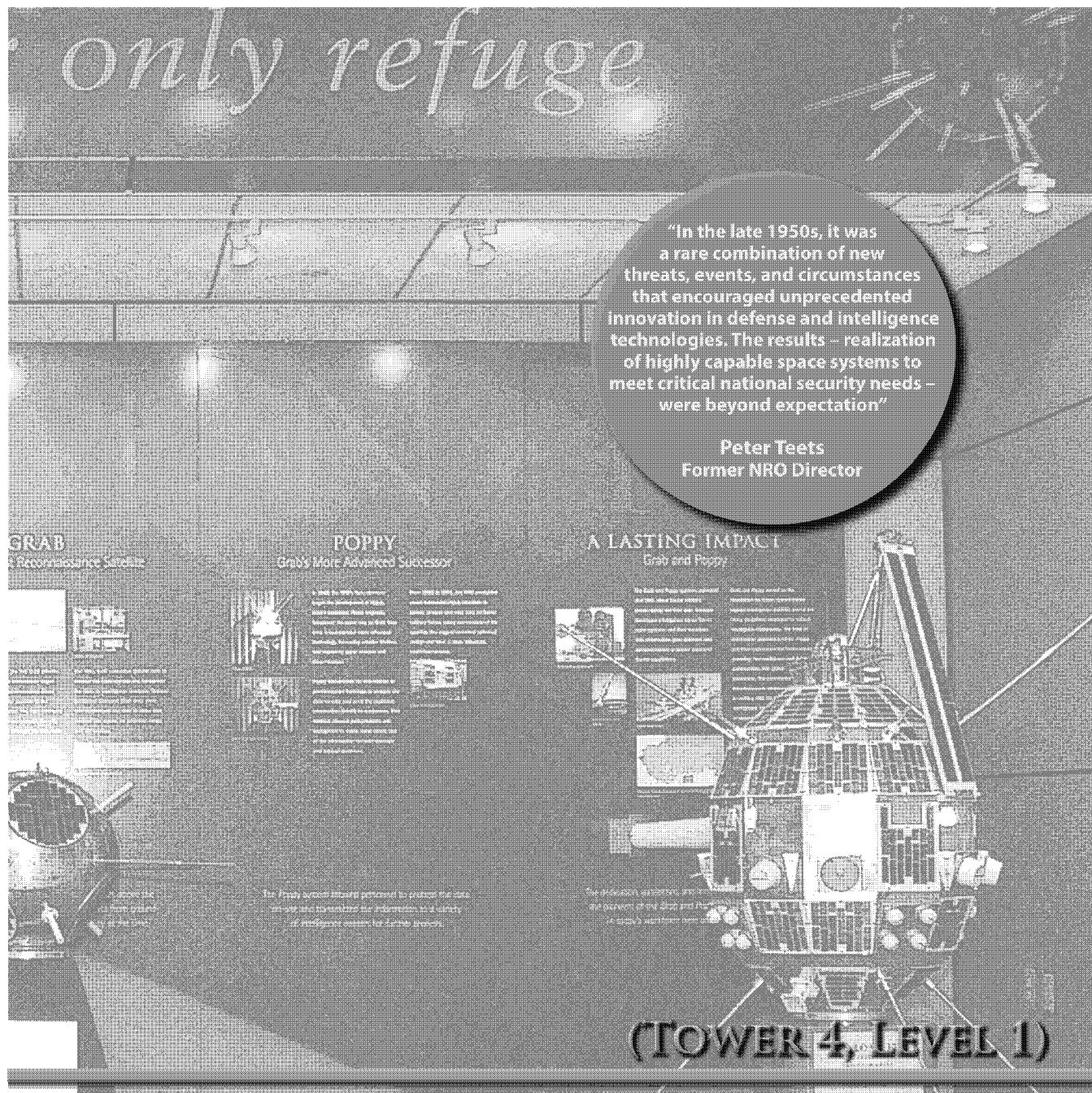
Note: The NRO's Westfields Headquarters comprises four towers, connected by a spline (hallway) on the first and second levels. This spline also serves as the home for the exhibits of the NRO.

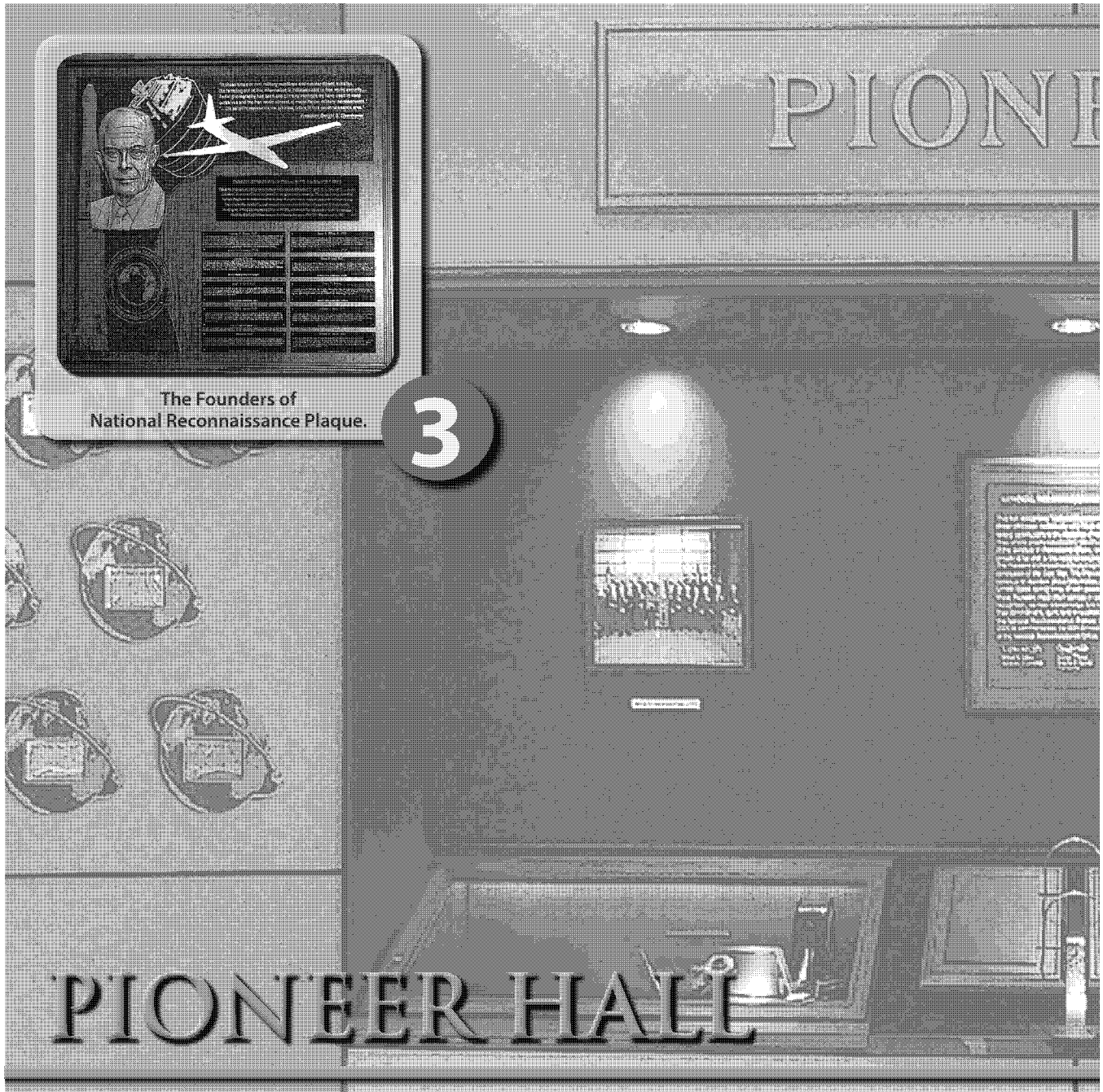


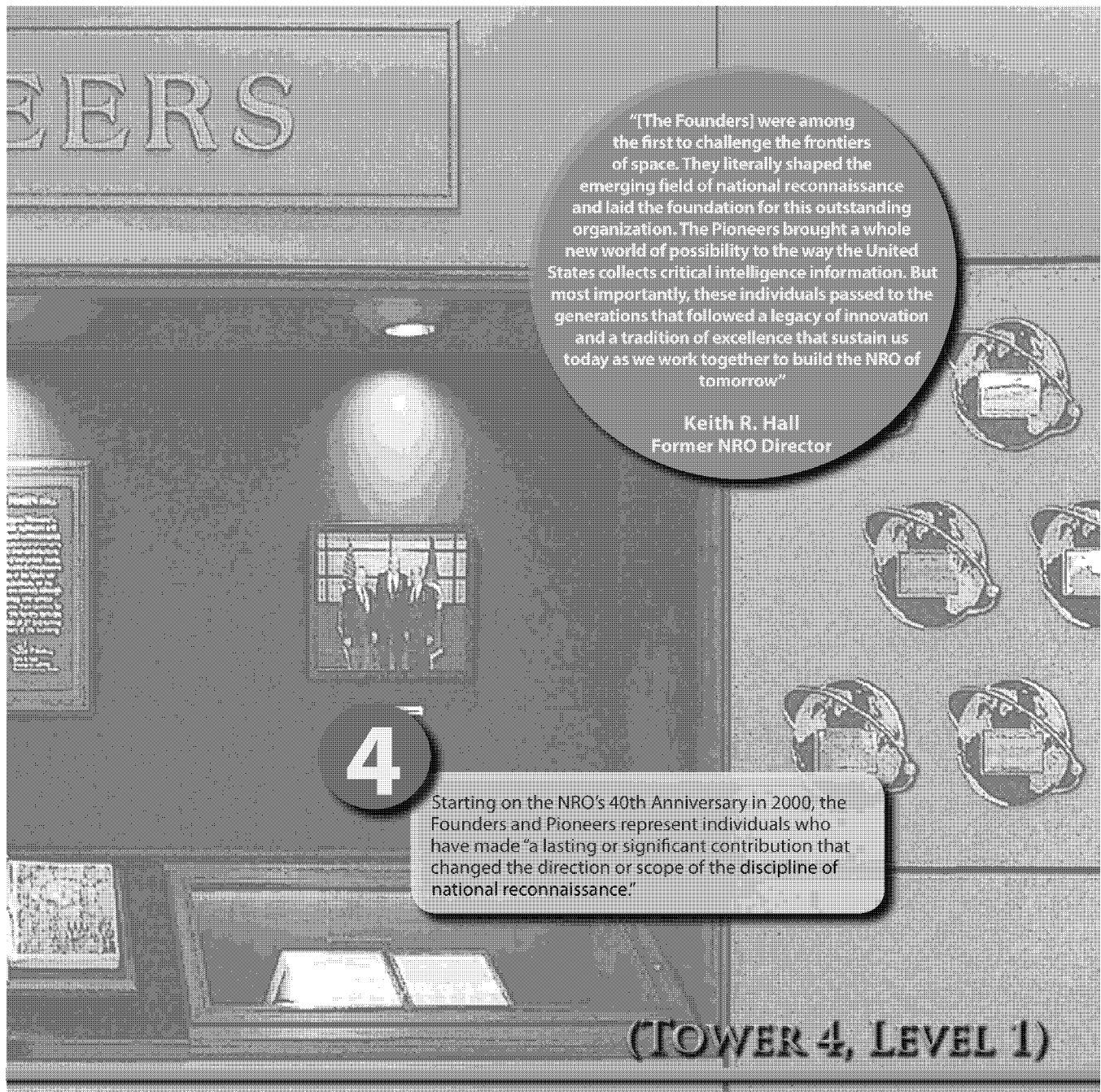


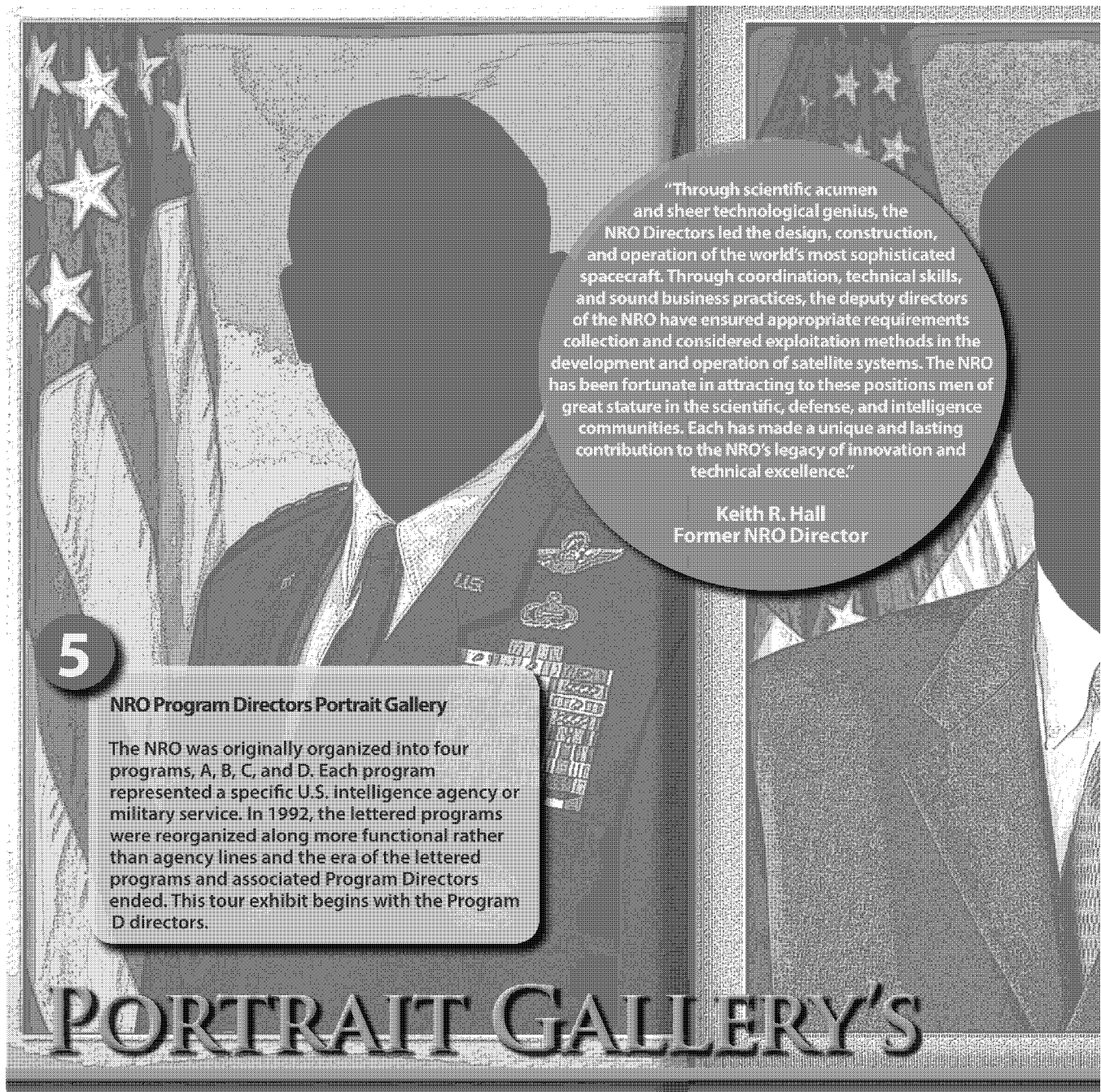












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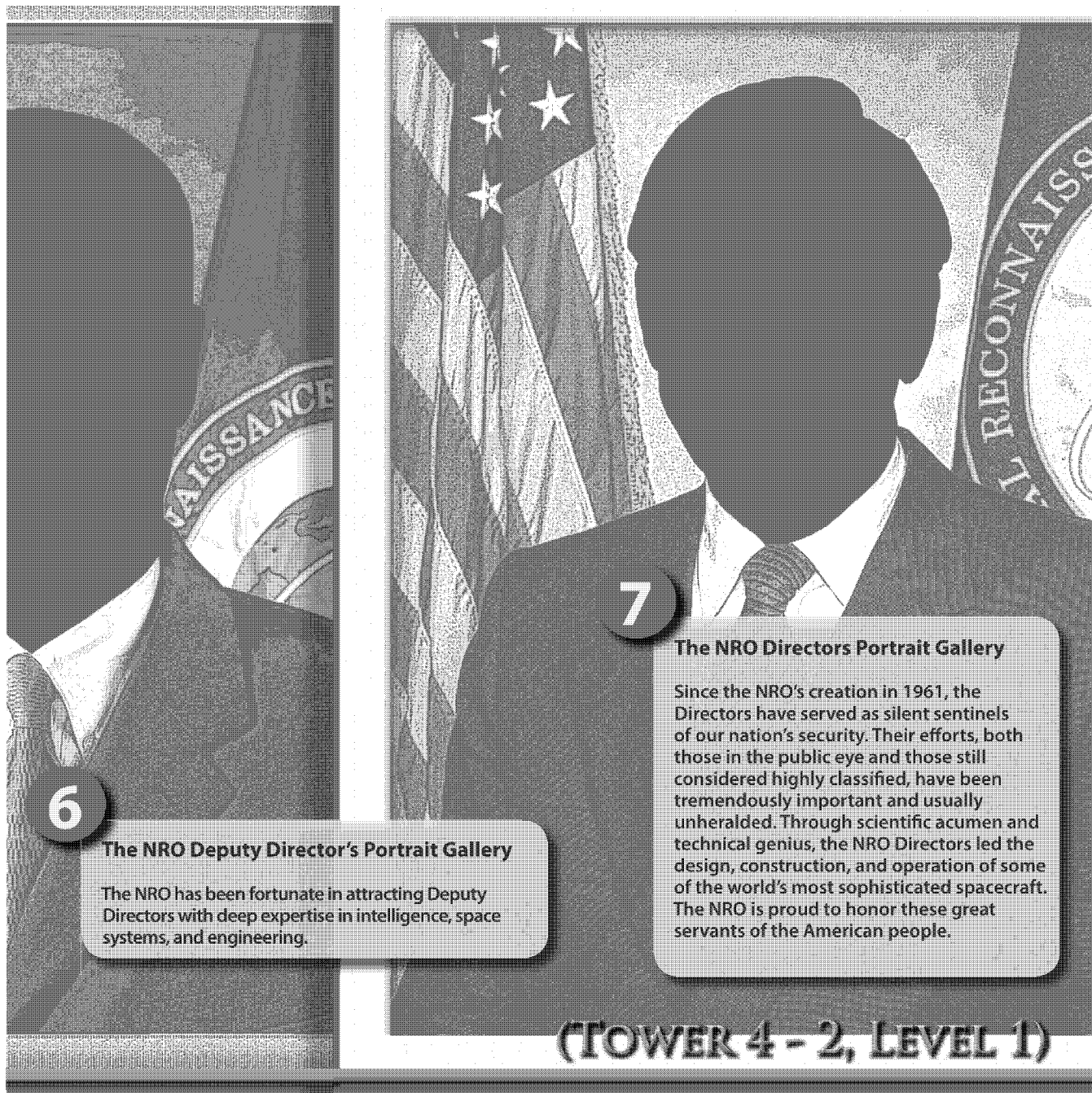
NRO Program Directors Portrait Gallery

The NRO was originally organized into four programs, A, B, C, and D. Each program represented a specific U.S. intelligence agency or military service. In 1992, the lettered programs were reorganized along more functional rather than agency lines and the era of the lettered programs and associated Program Directors ended. This tour exhibit begins with the Program D directors.

"Through scientific acumen and sheer technological genius, the NRO Directors led the design, construction, and operation of the world's most sophisticated spacecraft. Through coordination, technical skills, and sound business practices, the deputy directors of the NRO have ensured appropriate requirements collection and considered exploitation methods in the development and operation of satellite systems. The NRO has been fortunate in attracting to these positions men of great stature in the scientific, defense, and intelligence communities. Each has made a unique and lasting contribution to the NRO's legacy of innovation and technical excellence."

Keith R. Hall
Former NRO Director

PORTRAIT GALLERY'S



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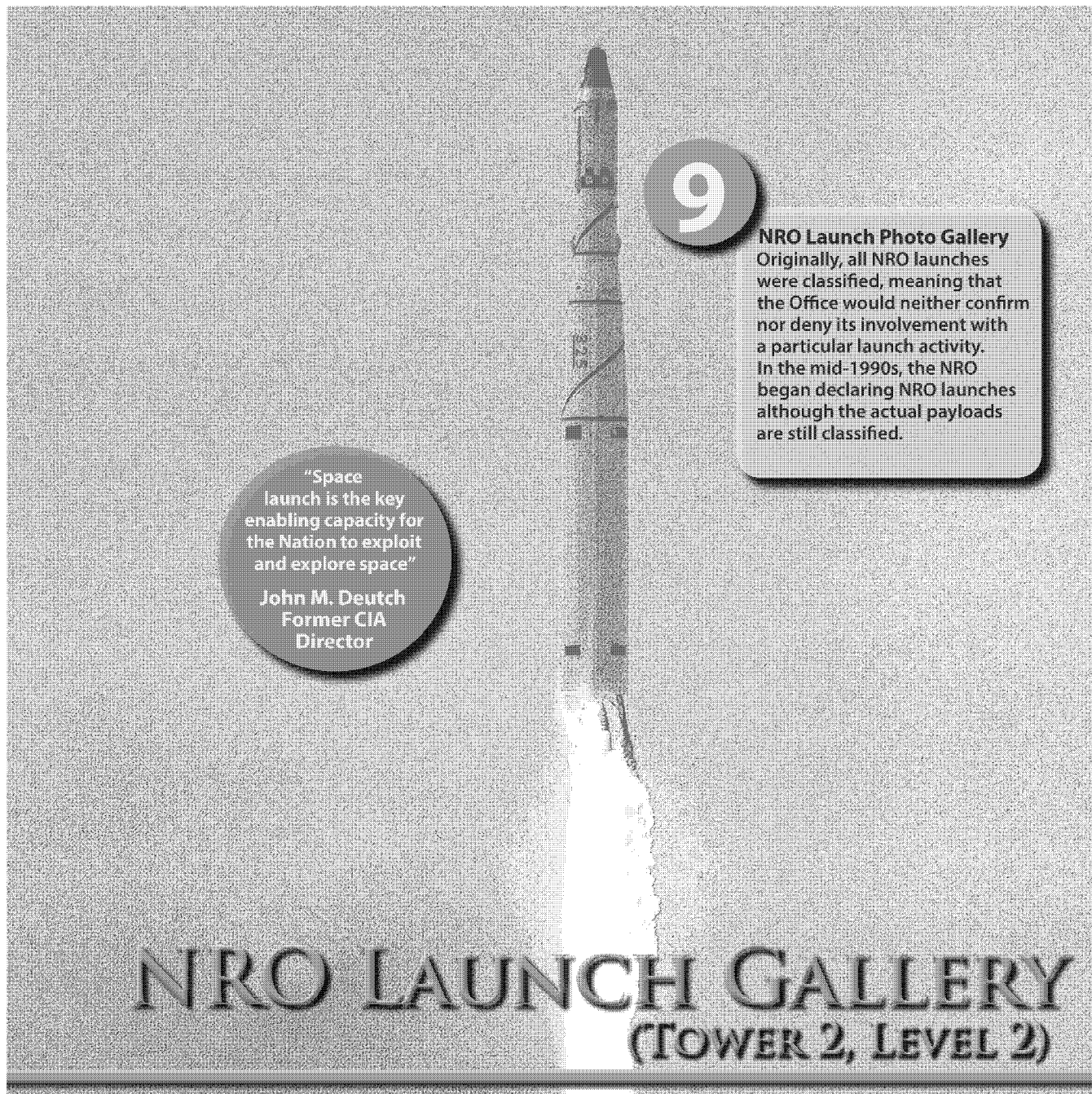
Corona Imagery Exhibit

This exhibit showcases the United States' first photoreconnaissance imagery gathered from space. Corona was the first declassified national reconnaissance satellite program and this exhibit shows what can be achieved by the talented men and women of the National Reconnaissance Office.

"We've spent between 35 and 40 billion dollars on space. But if nothing else had come from that program except the knowledge that we get from our satellite photography, it would be worth ten times to us what the whole program cost. Because tonight, I know how many missiles the enemy has and, it turned out, our guesses were way off. We were doing things we didn't need to do. We were building things we didn't need to build. We were harboring fears we didn't need to harbor"

President
Lyndon B. Johnson

CORONA IMAGE GALLERY
(TOWER 2, LEVEL 2)



"Space
launch is the key
enabling capacity for
the Nation to exploit
and explore space"

John M. Deutch
Former CIA
Director

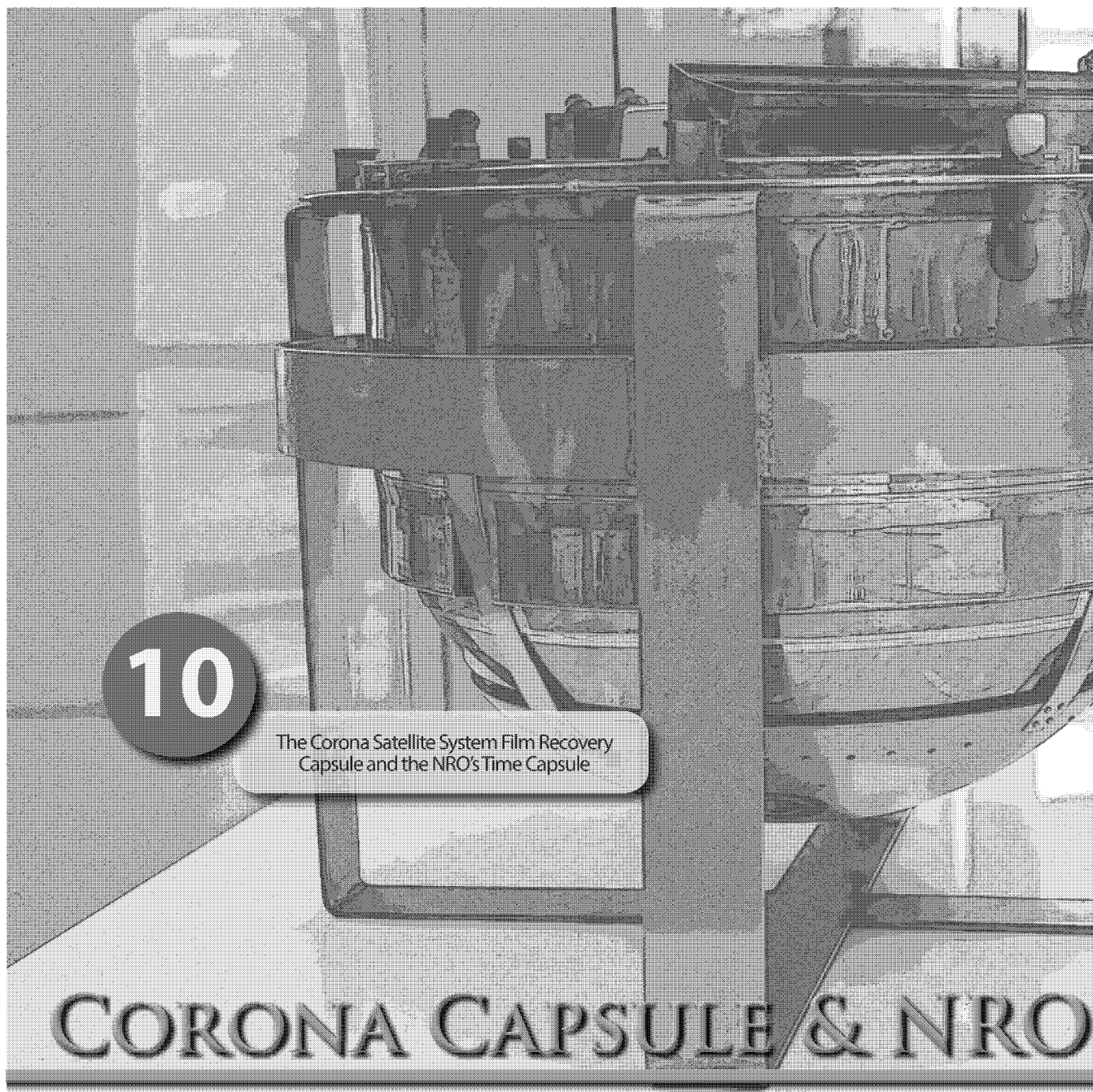
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NRO Launch Photo Gallery

Originally, all NRO launches were classified, meaning that the Office would neither confirm nor deny its involvement with a particular launch activity. In the mid-1990s, the NRO began declaring NRO launches although the actual payloads are still classified.

NRO LAUNCH GALLERY

(TOWER 2, LEVEL 2)





ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE,
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TOUR
AND FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR MISSION.

Currently, Some NRO artifacts are on loan to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the National Cryptologic Museum, and numerous agencies and locations of the Intelligence and Defense communities.

The NRO also offers mobile exhibits which are designed to further the outreach efforts of the Office regarding the history, mission, and personnel of the NRO. For more information on NRO exhibits and artifacts, please contact the NRO Curator at (703) 488-4716 or go to <http://www.nro.mil>.



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