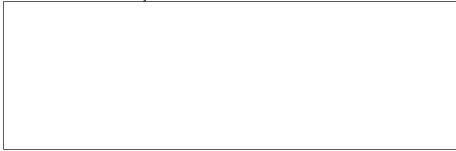


NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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22 July 2020

Christopher Weston



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REF: FOIA Case F-2020-00090

Dear Mr. Weston:

This is in response to your request dated 30 June 2020 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 2 July 2020. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested,

**"a copy of the following documents be provided to me: Photographic images of STS-1 (NASA Space Shuttle Columbia) acquired by KH-11 satellite (designated 5502) during orbit, on or around 13th April 1981."**

We have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined that in accordance with Executive Order 13526 § 3.6(a), the NRO can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified; accordingly, your request is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (1).

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically through the National FOIA Portal at [www.foia.gov](http://www.foia.gov) or via email to [FOIA@nro.mil](mailto:FOIA@nro.mil). Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at [www.ogis.archive.gov](http://www.ogis.archive.gov) for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 745-0600 and reference case number **F-2020-00090**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Allman".

Cynthia Allman  
FOIA Public Liaison