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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CRISIS MANAGER RUSSIA-UKRAINE

SUBJECT: ~~(S//NF)~~ Response to Office of the Director of National Intelligence Memorandum on Russia-Ukraine Collection Analysis Posture Updates

(U//~~FOUO~~) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) provides the following information detailing our enterprise's Russia (RUS)-Ukraine (UKR) Collection and Analysis Posture Update.

~~(S//NF)~~ Indicate how the current resources differ from your posture on 1 October 2021. Please include personnel surges or shifts, movement or emplacement of collection assets, and notable initiatives or new tasks/requirements.

~~(S//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY)~~ The NRO continues to operate overhead Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities 24/7 through our [redacted] Ground Sites and the NRO Operations Center. These organizations are now supporting a surge in operations [redacted]

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[redacted] There has been an acceleration of projects and efforts to [redacted] NRO's systems and networks in response to potential adversary threats and provide more robust mission assurance.

~~(S//SI//TK//NF)~~ Experimental and Research Demonstrators (ERD) are providing critical data to customers for exploitation.

[redacted] is providing [redacted] imaging supporting enhanced analysis [redacted] strategic [redacted] target monitoring, and [redacted] operations, as well as [redacted]

[redacted] collection management across the Geospatial Intelligence and Signals Intelligence architectures [redacted] Other NRO ERDs, [redacted]

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[redacted] responded to emergent needs and accomplished new operational tasks in response to the RUS-UKR Crisis. Additionally, [redacted] capabilities [redacted] [redacted] have also surged to support collection efforts and are seeing a significant increase in tasking. The data provided from these programs have been crucial [redacted]

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~~(S//SI//TK//NF)~~ The NRO has also responded to the high demand for releasable collection by increasing commercial collection capacity [Redacted]

[Redacted] These commercial capabilities provide timely products to our [Redacted] allies [Redacted]

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~~(S//SI//TK//NF)~~ The NRO continues to support military intelligence integration efforts through baseline tools, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

There are also on-going efforts to develop new solutions to intelligence integration requirements for the Combatant Commands and the Intelligence Community. The NRO has executed DNI guidance for sharing national intelligence for the RUS-UKR Crisis by pushing sanitized and downgraded [Redacted] intelligence [Redacted]

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Finally, the NRO and [Redacted] are helping to augment an unclassified Air Common Operating Picture [Redacted] with unclassified [Redacted] data feeds.

~~(S//NF)~~ In addition, please identify areas where you have accepted risk in order to surge for the crisis and how long you can reasonably expect to maintain current surge levels.

~~(S//TK//NF)~~ The NRO will continue to support RUS-UKR crisis requirements and maintain its current posture, as required. There are resourcing constraints that will have to be addressed if the current posture is to be enduring. If escalation were to occur, the protection and defense requirements to provide mission assurance will expand. With the current reliance on overhead ISR to provide safe standoff for traditional U.S. [Redacted] ISR assets, the NRO will continue to surge to meet customer demands and ultimately provide critical intelligence to our mission partners and allies.

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