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COORDINATION SHEET

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1	SI	Coordination	<i>[Signature]</i> Brig General Armor 28 MAR 02	14	GC		
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8	OSO	Coordination	COORD ELECTRONICALLY Parallel	21	DDMS	Coordination	COORD ELECTRONICALLY Brig Gen Fraser
9				22	DDNS	Coordination	COORD ELECTRONICALLY Mr. Lauder
10	OCC			23	DDROM	Info	COORD ELECTRONICALLY Mr. Dennis
11	CI			24	COS	Coord	Stowe 3 Apr '02 Mr. Stowe
12	OC			25	DDNRO	Coord	Mr. Fitzgerald
13	IG			26	DNRO	Approve	Mr. Teets

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	SIGINT DAG			2 Apr
SUBJECT:				DATE
Upcoming natural de-orbit of Mission 7245 (CARRIE)				28 Mar

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**SUMMARY:**

**Objective:** (S/TK) Obtain DNRO approval and signature on memorandum providing notification to senior Government personnel of the impending natural de-orbit of Mission 7245 spacecraft (CARRIE). The intent of this coordination package is to meet the requirements of NROD 24-1.

**Background:** (U//FOUO) NRO Directive 24-1 implements DCI Regulation (AR) 7-2 and establishes National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) policy and procedures for ensuring that significant intelligence activities are reported in a timely manner to the Congressional committees.

Title V of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. §401 note, requires that the Director, NRO (DNRO), as head of an agency involved in intelligence activities, keep the IC fully and currently informed of all intelligence activities.

The DCI has approved AR 7-2, Reporting of Intelligence Activities to Congress, which is aimed at standardizing and improving IC congressional notification procedures. In addition to the above-mentioned National Security Act of 1947 and AR 7-2, Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, 4 December 1981, should be used as a reference.

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Office of the Director

3 April 2002

~~(U)~~ MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

~~(S//TK)~~ SUBJECT: Notification of National Reconnaissance Office  
Satellite Uncontrolled Reentry (Mission 7245)

~~(S//TK)~~ An operational signals intelligence satellite, Communications Intelligence (COMINT) and Rapid Reporting Interferometer Experiment (CARRIE) (Mission 7245), is currently predicted to reenter the Earth's atmosphere between 30 April and 16 May 2002. As the satellite's orbit continues to decay, more precise reentry predications will become available.

~~(S//TK)~~ Launched 13 March 1994 into a low Earth orbit, CARRIE became operational in June 1994. With a planned design life of three years, the experimental satellite demonstrated the tactical utility of a dedicated overhead signals intelligence asset, used minimum support infrastructure, and demonstrated advanced technologies capabilities. Because of the extremely valuable COMINT externals mapping information provided by the satellite, tasking will continue for as long as possible.

~~(S//TK)~~ All necessary precautions are being implemented to achieve as controlled a reentry as possible. The expected debris is equivalent to the mass of a 25-inch television set scattered over 200 nm or roughly the distance from Washington D.C. to New York City. In the unlikely event that CARRIE debris survives and falls on land or into shallow or foreign waters, appropriate assistance will be sought and diplomatic notifications made by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO).

~~(S//TK)~~ Accurate predictions of a reentry location are not expected until four to six hours before the event occurs. The NRO will update the CARRIE reentry location following the event.

~~(U)~~ If you have any questions, please contact the National Reconnaissance Operations Center (NROC) at Commercial/STU-III

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