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Leadership Transition at the National Reconnaissance Office

At a ceremony presided over by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper on 6 July 2012 at the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Headquarters, Ms. Betty J. Sapp became the 18th Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO). She follows Bruce Carlson, who served as DNRO from July 2009 until July 2012. Previously Ms. Sapp served as the Principal Deputy Director of the NRO (PDDNRO) under Mr. Carlson.

The DNRO provides direction, guidance, and supervision over all matters pertaining to the NRO and executes other authorities specifically delegated by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence.

At the same ceremony, Mr. Frank Calvelli was named the new PDDNRO. He previously had held a variety of senior positions at the NRO. The PDDNRO provides overall day-to-day management of the NRO, with decision responsibility as delegated by the DNRO. In the absence of the DNRO, the PDDNRO acts on the DNRO's behalf on all matters.

The NRO is a joint Department of Defense-Intelligence Community organization responsible for developing, launching, and operating America's signals, imagery, and communications intelligence satellites to meet the national security needs of our nation.

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