

(U) National Reconnaissance Office



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(U) The **National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)** is the national program to meet the U.S. Government's intelligence needs through overhead reconnaissance. The NRO is an agency of the Department of Defense (DoD) and receives its budget through that portion of the National Intelligence Program known as the National Reconnaissance Program, which is approved both by the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). The existence of the NRO was declassified by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, as recommended by the DCI (Director of Central Intelligence), on September 18, 1992.

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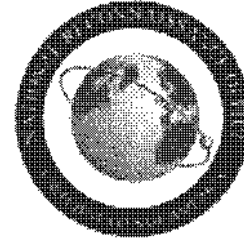
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(U) History

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(U) The National Reconnaissance Office was created on August 31, 1960 by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to manage the National Reconnaissance Program. For most of its forty-plus years the mere existence of the NRO was classified. The NRO was instrumental in assessing the Soviet missile threat throughout the Cold War. The NRO then continued to adapt to new national security concerns post-Cold War. After details of the construction of a new headquarters building in Chantilly, VA leaked out, the NRO was

National Reconnaissance Office



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Principal Deputy Director	Frank Calvelli
Deputy Director	Maj Gen Stephen T Denker
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Deputy Directors	Systems Engineering (SE) Mission Integration (MID) Business Plans & Operations (BPO) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Management Services and Operations (MS&O) Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Directorates	Mission Operations Directorate (MOD) Imagery Intelligence Systems Acquisition Directorate (IMINT) Signals Intelligence Systems Acquisition Directorate (SIGINT) Communications Systems

declassified in 1992.

(U) Mission

(U) Innovative Overhead Intelligence Systems for National Security.

Acquisition and Operations
Directorate (COMM)
Advanced Systems and
Technology Directorate
(AS&T)
Office of Space Launch (OSL)
Ground Enterprise Directorate
(GED)

(U) Vision

(U) Supra Et Ultra.

(U) NRO Leadership

- (U) **Betty Sapp** is the Director, National Reconnaissance Office.
- (U) **Frank Calvelli** is the Principal Deputy Director
- (U) **Maj Gen Steven T Denker, USAF** is the Deputy Director

(U) NRO Briefings

- NRO GEOINT Capabilities ~~(SECRET//RSEN//NOFORN)~~ on IntelDocs (Warning: 200 MB)

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(U) Useful Tools from Other Organizations

- (U) GETS - GEOINT Enterprise TPED Services

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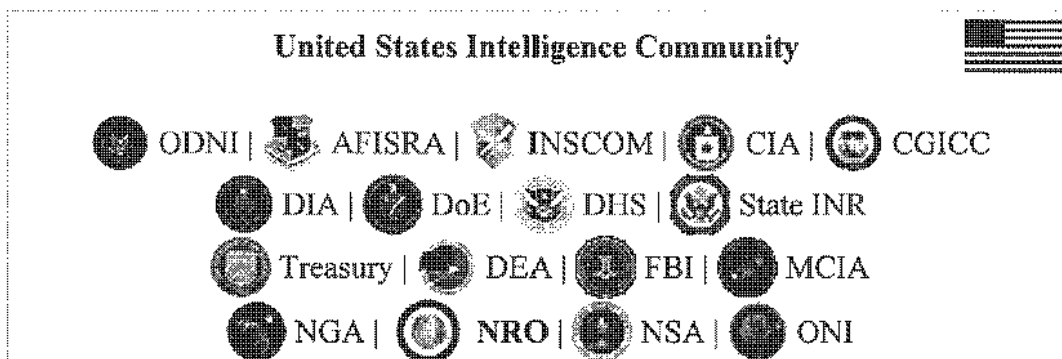
- (U) Department of Defense
- (U) Intelligence Community
- (U) National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- (U) National Security Agency
- (U) Central Intelligence Agency
- (U) Deputy Director for Mission Support
- (U) NRO Support to PACOM

- (U) NRO Field Representatives
- (U) ADF East [redacted]
- (U) NRO [redacted]

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External links (U)

- NRO Web Site
- NRO on i4S



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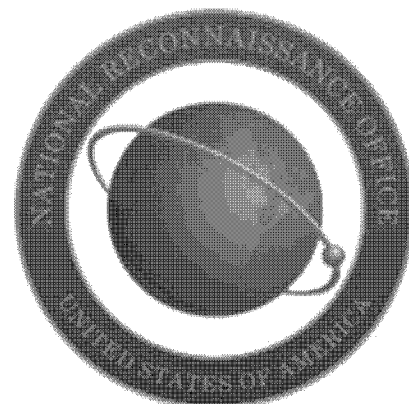
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(U) If visiting the NRO, please see Directions to National Reconnaissance Office to plan your visit. NRO IC Badge Interoperability Procedures provides information on badge reciprocity for those visiting the NRO as well as NRO employees visiting other IC agencies.

(U) Vision, Mission & Core Values

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(U) 2010 Strategic Vision Brochure 

- (U) Vision

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■ (U) Mission

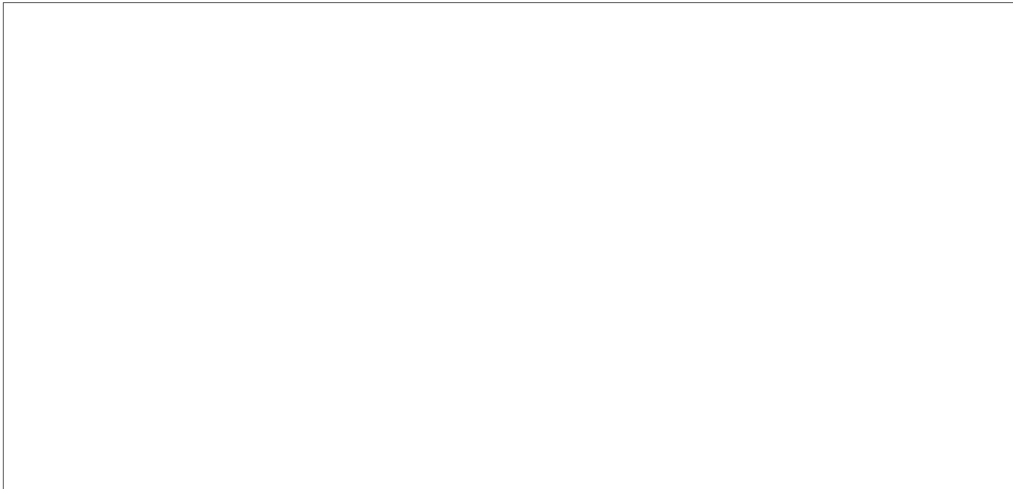
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■ (U) Core Values

Integrity and Accountability

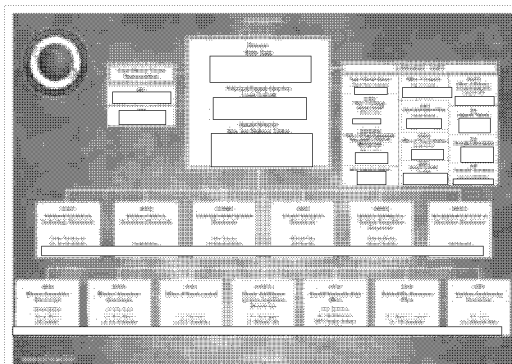
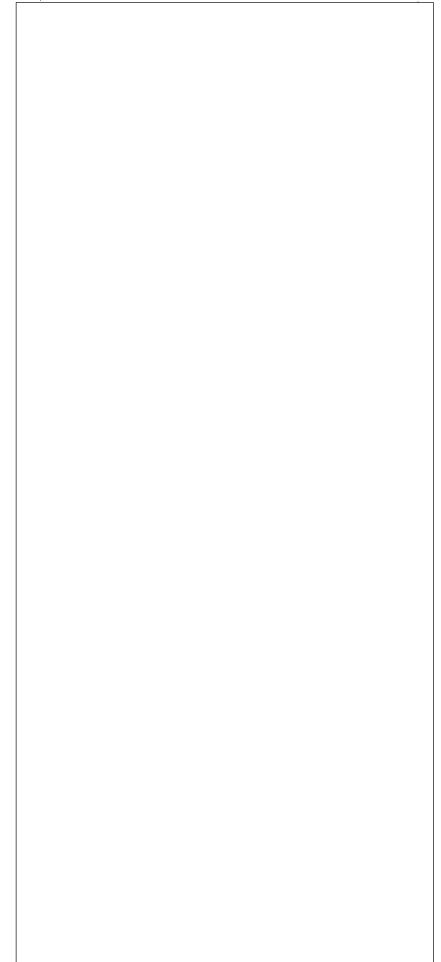
Mission Excellence

Teamwork Built on Respect and Diversity



(U) Organization

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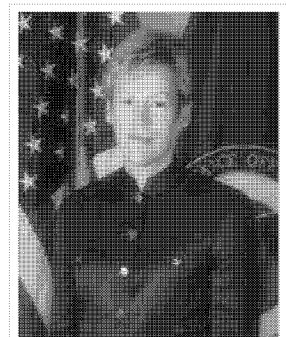


(U//FOUO) NRO Org Chart 2014-01-14

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(U) History

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(U) Betty Sapp has been the Director of the NRO since July 2012.

(U) The National Reconnaissance Office was created on 7 September 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and his Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara to manage the National Reconnaissance Program. For most of its fifty-one years, the mere existence of the NRO was classified. The first mention of the term National Reconnaissance Program and a National Reconnaissance

Office to manage it, came in a report by then director of the USAF Office of Space and Missile Systems, Joseph V. Charyk, to McNamara in July 1961. Charyk recommended combining the aerial reconnaissance assets of CIA, the U-2 and the A-12 OXCART then under development, with CIA's space-based CORONA film-return photo-reconnaissance satellite, the NRL GRAB SIGINT satellite, and USAF satellite research and development efforts under one national organization. Building on ideas first broached during the Eisenhower administration McNamara agreed with Charyk's plan and founded NRO in September 1961. Charyk became the first co-director of NRO along with CIA's Richard Bissell. After Bissell left government service in April 1962, Charyk became the sole DNRO. The NRO was instrumental in assessing the Soviet missile threat throughout the Cold War. The NRO then continued to adapt to new national security concerns post-Cold War. After details of the construction of a new headquarters building in Chantilly, Virginia leaked out, the "fact of" NRO was declassified in September 1992.

(U) JWICS Presence

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(U) The NRO home page on Intelink [redacted] provides a great starting point for NRO partners.



When discussing this topic on [redacted]

(U) NRO Customer Support Portal

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(U) The NRO Customer Support Portal ([redacted]) provides NRO customers, mission partners and the workforce with rapid centralized access to existing NRO information, products, and services in support of the Official NRO JWICS SharePoint presence. The goal is to channel users within a few clicks to resources and tools to capture requests, discover information, or facilitate productive engagements. Chat is available for Customer and Workforce support.

(U) Contact the NRO Customer Support Center for information [redacted]

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(U) Vigilance From Above Blog

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(U) In addition to the formal Intelink presence [redacted], the NRO Office of Strategic Communication maintains a blog, **Vigilance From Above** [redacted]

Latest posts:

- (U) **Launch Dedication to Mr. Jim Arnold** (June 07, 2010 10:12)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: Support to Users Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 14:42)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: SIGINT Acquisitions Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 14:36)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: Launch Acquisitions Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 13:26)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: IMINT Acquisitions Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 13:22)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: Ground Acquisitions Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 13:18)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: COMM Acquisitions Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 12:55)
- (U) **NRO Monthly Highlights: System Operations Dec 09** (January 19, 2010 12:46)

(U) Suggested Readings

- (U) NRO Reference Guide 2012 [redacted]

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- (U) The Space Sentinel
- (U) Dennis Fitzgerald Memorial Library (formerly NRO Library or Tech Library)
- (U) NRO Charter June 28 2011



- (U) Leadership, Management, and Organization for National Security Space (Young Report)



- (U) HEXAGON: Declassified



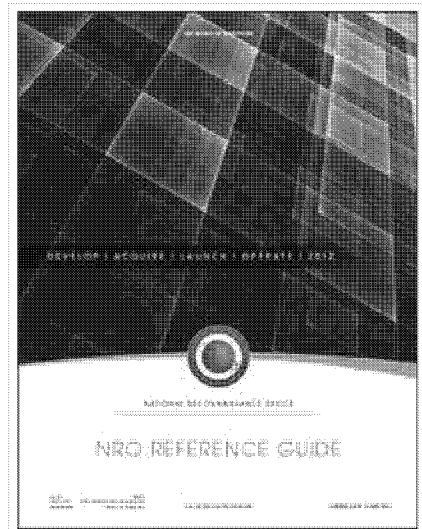
and GAMBIT: Eye of the Eagle



Recently declassified videos

detailing two of NRO's historic reconnaissance programs.

- (~~S//TK//REL~~) NRO Satellite Resource Guide, 01OCT11



(U) NRO Reference Guide 2012.

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(U) External Links

- (U) CSNR: Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance on Intellipedia



- (U) NRO on Intelink
- (U) Acquisition Research Center (ARC) on Intelink
- (~~S//TK//REL FVEY~~) Overall NRO Constellation

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: Dated April 2011

(U) OS&CI Security Notice: REAL ID Act – Changes to Access at NRO Facilities

Federal Law Requires Changes to Access Procedures at Federal Facilities:

The REAL ID Act is a Federal law that creates national standards for state-issued driver's licenses and requires Federal Agencies to apply the new rules for individuals entering their facilities. The new law will impact visitors to NRO facilities or IC personnel visiting other Federal buildings. IC badges will continue to be accepted for access to NRO and IC facilities.

Currently, the following states and U.S. territories are non-compliant with the law's new standards: American Samoa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, and Washington State, (updated as of January 2016). This list will be updated as they become compliant.

NRO will immediately begin a notification period during which visitors attempting to access NRO facilities with driver's licenses from the aforementioned non-compliant states and U.S. territory, will be notified that their licenses are non-compliant with the law's standard; however, they will be allowed to enter.

On July 21, 2014, following the end of the notification period, security personnel will enforce the new law. This

[Redacted]

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Below are a few ways NRO Personnel can mitigate potential confusion and expedite access procedures for visitors as federal agencies begin to enforce this new standard:

• Visitors to NRO facilities:

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For additional

information about the REAL ID Act, please visit www.dhs.gov/secure-drivers-licenses.

For additional information on how this relates to the NRO access, please call the Security Duty Office (SDO) at

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The NRO designs, builds and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites. NRO products, provided to an expanding list of customers like the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), can warn of potential trouble spots around the world, help plan military operations, and monitor the environment.

As part of the 16-member Intelligence Community, the NRO plays a primary role in achieving information superiority for the U. S. Government and Armed Forces.

A DoD agency, the NRO is staffed by DoD and CIA personnel. It is funded through the National Reconnaissance Program, part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program.



NRO Seal

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Vision

Vigilance From Above

Our Mission

Innovative Overhead Intelligence Systems for National Security

The NRO is a joint organization engaged in the research and development, acquisition, launch and operation of overhead reconnaissance systems necessary to meet the needs of the Intelligence Community and of the Department of Defense. The NRO conducts other activities as directed by the Secretary of Defense and/or the Director of National Intelligence.

In recent years, the NRO has implemented a series of actions declassifying some of its operations. The organization was declassified in September 1992 followed by the location of its headquarters in Chantilly, VA, in 1994. In February 1995, CORONA, a photoreconnaissance program in operation from 1960 to 1972, was declassified and 800,000 CORONA images were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration. In December 1996, the NRO announced for the first time, in advance, the

launch of a reconnaissance satellite.

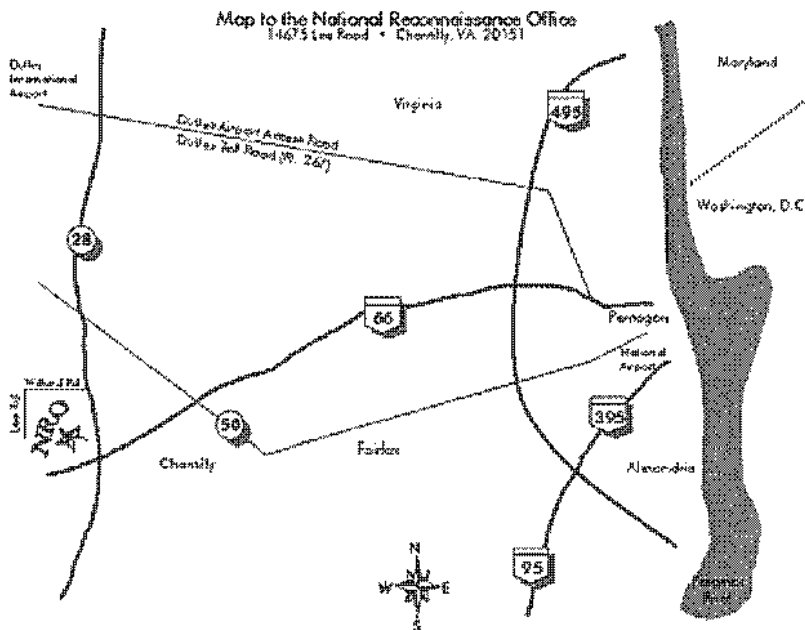
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Directions



From DC:

- Rt. 66 West toward Manassas/Front Royal (Dulles Airport)
- Exit onto Rt. 28 North toward Dulles Airport
- Turn left onto Willard Road (you will have passed the complex on your left)
- Turn left at the light onto Lee Road
- Turn left into the Visitor Entrance (first entrance) and proceed straight ahead to the Visitor Center

From Points North: Take I-495 South into Virginia

OPTION 1:

- Exit 45A, Dulles Toll Road (Rt. 267) West toward Dulles Airport (cost \$.50)
- Exit Rt. 28 South toward Centerville (cost \$.35)
- Cross over Rt. 50 (you will see the complex ahead on the right)
- Turn right onto Willard Road
- Turn left at the light onto Lee Road
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OPTION 2:

- Exit 49, Rt. 66 West toward Manassas/Front Royal
- Exit onto Rt. 28 North toward Dulles Airport
- Turn left onto Willard Road (you will have passed the complex on your left)
- Turn left at the light onto Lee Road
- Turn left into the Visitor Entrance (first entrance) and proceed straight ahead to the Visitor Center

From Dulles Airport:

- Take airport road exit onto Rt. 28 (Sully Road) South
- Turn right onto Willard Road
- Turn left at the light onto Lee Road
- Turn left into the Visitor Entrance (first entrance) and proceed straight ahead to the Visitor Center

For More Information

- NRO Website
- National Reconnaissance Office

Interagency Visual Media Group (IVMG)

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