DECLASSIFYING "FACT OF" NRO RADAR SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE

I have recently received concurrence from the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to implement our plan to declassify the "fact of" NRO radar satellite reconnaissance. The effective date for declassification will be upon completion of the implementation plan on 9 June 2008.

The declassification of NRO radar satellite reconnaissance from SECRET//REL to UNCLASSIFIED is limited to "fact of" only, not to "facts about." Remaining classified are details regarding past, current and future capabilities, specific satellites, mission numbers, program names, performance, and technologies employed. No formal public announcement is planned.

The declassification implementation plan includes formal notifications to oversight elements and other appropriate stakeholders. Additionally, the plan provides security guidance and education, classification guide changes, public affairs/communication plans, procedures and points of contact for questions and to monitor implementation.

During the implementation period, all current classification rules will remain in effect. Additional information regarding implementation, training, and education may be obtained through your directorate or office security staff. The lead office for the implementation is the IMINT Security Staff along with NRO/OS&CI Policy Branch.

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