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National Reconnaissance Office  
Attention: FOIA Office  
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Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to [Redacted] or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) case log for your agency, for calendar years 2000 through the end of 2012.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Case Number	Status	Case Type	SubType	Track	Date Open	Description	Requestor	Date Closed
E-13-5	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			11/30/2012	APPEAL -Pages 94-96 of "The GAMBIT Story"	Pesavento, Peter	12/10/2012
E-13-4	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			11/15/2012	1) Weekly Activity Report 10/28/82 (2pages) 2) Weekly Report 10/29/82 (2 pages) 3) Weekly Report 10/28/82 (1 page)	Weinberg, David	11/21/2012
E-13-3	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	MDR	11/1/2012	Referral from SMC - DTIC #AD362544 on the Discovery satellite system. Record titled, "Thermal Restudy of the Discoverer Mark 2 Vehicle"  See also F13-0009	Segletes, Steven	11/1/2012
E-13-2	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			10/16/2012	Two Parts: 1) All released documents about Film Readout GAMBIT from October 2012 and 2) higher quality pictures of QUILL Antenna, QUILL Fairing, and Figures 22 and 23 in the QUILL Butterworth history.	David, James	10/24/2012
E-13-1	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial		10/11/2012	Records of the Film Read Out GAMBIT, or FROG, program.	Horzempa, Philip	10/25/2012
E-12-74	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			9/18/2012	Records of all meetings between SECDEF Robert McNamara and DNRO Charyk between October 16th and October 27th 1962	Burr, William	10/1/2012
E-12-66	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			8/3/2012	"Document identified (title redacted) at the very top of page two of the NRO History Office Bibliography of Historical Publications"	Ravnitzky, Michael	8/10/2012
E-12-67	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			8/3/2012	"The Full historical Document identified (title redacted) as the sixth item under the SIGINT category, on page two of the NRO history Office Bibliography of Historical Publications"	Ravnitzky, Michael	8/10/2012
E-12-58	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			7/19/2012	Surveillance of Cuba (1 page)	Dirks, John	7/26/2012
E-12-59	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			7/19/2012	Commercial Satellite Communications (SATCOM) Survivability (2 pages)	Laprise, John	7/26/2012
E-12-60	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			7/19/2012	APPEAL: Videos 1) Overt to Covert, 2) Minutes 14:00-53:45 in NRO Historical Overview video.  Original: Three videotapes: 1) Media Training (Strickland, Olsen and Fitzgerald). 2) NRO Historical Overview. 3) Overt to Covert	Ravnitzky, Michael	10/24/2012
E-12-55	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			7/10/2012	Request all Memoranda from L.B. Molaskey of Perkin-Elmer from 26 July 1971- May 1972 found within NRO ARC, Job 199900043 Box 4 File 24. About TRIESTE Recovery.	Mathers, Lee	7/26/2012
E-12-56	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			7/10/2012	Memo for the SecDef: Management of National Reconnaissance Program <del>(TS)</del> (1page)	Outzen, James	7/10/2012
E-12-49	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/22/2012	"History of the POPPY Satellite System. NRO, Director, Program C, October 1978"	Ravnitzky, Michael	6/22/2012
E-12-50	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/22/2012	"Synchronous SIGINT Satellite Operations, A Continuing History. Two Volumes. NRO, Program B, Cir 1986 and December 1989"	Ravnitzky, Michael	7/9/2012
E-12-51	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	MDR	6/22/2012	"Bradburn, David et al. The SIGINT Satellite Story. NRO, 1 December 1994" [Already in process in E12-0022]  Fedex Tracking number: 9019 9692 8319	Ravnitzky, Michael	6/15/2015
E-12-52	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	MDR	6/22/2012	"R. Cargill Hall. The Air Force and the National Security Space Program, 1946-1986. NRO, 1988" [Already in process in E12-0030]	Ravnitzky, Michael	6/30/2014
E-12-47	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial		6/20/2012	Records regarding the UPWARD program...Lunar Mapping and Survey System, or LMSS  See also F12-0110 (administratively closed upon initiation of this case)	Horzempa, Philip	8/6/2012
E-12-43	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/18/2012	Volume V of the Robert A. Perry "A History of Satellite Reconnaissance" (218 pages)	Ravnitzky, Michael	6/19/2012

E-12-44	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/18/2012	"The Sixth document identified on the top of page 2 of the NRO history office Bibliography of Historical Publications"	Ravnitzky , Michael	6/19/2012
E-12-45	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/18/2012	"The sixth document identified under the SIGINT heading on page 2 of the NRO History Office Bibliography of Historical Publications"	Ravnitzky , Michael	6/19/2012
E-12-46	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/18/2012	U.S. Navy Intelligence (SIGINT) Satellites (1958-1962), NRO, SIGINT Directorate/LEO System Program Office, 12 January 1998 [ See same request under F07-0088, E11-0019, and E12-0033]	Ravnitzky , Michael	7/9/2012
E-12-30	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	The Air Force and National Security Space Program 1946-1986. Published 1988 by R. Cargill Hall (219 pages) [See also E12-0052] [In Coordination with USAF since June 2012]	Page , JT	9/5/2013
E-12-31	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	Synchronous SIGINT Satellite Operations, a Continuing History, 1963-1989. [NRO Program B, Circa Dec 1989] (Ch I-IV, 53 pages; Ch V, 40 pages)	Page , JT	5/22/2012
E-12-32	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial		5/7/2012	Air Force Special Projects Production Facility History. Volume I - Overview (335 pages); Volume II - Resources 152 pages; Volume III - Phaseout (39 pages)  [In coordination with [redacted] USAF since July 2012]	Page , JT (b)(3)	8/6/2014
E-12-33	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	US Navy Intelligence [SIGINT] Satellites 1958-1962. NRO SIGINT Directorate/LEO Systems Program Office, 12 Jan 1998 (100 pages) See Also: F07-0088 and E11-0019 which are a larger history which this document is part of.	Page , JT	7/9/2012
E-12-34	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	From the Sea to the Stars: History of the US Navy and Space-Related Activities. Center for Naval Analyses, June 1997.	Page , JT	9/10/2012
E-12-35	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	A History of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program (356 pages) [See also F11-0059, F12-143]	Page , JT	4/24/2013
E-12-36	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			5/7/2012	The NRO Research and Development Program 1960-1997 (36 pages)	Hagood, John	5/22/2012
E-12-22	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	MDR	3/26/2012	The SIGINT Satellite Story (429 pages) [See also E12-0051] [ISCAP APPEAL 2013-060: As of 3/29/13]	Pesavento, Peter	6/12/2015
E-12-19	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			3/6/2012	Gambit Yellowbrick Road (14 pages). Ten photographs to be included with the reprinted Gambit Story.	Outzen, James	3/6/2012
E-12-17	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			2/23/2012	EK Picture Book (32 pages)	Outzen, James	2/24/2012
E-12-11	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			12/13/2011	HEXGAON (KH-9) Mapping Camera Program and Evolution. Dated December 1982	Outzen, James	1/12/2012
E-12-9	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			12/2/2011	The KH-9 Search and MCG Performance Study Volume II Historical Performance Summary (73 pages)	Outzen, James	12/14/2011
E-11-59	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			8/8/2011	2 Disks RE: KH8 & KH9 Data Usage etc. For ITT in order for the Kodak people to include them in a history for their 30 Sep celebration event for the declassification of Gam-Hex.	Datema , Phil	2/7/2013
E-11-55	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			6/17/2011	Taking Stock of the National Reconnaissance Program (22 pages)	Kuskey, Ken	7/11/2011
E-11-38	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			3/14/2011	Oral history audio tape and/or written transcript for Dr. Hans Mark (5 Sep 01/27 Sep 01)	Page , JT	2/9/2012
E-11-39	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			3/14/2011	Oral history audio tape and/or written transcript for John McLucas (12 Jul/15 Aug 01)	Page , JT	2/7/2012
E-11-40	Open	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	MDR	3/14/2011	Oral history audio tape and /or written transcript for Gen Thomas Moorman (7 Jun 1997)	Page , JT	

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E-11-37	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			3/4/2011	MDR request for "History for 4000 Aerospace Applications Group (02-01-1963 through 12-31-1973), Air Force Historical Research Agency document	Page , JT	6/2/2011
E-11-35	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			3/1/2011	SAF Order #116.1 dated 29 Nov 1961	Swan, Pete	7/1/2011
E-11-21	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Rambling letter about previous request to Air Force, FBI, etc. regarding UFO's and Majestic 12. MDR request for "a copy of that letter and if any NRO Satelllite has ever detect a UFO creating A Crop Circle . . ." Additional letter dtd 19 Feb 2011, rcd on 25 Feb 2011, requesting declassification of "Top Secret SCG on DSP Satellite." Checked with Declass and OS&CI - document, if exists, would belong to Air Force Sent letter on 8 Mar 2011 notifying requester that the NRO does not have the document.	Graham, Lee	1/31/2011
E-11-22	Closed	Mandatory Declassification	Initial	Complex	1/25/2011	Oral History audio tape and/or written transcript for Pete Aldridge, 13 Nov 1996	Page , JT	3/2/2015
E-11-23	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History Interview, audio and/or written transcript, of Richard Garwin, 26 Sept 1996.	Page , JT	2/24/2012
E-11-24	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History interview (audio and/or written transcript) for Martin Faga, 25 Nov 1996.	Page , JT	3/5/2012
E-11-25	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History audio tape and/or written transcript for Keith Hall interview, 19-20 Dec, 0 (year unknown) * please see attached audio tape list *	Page , JT	10/18/2012
E-11-26	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History for Franklynn Robert Sperberg, 7 Jul 1998. (22 pages)	Page , JT	2/26/2013
E-11-27	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History interview audio and/or written transcript with Alexander Flax, 22 May 1997.	Page , JT	1/25/2012
E-11-28	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/25/2011	Oral History audio and/or written transcript from Dr. Charles Cook interview, 31 Jul 01/15 Aug ??.	Page , JT	2/24/2012
E-11-11	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	NRO Redaction Guide for Westfields Freedom of Information Act Requests, 10 July 1995 (#4 on page 153 of NRO RRG, 2008)	Page , JT	8/16/2011
E-11-12	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	SecDef memo "Declassification of Specified Information Relating to the National Reconnaissance Office, 15 Sep 1992 #9 on pg 153, NRO RRG 2008	Page , JT	3/15/2011
E-11-13	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	NRO CORONA, LANYARD (CAL) Declassification Guide, approved 2 August 1996 by DDNRO - item #8 on page 153 in the RRG	Page , JT	5/25/2011
E-11-14	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	OP/CSNR email - subject - "Decision on Declassification Fact of NRO Use of the Shuttle, 7 Sept 2001	Page , JT	8/12/2011
E-11-15	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	OS/Security Policy email attachment to MS/IDRC dated 27 June 2001, containing a paper titled "Declassified NRO Information," intended as general guidance for SAF/SP and SAF/SS Alumni #68 on pg 159 of NRO RRG 2008 14Feb11-Placed in holding queue.	Page , JT	8/11/2011
E-11-16	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			1/18/2011	Copy of memo to SMC/AX/HQ/MT from SMC/CC on declassification of missile detection alarm system (MIDAS) program classified national security information, 30 Nov 1998 #110 on pg 163 of NRO RRG 2008 14Feb11-Placed in holding queue.	Page , JT	7/14/2011

E-11-17	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			Announcement Manager email to W31-all, Update on BYEMAN Retirement , 6 May 2005 1/18/2011 #130 on pg 165 of the RRG, 2008	Page , JT	9/27/2011
E-11-18	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			14Feb11-Placed in holding queue. DoD Office of Public Affairs Fact Sheet, SAMOS 3 Launch, 9 September 1961 1/18/2011 #42 on pg 157 of RRG 2008	Page , JT	2/14/2011
E-11-19	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			US Navy/Program C Electronic Intelligence Satellites (1958-1977), published by LEO Systems Program Office 3 Sept 1998 1/18/2011 #40 on pg 156 of RRG 2008 NOTE: This document is in coordination w/Department of Navy as of May 2010, in case F07-0088. See Also E12-0033 is a portion of this from 1958-1962	Page , JT	7/9/2012
E-11-20	Closed	Mandatory Declassification			NRO Launch Information Protection Guide (NRO Launch IPG), 20 June 2004 1/18/2011 #11 on pg 154 of NRO RRG 2008	Page , JT	6/2/2011