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CSNR ▶ Research, Studies and Analysis (RSA)

Analytic Insight and Lessons Learned

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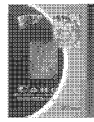
From the Puzzle of Many To the Clarity of One

A monograph describing the debut of the interoperable intelligence community badge.



Beyond Expectations

A book of recollections from the Pioneers and Founders of National Reconnaissance. Published by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS).



Corona: Between the Sun and Earth

A book publicly documenting the Corona story. Published by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS).

Analytic Dialogue

(U) **Symposia, Panel Sessions, etc.** The Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance sponsors and hosts symposia, panel sessions, and other fora to enter into dialogue and advance the discipline and practice of national reconnaissance.

Meet the Author Series – Quest for Hyperspectral

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NRO Journal, Winter 2009



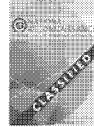
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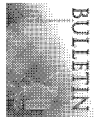
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Conducting Analytic Assessments

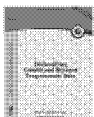
(U) The CSNR RSA Section carries out research and analysis into the discipline of national reconnaissance in support of policy and programmatic decisions.

FOIA/MDRs

(U) The CSNR supports declassification review actions for the Office of Business, Plans and Operations (BPO), particularly for those documents that involve information on NRO legacy satellite systems. These actions come in the form of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests and Mandatory Declassification Reviews (MDRs). The law requires the NRO to respond to these actions within prescribed timelines. The CSNR supports BPO in an advisory role, providing historical insight to resolve differences on responses and appeals by the requestors. In some instances, these appeals may involve the NRO General Counsel in meetings with external government groups such as the Information Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) and the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

Policy Decision Risk Assessments (PDRAs)

(U) The CSNR produces Policy Decision Risk Assessments as required. The purpose of a PDRA is to assess the implications of a proposed policy change that would declassify information and technical data associated with retired or obsolete national reconnaissance programs. The PDRA weighs the pros and cons of a proposed change and identifies categories of data considered to be non-sensitive for declassification or still sensitive requiring continued classification. A PDRA is coordinated internally and externally as appropriate. It is usually a key supporting document of a policy decision memorandum to a senior official such as the DNRO and DCI requesting approval of a proposed declassification policy change.



Declassifying Gambit and Hexagon Programmatic Data

A Policy Decision Risk Assessment weighing the risks of declassifying programmatic data associated with the obsolete Gambit and Hexagon reconnaissance programs.



Declassifying the "Fact of" NRO Radar Satellite Reconnaissance

A Policy Decision Risk Assessment weighing the risks of declassifying the limited fact of the NRO's development of a spaced-based radar capability.



Declassifying the "Fact of" the NRO's Use of the Space Shuttle as a Launch Vehicle

A Policy Decision Risk Assessment weighing the risks of declassifying the limited fact that the NRO used the Space Shuttle to launch its satellites.

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