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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE STAFF

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] briefings

We are having increasing difficulty keeping track of the personnel who are accessed for NRO programs and studies. A primary reason for this is the reluctance of NRO Staff personnel to have those they are briefing complete a briefing oath. The requirement is that whenever non-NRO Staff personnel are briefed for new [REDACTED] programs or studies, an oath must be completed. The individual must provide any information required and must sign the oath. This policy applies to all personnel, with the exception of only a few VIP's.

Concerning VIP's within DOD, the DOD/DIA policy is that only a few people fall into this category, i.e., Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Chiefs and Vice Chiefs of the four services, and the Director and Deputy Director of DIA. That's it.

Many of you are hesitant to ask a general officer or high ranking civilian to complete and sign an oath. Any temporary alleviation of embarrassment this may provide will probably be more than offset when that individual shows at [REDACTED] meeting and no record can be found that he holds the necessary access(s) to attend. One other thing you need to remember is that we must confirm an individual's security eligibility to receive new briefings. The fact that they hold other compartmented accesses is NOT a sufficient determination of eligibility. Please let us ascertain their eligibility before they are briefed. We can do it quickly and it may keep all of us out of a jam later.

We solicit your cooperation and will be happy to provide any assistance.

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