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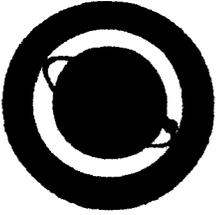14675 Lee Road
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Fundamental Classification Guidance Review

REFERENCES: (a) Executive Order 13526 - *Classified National Security Information*, 29 December 2009

(b) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, *Fundamental Classification Guidance Review*, 27 January 2011

(c) ODNI Memorandum, *Fundamental Classification Guidance Review*, 26 May 2011

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is providing this progress report on our Fundamental Classification Guide Review (FCGR) as requested in references (b) and (c).

The Integrated NRO Classification Guide (INCG), described in our last report, entered the NRO's Corporate Decision Process (CDP) which consists of an ascending level of briefings to NRO Corporate Group, Board, and Council representatives to discuss and resolve any remaining concerns, resulting in a final version signed by the DNRO who is an Original Classification Authority (OCA). During these deliberations, all NRO OCAs are in attendance and participate as well as NSA and NGA representatives.

The Council approved the INCG and the DNRO signed it on 13 January 2012. We will now begin an educational campaign to socialize the existence and use of the INCG. We will also begin the review of our program-specific guides and convert them to annexes to the INCG, as appropriate, with a target date for completion of 27 June 2012.

We were successful in declassifying two key items and decompartmenting two others to a non-SCI level. Additionally, the NRO gains efficiencies by standardizing the introductory boilerplate and common items of information applicable to all programs and offices. Now when changes are required in that material, they need only be made to the INCG but will apply across the NRO. The INCG Annexes will contain only program-

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specific items unique to their respective focus areas, but will
be reviewed for uniformity and consistency with other programs
due to centralized control over the INCG. Some joint programs,
however, will still maintain a stand-alone classification guide
depending upon the makeup of the user environment and mission
partner requirements.

The status of NRO security classification guides (SCG) is as
follows:
- Total number of NRO SCGs: 29
- Total number of SCGs for which a FCGR **has** been initiated:
  29
- Total number of SCGs for which a FCGR has **not** been
  initiated: 0
- Total number of SCGs for which a FCGR has been completed: 6
- Total number of SCGs scheduled for retirement/cancellation:
  2

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