

(U) SECURITY

National Reconnaissance Program



(S) The NRO's Office of Security provides a secure environment where critical operational activities may be effectively and efficiently carried out without compromise. Consolidated under the NRO Director of Security, common core security services for the NRO facilitate centralized security support to all NRO operations and its industrial partners. Core security services include personnel security, facilities and information security, security training and awareness, and security policy and operations support. This centralization provides consistent and cost effective development and implementation of policy and standards, reciprocity with the entire security community, and maximum responsiveness to the needs of NRO programs and their supporting contractor base. Consolidation into Westfields has had little, if any, effect on the requirement for funding for these services. Overall, security requirements have remained constant. The increase in FY 98 is due to corrections made in forward funding in FY 97.

(U) The NRO maintains a close working relationship, more like a partnership, with its contractor base regarding security. Contractors play an integral role and provide valuable feedback relative to potential implementation problems associated with proposed policies. Ongoing participation in organizations such as the Industrial Security Working Group and Contractor Automated Information Security Working Group offers additional opportunities for close government and contractor collaboration to provide the most effective security support possible.

(U) Policy and Operational Support

(S) The policy and operations support function supports the overall development of NRO security policy implemented by government and industry organizations working with the NRO. The centralized security policy function has paid enormous dividends in the development, promulgation, and implementation of consistent, timely, and cost effective security policy for the NRO. This function is experiencing considerable growth. The increase in declassification activities, growth in Freedom of Information Act support, sizable jump in the volume and complexity of litigation support, substantial requirement for participation in intelligence community fora, and continued implementation of and compliance with requirements established by Executive Orders are but a few of the areas of current focus.

(S) Consolidation of the functions since 1992 resulted in dramatic improvements and we continue to incorporate innovative ideas into our daily operations. Policy is currently incorporating Jeremiah Panel recommendations and Joint DoD/CIA IG recommendations into their daily operations. A zero-base review of the material protected within the current NRO security

system is under way. The goal: to drastically shrink the system to better safeguard the minimum amount of data that requires protection. Once this review is complete, we must create declassification guidelines to properly manage and declassify documentation. In addition, decompartmentation and declassification of NRO corporate relationships is in progress.

**(U) Personnel Security**

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Other personnel security costs fund internal support functions such as polygraph facility rental, equipment, and contractor support. The personnel security function continues to streamline processes by developing and using automated tools, establishing key relationships and on-line connections to other government agencies, and enhancing the eligibility notification process, among other initiatives. Our major initiative in this area is the pursuit of an Expert System Design and Database Integration Tool that will allow transition from an efficient, yet labor intensive, paper-based process to an automated process employing advanced decision support technologies.

**(U) Facilities and Information Security**

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(U) Declassification of the NRO headquarters organization and associated personnel has allowed facilities and information security representatives to assume an increasingly more active and visible role in national level policy development. This includes working with those committees within the US Security Policy Board structure dealing with facilities and information systems business areas. Additionally, this division is streamlining security processes with regard to reciprocity agreements with many of NRO's mission partners and customers, such as NSA, CIA, and DIA, to facilitate interaction.

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**(U) Security Training and Awareness**

(U) The security training and awareness function ensures both NRO government and contractor personnel understand security requirements. The NRO's security education courses stress not only security requirements, but also methods for finding innovative and cost effective means of implementing those requirements. The security education and training program has also been essential in keeping personnel aware of the extensive and widespread changes in security policy taking place within the NRO and in the national security community as a whole. Security training provides the critical educational link between security policy development and implementation.

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division's inception in 1991. Courses address such areas as an overview of NRO security and its mission; topics relating to NRO security such as effective business practices, classification issues, and risk management; applied briefing skills; industrial security officer training; combatting terrorism and information systems security. We plan approximately two new course development efforts per year for FY 98 and FY 99, along with maintenance and update of existing courses.

(U) We hosted or participated in 26 security awareness events across the country in 1996. These events which resulted in approximately 3,000 contacts, provided NRO team members with security awareness materials, indoctrination and security education videos, and guest speakers on a wide range of topics. A major focus this year has been Internet security awareness. Our training personnel designed, developed, and are distributing an Internet resource package, including posters, reference materials, and two videos. More than 100,000 security awareness items (the Internet package, various posters and job aids) were distributed in 1996, a 50-fold increase since 1994. As a result, we have seen heightened security awareness by NRO personnel, specifically Internet users. An on-line security awareness tool, developed and maintained by training personnel, provides up-to-date desktop security education, policy, and awareness materials to all NRO government and contractor computer networks and was accessed nearly 20,000 times during 1996.

(U) The Computer Assisted Training System (CATS) team has developed an initial set of four computer-based training modules on secure computing, everyday security issues, contract security, and Intelligence Oversight (E.O. 12333). The CATS team will complete these products in December 1996. We will install the modules at the West fields headquarters facility and a mission ground station initially, with possible additional users throughout the intelligence community. The mission ground station installation will mark a significant milestone in the CATS program—the first operational use of multimedia, cross platform-compatible computer based training on a large-scale network. Once installed, all NRO personnel and contractors on the Contractor Wide Area Network (CWAN) will be able to access CATS training modules from their desktop, saving time and money in the delivery of these courses to the community. Computer-based training module development will continue at the rate of 8-12 modules per year through FY 98. Expansion of computer-based training networking capability will closely follow the NRO's migration to a new network architecture, making security training readily available on every workstation by FY 98. This function has also developed a computer-based

classification decision tool that will aid program security officers in deciding the correct classification of an item and the justification for that decision. We will use this tool frequently as program classifications change due to the ongoing NRO zero-base classification review.

### (U) Classification Management

(U) An NRO program is set up in response to Presidential Executive Order 12958. It entails collecting, indexing, reviewing, and redacting classified NRO records to produce an unclassified records collection that can be released to the public. The program will continue in FY 97 using the balance of FY 96 funding.

**National Reconnaissance Program** *(Dollars in Thousands)*  
**Classification Management**  
**Funds by Expenditure Center and Base/Ongoing/**  
**New**  
**FY 1996-2003**

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**Security Declassification by Project**  
**FY 1996-2003**

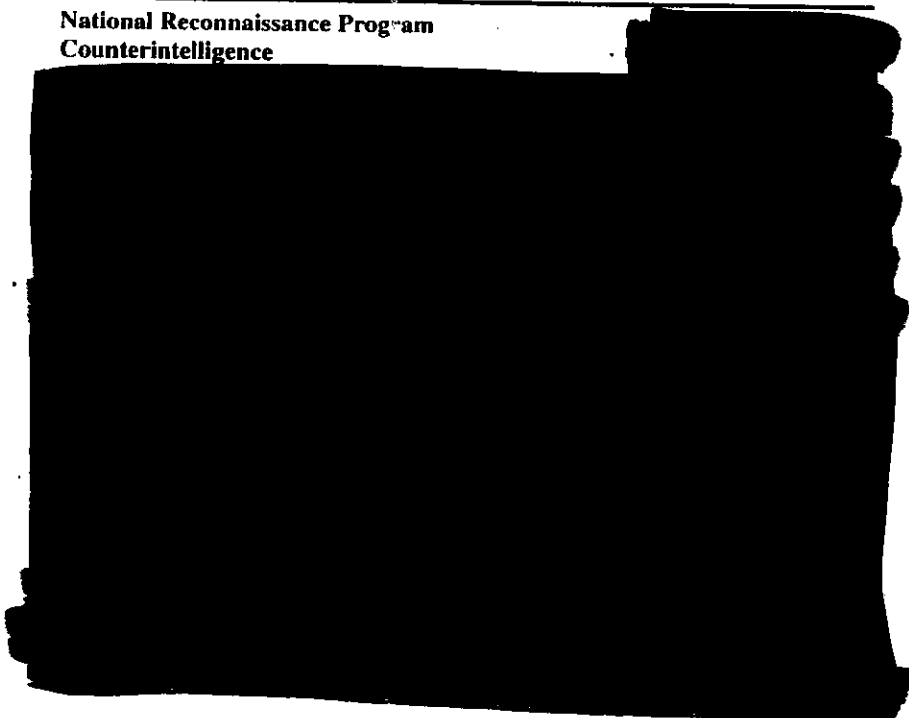
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**(U) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE**

**National Reconnaissance Program  
Counterintelligence**



(U) The NRO Counterintelligence (CI) Staff executes the NRO CI program in concert with the Strategic Intelligence Review (SIR) for Counterintelligence. The SIR identifies core issues of concern to senior intelligence consumers in the policy making, law enforcement, and military-operational communities, and provides guidance for allocating resources to address these issues.



**(U) Neutralizing Threats**



(S) To combat the SIR issues, the NRO CI awareness program remains current, vital, and active. We have recently initiated a robust briefing schedule for FY 97. We continue to publish and disseminate periodic CI threat summaries to both NRO government and contractor locations worldwide and have introduced CI Info-Notes and CI Staff Counterterrorism Reports on an ad-hoc basis which stress items of interest to the NRO community. All awareness briefings and documentation focus on targeting by nontraditional countries and threats to information systems and military operations.

**(U) Counterintelligence Inquiries**



(U) Counterterrorism

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(U) The NRO CI Staff has always supported a robust counterterrorism threat program and conducted assessments of operational site countermeasures programs. As a member of the Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism Community Counterterrorism Board, we have enhanced our insight into community counterterrorism threat issues. A new group, the DoD Antiterrorism Coordinating Committee, is evolving to address antiterrorism issues in the wake of the Khobar Towers bombing. The CI Staff will provide appropriate support to this committee. These liaisons ensure we are postured and prepared to respond to terrorism issues as they arise.

(U) The NRO CI Staff program execution satisfies the highest priority issues in the SIR—primarily accomplished through proactive awareness programs and specific NRO support. Our CI program provides a significant increase in the protection of our facilities, programs, personnel, and information for a fraction of their net worth in both dollars and the impact to national security if compromised. In addition, to better comply with the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) and to improve CI accountability, funding was increased to support travel and training for CI/Antiterrorism purposes.