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Sent via *U.S. mail*
December 13, 2012
Re: FOIA Case Number: **20130009F**

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated **October 10, 2012**, which we received on **October 10, 2012**. You requested access to *“a copy of each [annual report to the Director of National Intelligence on the declassification of historical intelligence satellite imagery pursuant to executive order 12951] annual report to the DNI since May 2010”*.

A search of NGA’s system of records located two documents (16 pages) that are responsive to your request. We reviewed the responsive documents and with coordination from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), determined that a partial release of the documents (nine pages) will be released pursuant to Exemption 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of the FOIA.

Exemption 1 protects from disclosure information which is properly classified pursuant under an Executive Order. In your case, the deleted information is denied because it is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526 Section 1.4 and pertains to (c) intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology.

Exemption 2 protects records that relate only to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.

Exemption 3 incorporates non-disclosure provisions contained in existing Federal statutes. In your case, the Federal statutes that prevent disclosure are 10 U.S.C. §457, which pertains to operational files previously maintained by or concerning activities of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) and 10 U.S.C. §424, which protects organizational and personnel information for Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), National Reconnaissance Office, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

Exemption 5 protects from disclosure inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.

Exemption 6 protects all information about individuals in “personnel and medical files, and similar files” when disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you are dissatisfied with this response to your request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal by writing to the address below and referencing FOIA case number **201300009F**. Please include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement about why the records should be disclosed. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the date of this letter:

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FOIA Requester Service Center
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If you choose not to appeal, but have questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Helen Brownie Chapman, FOIA Program Manager, at 571-557-2987 or by email at Helen.B.Chapman@nga.mil.

Sincerely,

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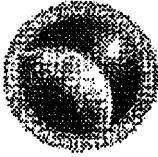
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Declassification of Historical Imagery

- REFERENCES:
- a. (U) DNI Memorandum, "Re-establishment of Program for Review of Imagery From Space-Based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems," E/S 00399, 26 May 2010 (U)
 - b. (U) Executive Order 12951, "Release of Imagery Acquired by Space-Based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems," 22 February 1995 (U)
 - c. (U) DNI Memorandum, "Declassification of Historical Imagery," ^{(b) (3)} 10 U.S.C. 457, 18 January 2011 (TS//SI//TK//NF)

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ As directed by Reference a, enclosed is the annual report to DNI on the status of the Historical Imagery Declassification (HID) Review.

2. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ DNI appointed the Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as the accountable official for developing, implementing, and managing a program for the periodic review of imagery from obsolete space-based national reconnaissance systems, a responsibility imposed on DNI by Reference b. ^{(b) (3)}

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^{(b) (3)} With the determination that the KH-9 panoramic camera missions are obsolete as identified in Reference c, the HID working groups proceeded with a formal declassification review process for imagery from the KH-9 missions.

3. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ HID Panel representatives have concurred on a plan for phased declassification of approximately ^{(b) (3)} of the KH-9 panoramic camera system imagery collected between 1971 and 1984. To make the data accessible to the public, the HID Panel is conferring with the National Archives and Records Administration on requirements for accepting the original negative records and associated finding aids.

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U-2012-1040

SUBJECT: ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Declassification of Historical Imagery

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Enclosures

1. (U) 2011 Historical Imagery Declassification Annual Report ~~(TS//TK//NF)~~

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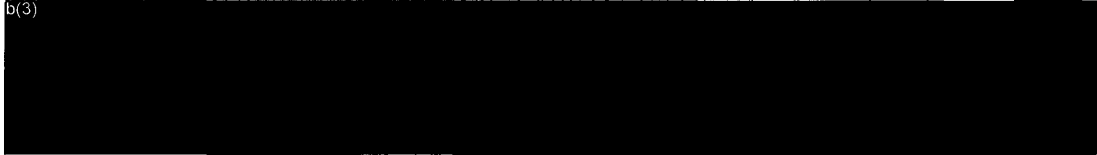


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2011 HISTORICAL IMAGERY DECLASSIFICATION ANNUAL REPORT

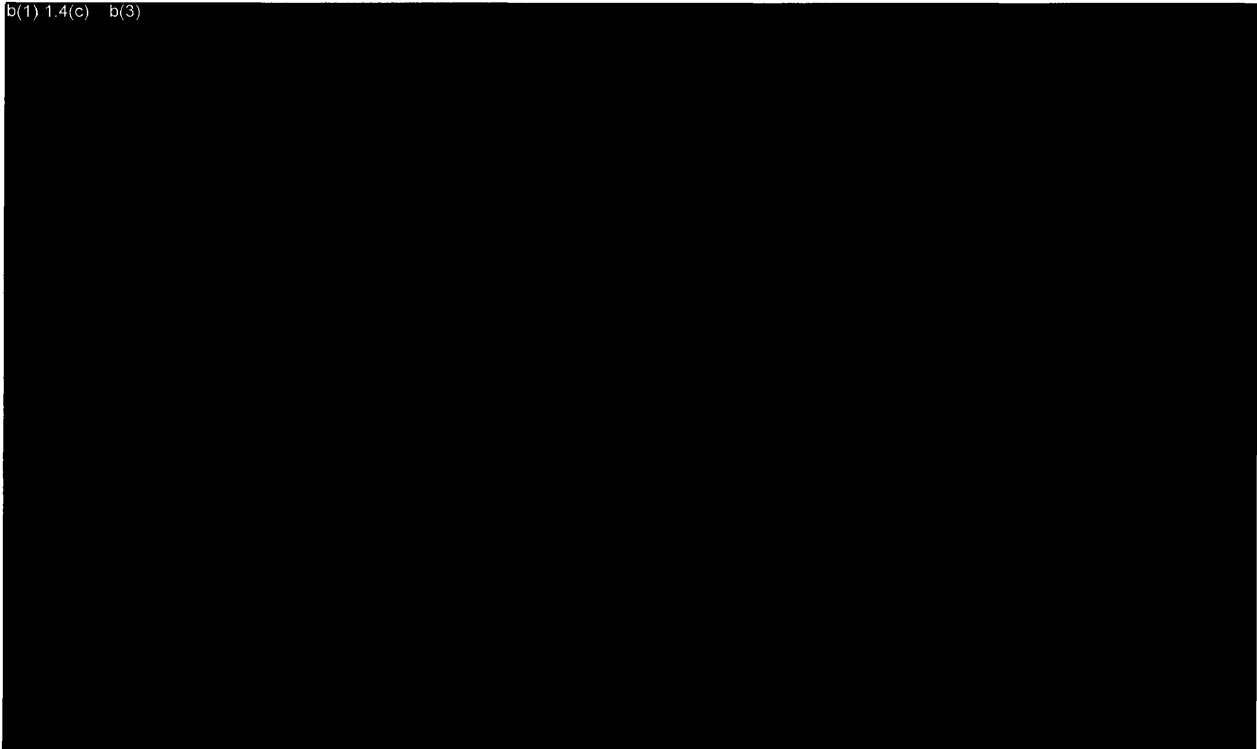
1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ By memorandum dated 26 May 2010 ("Re-establishment of Program for Review of Imagery From Space-Based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems," ^{b(3)} the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) appointed the Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (D/NGA) as the accountable official for developing, implementing, and managing a program for the periodic review of imagery from obsolete space-based national reconnaissance systems. DNI's responsibility derives from Executive Order (E.O.) 12951 ^{b(3)}



2. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ In January 2011, on the basis of recommendations from the HID Panel, DNI declared the KH-9 panoramic camera mission to be obsolete within the meaning of E.O. 12951. This opened the way for the formal declassification review process of imagery from the KH-9 missions collected between 1971 and 1984. The HID Panel completed recommendations for declassification of the KH-9, and its final report has been forwarded to the DNI under separate memorandum with D/NGA's endorsement.

3. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ The HID Panel recommends that KH-9 panoramic camera system imagery collected between June 1971 and October 1984 be declassified with the following exceptions¹:

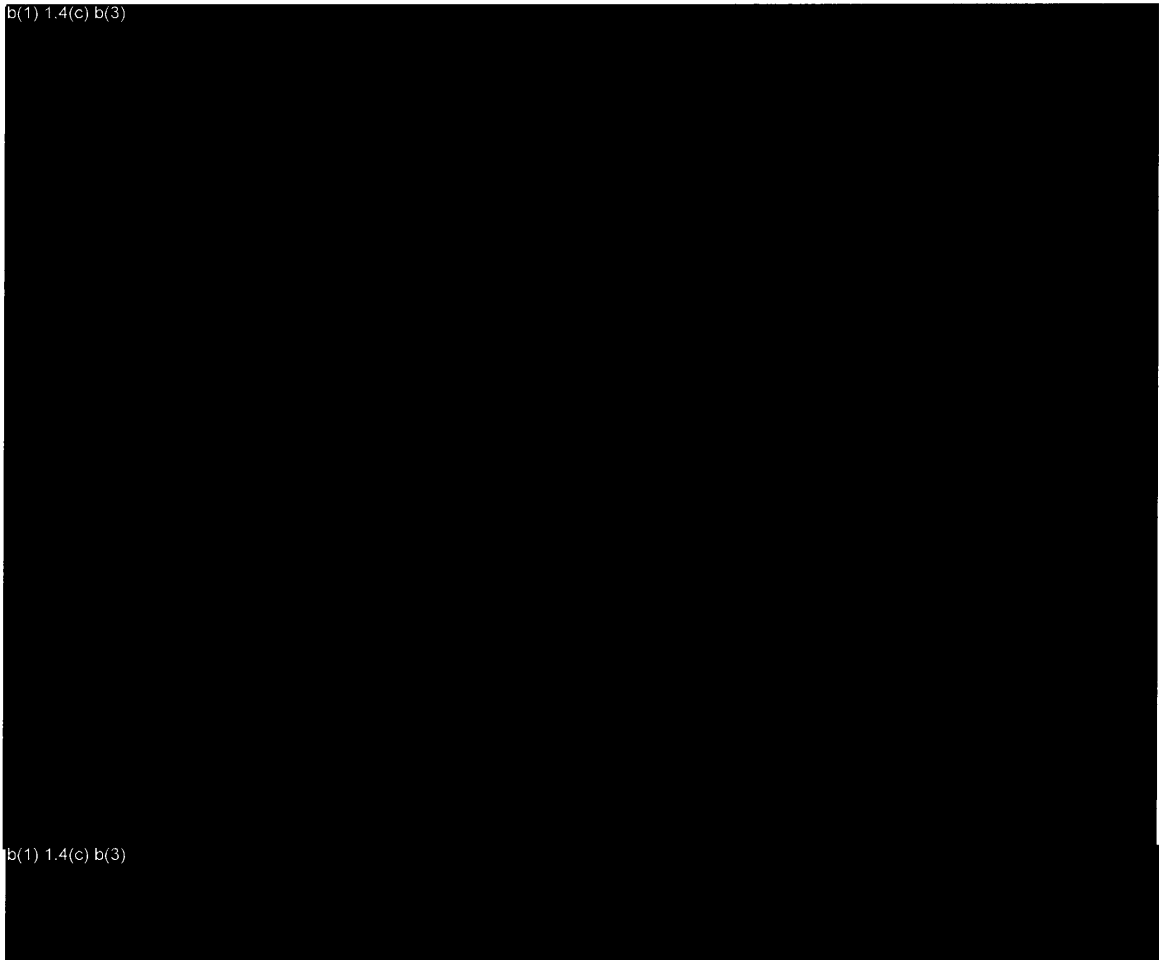
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- a. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Upon DNI approval, NGA and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will execute a Memorandum of Understanding regarding specifics for declassification and transfer of KH-9 panoramic camera system imagery. NGA will ensure that original photographic material (original negative imagery or duplicate positive imagery)^{b(3)}

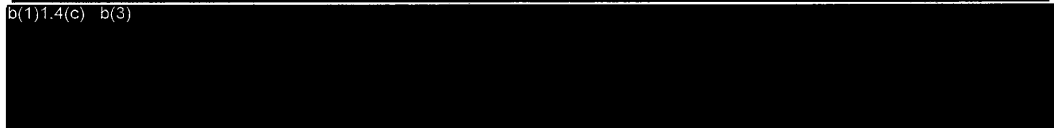
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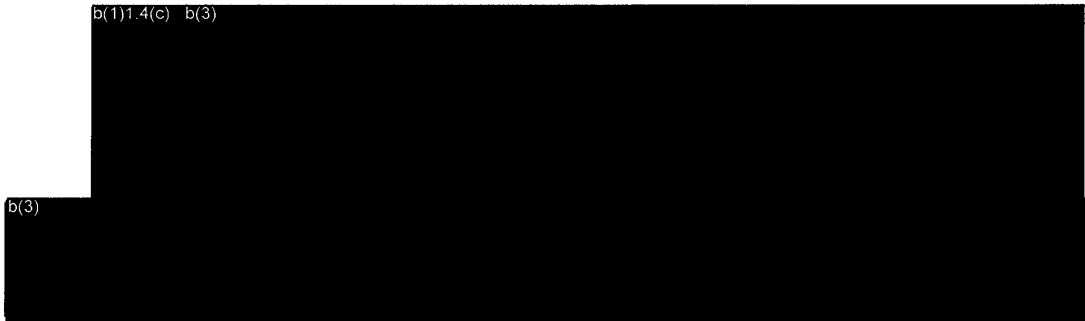


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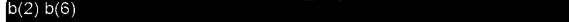
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6. (U) This document is submitted to satisfy the annual reporting requirement contained in the aforementioned DNI tasking memorandum. Additional reports will be made as requested or warranted.

7. (U) The point of contact for this effort is  ^{b(2) b(6)} who may be reached at  ^{b(2) b(6)}

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REFERENCES:

a ~~(U//FOUO)~~ DNI Memo, "Re-establishment of Program for Review of Imagery from Space-based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems," ^{b(3)} 26 May 2010

b ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Executive Order 12951, "Release of Imagery Acquired by Space-based National Intelligence Reconnaissance Systems," 22 February 1995.

1 ~~(U//FOUO)~~ As directed by the ^{b(5)} instruction (Reference a), enclosed is the annual report to DNI on the status of Historical Imagery Declassification (HID) review.

2 ~~(U//FOUO)~~ ^{b(5)} DNI appointed the Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as the "accountable official for developing, implementing, and managing a program for the periodic review of imagery from obsolete space-based national reconnaissance systems," a responsibility imposed on DNI by Executive Order 12951 (Reference b). ^{b(3)}

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4 (U) The POC for this effort is ^{b(2) b(6)}
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Enclosure

1. (U) Annual HID Report, 30 September 2010 ~~(TS//SI//TK//NF)~~

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ANNUAL REPORT

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HISTORICAL IMAGERY DECLASSIFICATION

30 September 2010

1 ~~(U//FOUO)~~ ^{b(5)} [REDACTED] the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) appointed the Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (D/NGA) as the accountable official for developing, implementing, and managing a program for the periodic review of imagery from obsolete space-based national reconnaissance systems. DNI's responsibility derives from Executive Order (E.O.) 12951 ^{b(3)}

^{b(3)} [REDACTED]

^{b(1) b(3)} [REDACTED]

- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Recommendation After careful review and coordination amongst intelligence Community agencies and stakeholders, the working group recommends to

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DNI that the KH-9 panoramic camera mission be declared "obsolete" within the meaning of E.O. 12951. Upon DNI's declaration, IRWG will begin the formal declassification review process of imagery from the KH-9 mission, consisting of imagery collected between 1971 and 1984, covering most of the Earth's surface.

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4. (U) This document is submitted to satisfy the annual reporting requirement contained in the DNI tasking memorandum dated 26 May 2010. Additional reports will be made as requested or warranted.

5. (U) The point of contact for this effort is ^{b(2) b(3)} [redacted]
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Enclosures

- 1. (U) Terms of Reference (~~U//FOUO~~)
- 2. (U) Work Plan (~~S//NF~~)
- 3. (U) Assumptions and Findings (~~TS//SI//TK//NF~~)

cc:
HID Panel Members

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(U) HISTORICAL IMAGERY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROGRAM

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¹ (U) EO 13526, *Classified National Security Information*, issued 29 December 2009, deals with classification and declassification of all other national security information, including imagery derived reporting system programatics, etc.

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