

MEMORANDUM TO ALL NRO PERSONNEL

15 September 1992

SUBJECT: Personal Profiles Authorized for the Initial Overt NRO Period

1. This letter provides interim guidance to all NRO government people concerning their personal profiles during the initial days of an overt NRO. I refer you to the referenced message which discusses the new overt NRO in detail.

2. When the existence of the NRO is openly acknowledged, there will initially be no change in how people acknowledge their affiliation with the NRO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This includes military and civilian personnel transactions, civil documentation such as loan applications, and social settings.

3. In the near future, we will explore a policy that will allow our people to acknowledge their affiliation [REDACTED] No disclosure would be allowed in situations where there is potential for compromising the collection mission. Over the next month, we will set into place a mechanism for allowing a discrete spectrum of levels of acknowledgement for the various elements of the NRO. The levels will be based on an assessment of the risks of disclosure. Some individuals, such as those at mission ground stations, would have to keep their affiliation

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compartmented. Details of the levels and the timetable for issuance of guidance to elements of the NRO are being developed.

4. DSPO personnel, because of their unique linkage to the NRO through their support to military operations mission and occupancy of the unclassified NRO location in the Pentagon Suite can acknowledge their affiliation as follows: Only if asked, DSPO members may indicate they "support the NRO". This disclosure may be made in a professional setting or to family members if confronted with a difficult situation requiring explanation beyond normal professional or social inquiries. For example, if asked if you are in the NRO, respond as described above. DSPO and other Suite residents will receive a detailed briefing on this subject.

5. Finally, because of its proximity to the overt Public Affairs Office, all NRO members and Suite visitors should primarily use the 9th corridor entrance if permanently badged. Individuals who must use the 10th corridor entrance should use extreme caution to avoid media and other uncleared visitors to the Public Affairs office.

5. Please contact the NRO Staff security office at [REDACTED] in the Suite if you have questions.



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3. In the near future, we will explore a policy that will allow our people to acknowledge their affiliation at less than SCI levels. No disclosure would be allowed in situations where there is potential for compromising the collection mission. Over the next month, we will set into place a mechanism for allowing a discrete spectrum of levels of acknowledgement for the various elements of the NRO. The levels will be based on an assessment of the risks of disclosure. [REDACTED]


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