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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY?  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND  
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
COMMANDER, NAVAL SECURITY GROUP  
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE  
CENTER  
COMMANDER, STRATEGIC COMMAND

**SUBJECT:** Declassification of POPPY Electronic Intelligence Reconnaissance Satellite Program (1962-1977)

**REFERENCE:** National SIGINT Committee Memorandum for DCI (same subject), approved 11 May 2004

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1. By the reference document, the Director of Central Intelligence approved declassification of the POPPY Program and declassification of selected information about the program. Initial public release will feature a brochure and museum display, including recognition of key contributors to the POPPY Program. Accordingly, the following ceremonies have been planned:
    - a. The Director, National Reconnaissance Office will host a POPPY Recognition Event at the National Reconnaissance Office on 12 September 2005.
    - b. The Director, National Security Agency will host an unveiling of the POPPY museum display at the National Cryptologic Museum on 13 September 2005.
  2. Based on the historical records of the POPPY Program and the predecessor GRAB Program (declassified June 1998), the joint (NRO/NSA/Navy/CIA) POPPY Declassification Integrated Process Team (IPT) has nominated 159 key contributors. These individuals are listed in the attachment, ordered alphabetically under each participating parent organization. Particular contributions of each individual are listed for your information. The IPT will nominate others for recognition upon your identification of those persons prior to the scheduled events.

  
Chairman, POPPY Declassification IPT

**Attachment:**  
Key Contributors to the GRAB and POPPY Programs