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(U) CYBERSPACE POLICY

~~(U//FOUO)~~ Cyberspace, for the purpose of this policy note, is the domain characterized by the use of electronics and the electromagnetic spectrum to store, modify, and exchange data via network systems and associated physical infrastructures. Further, cyberspace includes Intelligence Community (IC) and Department of Defense (DoD) overhead reconnaissance systems and associated infrastructure.


~~(U//FOUO)~~ Cyberspace presents both opportunities and threats to our nation and its overhead reconnaissance systems. The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) develops and operates key capabilities that offer unique cyberspace capabilities and effects for our mission partners while protecting against adversary cyberspace exploitation.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ As a result, the NRO has three cyberspace priorities:

- ~~(U//FOUO)~~ - ~~(U)~~ First, protect and b3 defend NRO terrestrial and overhead systems and networks;
- (U) Second, enable IC and DoD cyberspace operations (CO); and
- ~~(S//TK//NF)~~ Third, conduct research and development to demonstrate overhead reconnaissance capabilities b1 b3  
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~~(U//FOUO)~~ The Office of Policy and Strategy (OP&S) will shape the development of NRO cyberspace policy and strategy in concert with the appropriate directorates, offices, and mission partners. NRO cyberspace-related programs and activities will be managed within NRO line organizations. OP&S will ensure implementation of the policy and strategy.

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