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## NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road  
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20 December 2013

This is in response to your request dated 3 August 2013, addressed to the Office of Inspector General in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) received in the Information Management Services Office of the (NRO) on 15 August 2013. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting a copy of "the documents and/or any response provided to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change in response to their February 25, 2013 letter...."

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. After a thorough search of our records and databases, we located two pages responsive to your request. These pages are being released to you in part.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

(b) (3) which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office"; and


(b) (6) Which applies to records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters, which means you are responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours (\$44.00/hour) and reproduction fees (.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. In this case, no assessable fees were incurred in processing your request. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at [www.nro.gov](http://www.nro.gov).

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to do so, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F13-0120**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "J".

Douglas J. Davis  
Chief, Information Review  
and Release Group

enclosure: 29 March 2013 NRO Inspector General letter



**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

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29 March 2013

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Co-Chair  
Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change  
Capitol Hill  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Senator Whitehouse and Representative Waxman:

I am writing in response to your 25 February 2013 letter requesting my help in assessing the response of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) to the growing threat posed by climate change. Specifically, your Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change has asked the NRO Office of Inspector General (OIG) to respond to two requests. The first is to "(1) identify the existing requirements in legislation, regulation, executive order, and other directives that apply to the government entity you oversee, (2) assess whether it is meeting these requirements, and (3) if it is not meeting these requirements, make recommendations for improving its performance." The second request was for an "assessment of (1) the authorities the government entity you oversee has to reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution, (2) its authorities to make the nation more resilient to the effects of climate change, and (3) the most effective steps it could take to reduce emissions or strengthen resiliency."

We will address your concerns by conducting an inspection that will include a high-level assessment of NRO's compliance with federal requirements relating to climate change and other energy rules and regulations. We will issue a report by the close of this fiscal year detailing recommendations for improving efficiencies or correcting identified weaknesses, where warranted.

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
The Honorable Henry A. Waxman

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Should you wish to contact us during the course of our review, please have your staff contact (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424, (b)(6) (lead inspector) at (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 or (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424, (b)(6) at (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424 (Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Mission Inspections).

Sincerely,

~~Lanie D'Alessandro~~

Lanie D'Alessandro  
Inspector General

cc:

Chairman and Vice Chairman, Senate  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
Chairman and Ranking Member, House  
Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence