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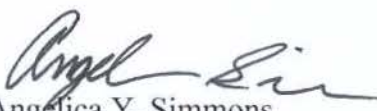
To: Mr. John Greenewald

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Case Number F09-0095. You requested "all Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Comity Agreements at the NRO since the date of NRO Case F03-0033 in 2003.

The NRO located a document responsive to your request and forwarded to United States Africa Command for our release determination. After reviewing the information, we have determined the enclosed document is releasable to you in entirety.

There is no charge for this service. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at + 49 (0)711-729- 4287, e-mail [foia@usafricom.mil](mailto:foia@usafricom.mil), and refer to Case Number 2013-10.

  
Angelica Y. Simmons  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosure:  
Support Relationship MOU

2008-04341

~~(U)~~ MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE  
AND  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND  
ON  
SUPPORT RELATIONSHIP

A. ~~(U)~~ PURPOSE. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the formal support relationship between the United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM) and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) to enhance the application of national systems products and services in support of USAFRICOM and service component commander requirements.

B. ~~(U)~~ REFERENCES.

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 6/3: Protecting Sensitive Compartmented Information within Information Systems
2. ~~(U)~~ Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and Shell Agreement: Foreigners Permit of Stay and Technical Expert Status Accreditation (TESA)
3. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ DCID 6/9: Physical Security Standards for Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Facilities (SCIFs)
4. ~~(U)~~ U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Regulation 600-700: TESA
5. ~~(U)~~ NRO Field Representative Site Survey Checklist

C. ~~(U)~~ BACKGROUND.

1. ~~(U)~~ The application of national systems products and services can be a critical link in the successful execution of warfare by the operational forces of the U.S. and the wide variety of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and coalition partners in the African Theater. With the continued execution of this MOU, the NRO agrees to provide on-site and deployable expertise in national systems operations, education and training services, experimentation and exercise support.

2. ~~(U)~~ The scope of this MOU is limited to direct intelligence and operational support, planning, and



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logistics considerations. Appropriate law and joint doctrine will govern security and policy matters.

3. ~~(U)~~ NRO Support will be provided by the permanent assignment of a military officer (O-4/O-5) as the NRO Senior Field Representative (SFR) and/or a civilian contractor Field Representative (FR) at Headquarters (HQ) USAFRICOM to provide continuous assistance as specified in the NRO responsibilities section (D.1.) of this MOU. Additionally, regional FRs will be assigned to other theater locations as mutually agreed. The scope of responsibility and authority for the regional FRs will be detailed in separate MOUs between the principal supported command and the NRO, and included as annexes to this document.

D. ~~(U)~~ RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. ~~(U)~~ The NRO will

a. ~~(U)~~ Fund travel in support of unique NRO/Deputy Director for Mission Support (DDMS)/User Engagement Group (UEG) requirements.

b. ~~(U)~~ Budget for and fund the NRO SFR and FR positions and associated costs, to include salary, normal permanent change of station and temporary duty costs, travel in support of NRO mission and any special equipment and such other services required for SFR/FR operations in support of USAFRICOM or other NRO users in the USAFRICOM Area of Responsibility. Any assignments requiring military transportation and/or government berthing/messing will be provided by USAFRICOM.

c. ~~(U)~~ Certify security clearances for NRO personnel to the HQ USAFRICOM Special Security Office with authorization to recertify.

d. ~~(U)~~ Provide SFR/FR Operations and Planning Support:

1) ~~(U)~~ Assist in research, development, and staffing of planning issues relating to the flow

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of national systems data within the USAFRICOM Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I) architecture.

2) ~~(U)~~ Assist in coordination of national systems-related issues between operations and intelligence.

3) ~~(U)~~ Assess USAFRICOM Combined Task Force (CTF) and Joint Task Force (JTF) requirements and issues, provide feedback to NRO Headquarters for analysis and potential solution development.

4) ~~(U)~~ Participate in operations and intelligence working groups and conferences.

5) ~~(U)~~ Coordinate NRO in-theater support to USAFRICOM and other commands as required.

6) ~~(U)~~ Assist USAFRICOM representatives at intelligence-related meetings and conferences sponsored by national or Department of Defense organizations.

7) ~~(U)~~ Facilitate the application of national level expertise, capabilities, and technologies in support of theater reconnaissance issues, including processing, dissemination, and analysis.

a) ~~(U)~~ Assist in resolving national systems releasability issues within the USAFRICOM theater.

b) ~~(U)~~ When requested, assist in determining responsiveness of national systems tasking and data dissemination.

c) ~~(U)~~ Provide command support as outlined in paragraphs C & D of the NRO Field Representative Site Survey Checklist.



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d) ~~(U)~~ Coordinate with host site communications support personnel to facilitate NRO communications personnel access to circuits and equipment for necessary maintenance and upgrades.

e) ~~(U)~~ Provide communications circuits, special equipment support, and maintenance of NRO equipment as necessary for SFR/FR to maintain secure contact with required organizations.

e. ~~(U)~~ Provide Training and Readiness Support:

1) ~~(U)~~ Identify and provide assistance in tasking national systems subject matter experts to assist USAFRICOM in conducting theater joint training, to include understanding of systems' missions, capabilities, limitations, products, and tasking procedures.

2) ~~(U)~~ Assist in the development of training support for USAFRICOM training initiatives.

3) ~~(U)~~ Facilitate NRO national support to USAFRICOM theater-level and component exercises to include:

a) ~~(U)~~ Coordination with NRO Exercise Agents.

b) ~~(U)~~ Coordination of installation and operation of NRO-sponsored exercise support hardware and software.

4) ~~(U)~~ Provide continuing training and education support to ensure realistic expectations of national systems capabilities by operational commanders.

5) ~~(U)~~ Provide assistance in obtaining and presenting information relevant to current and

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future national systems capabilities and requirements.

6) ~~(U)~~ Identify product and service improvements desired by USAFRICOM and component commands.

f. ~~(U)~~ Provide NRO-sponsored Systems Support:

1) ~~(U)~~ Arrange and/or conduct hardware and software troubleshooting support for NRO-sponsored systems in the USAFRICOM theater, including component commands and CTF/JTF sites.

2) ~~(U)~~ Monitor NRO-sponsored system performance, reporting anomalies and ambiguities to the DDMS/UEG for analysis and resolution.

3) ~~(U)~~ Coordinate NRO-sponsored initiatives and test objectives in USAFRICOM exercises and demonstrations.

4) ~~(U)~~ Identify product and service improvements desired by USAFRICOM.

2. ~~(U)~~ USAFRICOM will provide

a. ~~(U)~~ Required local security accesses. HQ USAFRICOM will recertify and provide courier authorization as required by the SFR/FR to properly perform their missions.

b. ~~(U)~~ Logistical support, as established by reference 2, and coordination of logistics support in accordance with reference 4.

c. ~~(U)~~ Properly accredited secure office and storage space in accordance with reference 3, including telephones and power.

d. ~~(U)~~ Access for NRO communications personnel to NRO communications circuits and equipment for maintenance and upgrades.



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e. ~~(U)~~ Information systems hardware/software support to enable SFR/FR integration into Director of Intelligence and Knowledge Development (IKDEV) and Director of Operations and Logistics daily operations.

f. ~~(U)~~ Assistance in arranging Sensitive Compartmented Information communications support.

g. ~~(U)~~ Access to theater operations/contingency plans as deemed appropriate by USAFRICOM.

h. ~~(U)~~ Military transportation, messing, and berthing when circumstances of mission assignments preclude use of commercial facilities.

i. ~~(U)~~ Performance evaluation input on the NRO SFR and FR upon request for award considerations, personnel management actions, and future assignment planning:

1) ~~(U)~~ SFR: HQ USAFRICOM Director of Intelligence and Knowledge Development (IKDEV) and Director of Operations and Logistics will provide rating/evaluation input for the NRO SFR. A consolidated rating/evaluation input will be forwarded to the Director, DDMS/UEG for consideration.

2) ~~(U)~~ FR: The primary rating/assessment authority for the NRO FR is the company or firm they are employed with. The FR's assessment writer will solicit input from the SFR and key personnel at each principal supported command to be included in the overall assessment.

j. ~~(U)~~ Funding for travel of NRO personnel when HQ USAFRICOM directs that travel.

**E. ~~(U)~~ IMPLEMENTATION.**

~~(U)~~ This document will become binding and enter into force once signed by all parties. Signatories to this MOU or their successors may request renegotiation of all or part of this

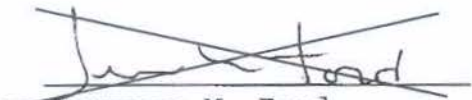


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agreement. The MOU will be reviewed bi-annually, and all parties holding the offices of the signatories at the time of any change, must approve changes. Termination of the agreement may occur upon mutual consent or 90 days after written notification.

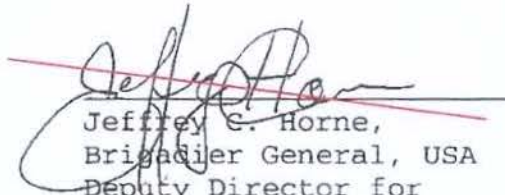
CONCLUDED AND SIGNED IN TWO ORIGINALS FOR Headquarters, UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND:

CONCLUDED AND SIGNED IN TWO ORIGINALS FOR THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE:



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