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REF: NRO Case Number F-2022-00165

Dear Mr. Phelan:

This is in response to your request dated 6 July 2022 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 7 July 2022. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting, **"The following records:**

**(1) Any and all Optical Satellite Imaging, Synthetic-Aperture Radar Imaging, Radar bands, and polarization (X Band, C Band, L Band) data; any and all RF Spectrum data; aerial photographs; as well as any and all analysis, memoranda or electronic correspondence regarding such images or data as they pertain to the time period on March 20th, 2022 from 1340 hours to 1430 hours (Pacific local time), observing a rectangular region demarcated by the following geospatial points near the coast of San Diego:**

**Point 1: 33°32'13" N 118°45'51" W**

**Point 2: 33°40'03" N 117°58'15" W**

**Point 3: 33°30'44" N 117°43'44" W**

**Point 4: 33°12'50" N 118°25'49" W**

**Please conduct a comprehensive search for the requested records also generated by the office's communications with other government agencies and offices related to this request, if extant, including the US Air Force, the US Navy, the FAA, the NOAA, US Government archives, and US Government contractors."**

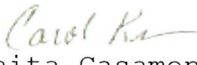
The subject of your request is outside the scope of the NRO's mission and functions. The NRO is a joint organization engaged in the research and development, acquisition, launch and operation of overhead reconnaissance systems necessary to meet the needs of the Intelligence Community and of the Department of Defense. In this capacity, the raw data collected by NRO systems is provided to other government organizations for processing into a usable intelligence product. Once that product is created, it falls under the purview of the agency that created it, and that agency makes all determinations regarding its further dissemination and use. To be clear, NRO does not maintain a searchable imagery repository, nor does it conduct analysis of imagery or imagery products; therefore, we can take no further action with regard to your request.

While the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency is the U.S.

Government's primary satellite imagery production and analysis agency, the imagery repository it maintains for the period you have requested is exempt from FOIA search and review. The U.S. Geological Survey, however, maintains a web site through which unclassified satellite and aerial images can be located and purchased. You can access this site via the following URL: <http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/>. In addition, there are numerous commercial sites on the world-wide web offering a broad variety of satellite and aerial imagery products.

For tracking and administrative purposes, your request has been assigned tracking number **F-2022-00165**. Because of the reasons outlined herein, we will take no further action with regard to this request. If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 745-0600, or email [FOIA@nro.mil](mailto:FOIA@nro.mil) and reference the tracking number provided.

Sincerely,

  
Anita Casamento *for*  
FOIA Public Liaison