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Director's Note

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PIONEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM
 HONOREES FOR 2002**

I have accepted the recommendations of this year's Pioneer Selection Board, and selected three individuals to receive the honor of National Reconnaissance Pioneer for 2002. Each of these individuals has made a lasting and significant contribution to national reconnaissance, and has helped to set the stage for future National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) successes and today's U.S. global information supremacy.

The names and contributions of the Pioneers for 2002 are:

Vance D. Coffman, Ph.D.

Dr. Vance Coffman led the development of a new satellite attitude control capability needed to provide major improvements in producing large quantities of geographically accurate, highly-detailed maps from satellite-collected images.

Career in national reconnaissance: 1971-present

Lee M. Hammarstrom

Mr. Lee M. Hammarstrom's concepts and developments for satellite, ground station, and processing systems greatly improved the accuracy, timeliness, and volume of NRO ELINT products. Hammarstrom served as the head of the NRO's Technology Office, and as the NRO's Chief Scientist.

Career in national reconnaissance: 1962-2002

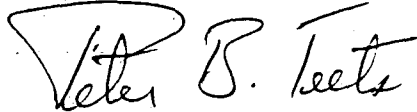
Robert L. Paulson, Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Colonel Robert L. Paulson served as the Air Force Program Manager for a multi-agency IMINT satellite system program. He successfully led his program office and operations team through

the critical design, development, and testing of the system, and developed its complex ground architecture.

Career in national reconnaissance: 1973-1989

The Pioneer Recognition Ceremony will be held at NRO Headquarters in the Jimmie D. Hill auditorium on 24 September 2002 at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Atrium. I encourage all NRO employees to attend the ceremony or to tune in to the live feed of the event on the NRO Channel. The ceremony will also be videotaped and may be seen in outlying locations via VTC.

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Peter B. Teets