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# **Dedication of Operations Buildings 2A and 2B**

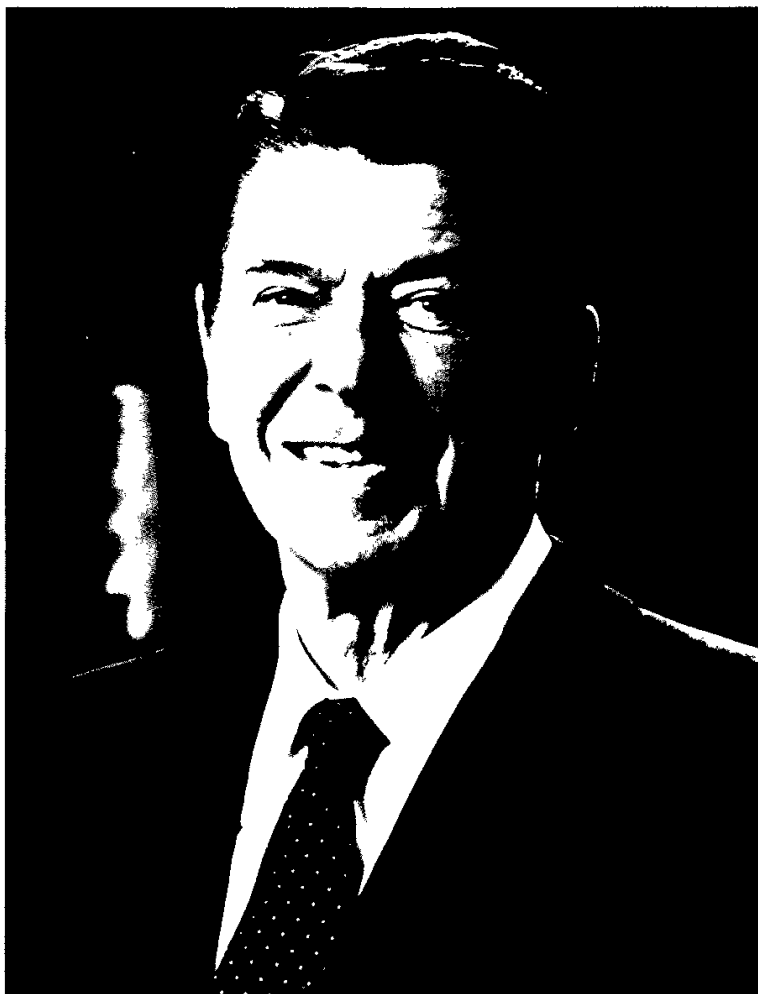
by

**The President of the United States**

**National Security Agency Headquarters Complex  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland**

**26 September 1986**

**The President of the United States**



*Ronald Reagan*

## The Secretary of Defense



*Caspar W. Weinberger*

The Director of Central Intelligence

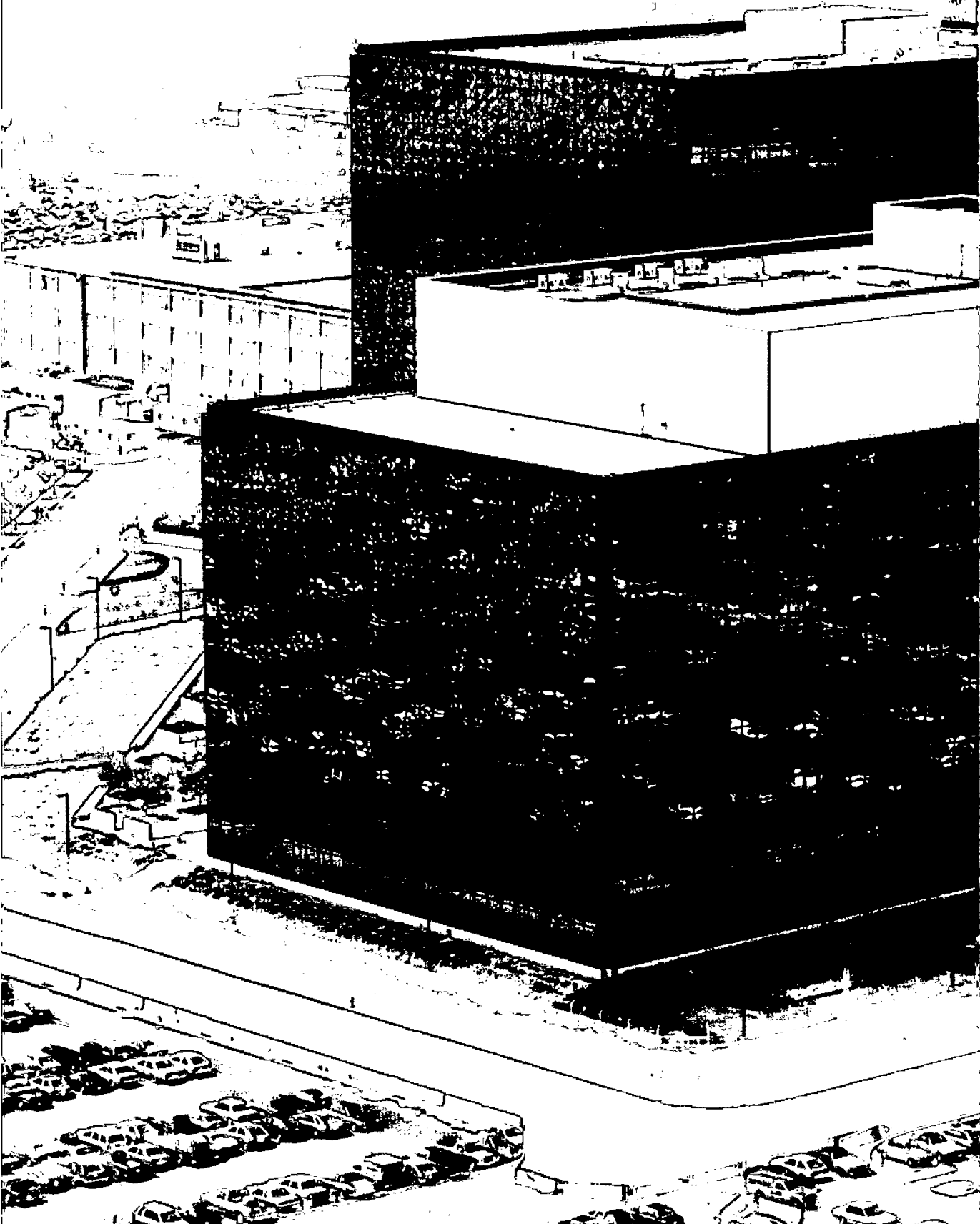


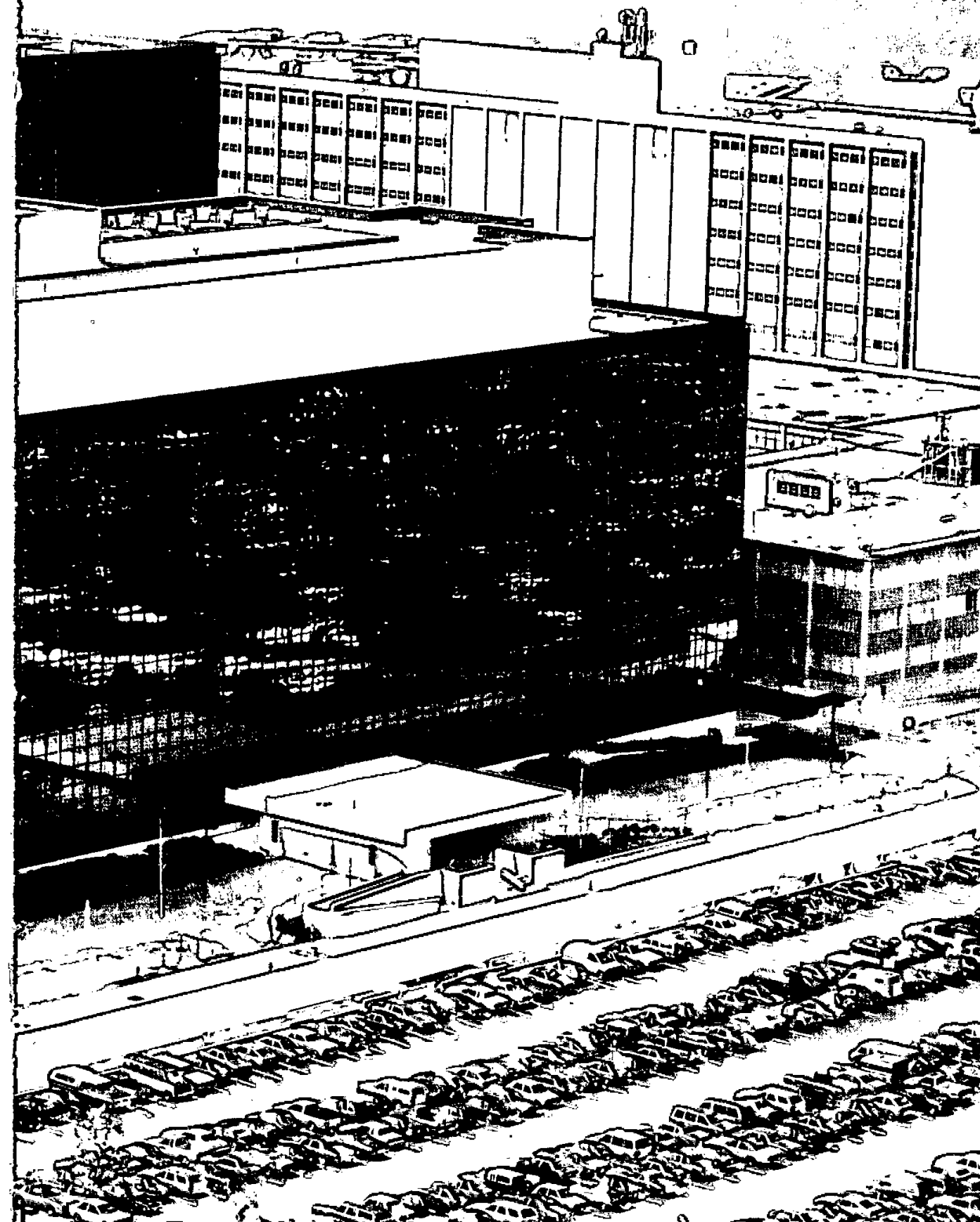
*William J. Casey*

**Director National Security Agency/  
Chief, Central Security Service**



*LTG William E. Odom, USA*





## **THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY... GROWING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TOMORROW**

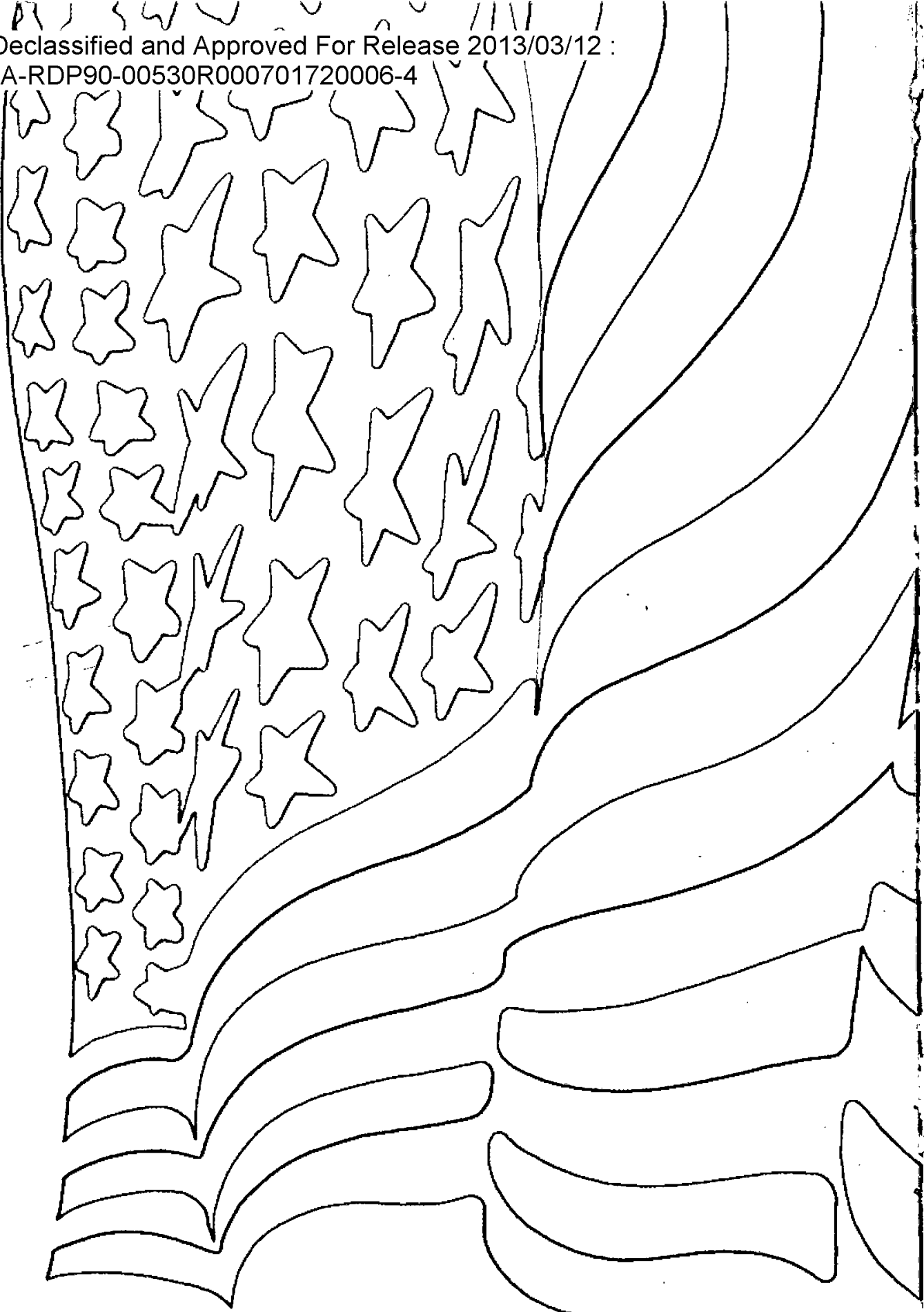
**The National Security Agency (NSA) was established by President Truman in 1952 to further the art of intelligence through the development of cryptologic communications capabilities. The Agency was expanded 20 years later to include the Central Security Service (CSS), thus unifying the civilian and military cryptologic efforts under one command. From the beginning, the NSA/CSS had two primary missions--signals intelligence and communications security; a third mission, computer security, was chartered to the NSA by presidential directive in 1984.**

**Originally located in Arlington, Virginia, the NSA moved to Ft. George G. Meade in suburban Maryland in 1956. A sprawling three-story structure housed most of the Agency's operational and support elements for the next decade, and in 1966 a nine-story headquarters building was added to the complex. As the Agency grew in equipment and personnel, even more space was needed; so in 1982 construction began on the two new buildings being dedicated today. Designed by The Eggers Group, the entire project has been administered by the Army Corps of Engineers in Baltimore in conjunction with two general contractors. Pizzagalli Construction Company of Burlington, Vermont, erected the 500,000 square foot 11-story building at a cost of approximately \$55 million; and the Centex Corporation of Alexandria, Virginia, built the 600,000 square foot, 8-story structure at a cost approximating \$75 million. This dual-structure facility incorporates the very latest architectural technology for energy efficiency and environmental enhancement. A computerized building management system monitors**



the new facility's mechanical and electrical systems, which include an innovative heat-recovery system to reuse heat generated by equipment within the buildings, and an equally economic ventilating system to cool the buildings. Operators are able to monitor these systems by several means and correct or adjust any system without leaving the computer area. Also computerized is a fire control station with a video screen, which will reveal the location, extent, and intensity of any fire in the building.

The employee work spaces within these new buildings are both operationally efficient and aesthetically pleasing. They are designed to meet special needs of the physically handicapped as well. Electric and telephone lines are recessed in subfloor spaces out of the way of people and furniture. Overhead electrical fixtures with flexible and expandable bases are installed above acoustical ceiling tiles for ease of accessibility. Modular furniture, designed for work areas by the American Seating Company, makes effective use of vertical space above writing surfaces. The pentagonally-shaped main entrance to our new facility opens into a two-story foyer that houses a Visitor Control Center, a federal credit union, employee service centers for commuter transportation, health benefits, civilian welfare, and unofficial travel, as well as several conference rooms for visitor interviews and meetings. Also for general employee use are attractively landscaped courtyards with built-in benches, and a cafeteria that is probably the most modern in any federal building today.



**IN GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN  
OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY**

Declassified and Approved For Release 2013/03/12 : **THEIR NATION**

**Music Concert**

**United States Marine Band  
"The President's Own"**

**\*Color Guard**

**(Arrival of The President of the United States)**

**\*Honors to The President  
of the United States**

**United States Marine Band  
Military District of Washington  
519th MP Battalion**

**\*The National Anthem**

**United States Marine Band**

**\*Invocation**

**Chaplain (LTC) John G. Cottingham, USA**

**Welcome Remarks**

**LTG William E. Odom, USA  
Director, National Security Agency/  
Chief, Central Security Service**

**Remarks**

**The Honorable William J. Casey,  
Director of Central Intelligence**

**The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger,  
Secretary of Defense**

**Dedication**

**The President of the United States**

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**LTG William E. Odom, USA**

**Closing Remarks**

**LTG William E. Odom, USA**

**\*Retiring of the Colors**

**\*Audience is requested to stand.**