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Oz Base Nurrungar Closed

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EBK Researchers,

Oz SPY BASE NURRUNGAR CLOSED

The Joint Defence Facility spy base "Nurrungar" in South Australia [s31:22 e137:10] designed to analyse satellite data was closed today 12 Oct 99.

A DoD report tells us that a new modern ground relay system will begin operating at (that alleged hot UFO location) Pine Gap. The decision to close Nurrungar was reported to be made largely for technological reasons. The equipment at Nurrungar was developed in the 1960s, but more modern technology allows data analysis to be done back in the United States.

The relocation of the Nurrungar spy base in South Australia to Pine Gap would mean that Australian analysts would no longer be working closely with their US counterparts. As a result, many American analysts will be transferred home.

To make things even stranger, a senior Australian official confirmed that the redeployment of American staff to the US gave Australia an opportunity to maintain expertise in monitoring ballistic missile launches [?]. Oh boy!

About 400 Australians and Americans are employed at Nurrungar. About 40 Australian intelligence officers were involved in analysing some of the data.

The United States satellite station Nurrungar is a ground station for the US Defence Support Program (DSP). It is said to control a set of Pacific/Asia geostationary satellites that are designed to detect and track objects.

Using infrared telescopes, visible light and ultraviolet sensors, and a nuclear detonation detection (NUDET) sensors.

The IR detectors & UV sensors are designed to sense the radiation emitted by missile boosters & fluorescing gases from flight dynamics.

High Resolution cameras on the satellites transmit pictures important ground data images to Defence Facility Nurrungar.

In an E-mail to PRA Post dated 1998/09/14 Author: Allen Thomson

<thomsona@netcom.com> said:

"Is there any indication of a Regional Sigint Operations Centre [RSOC] being created in Australia? With the move of the DSP/SBIRS relay station from Nurrungar to Pine Gap, the latter is starting to look a bit like an austral version of the Denver RSOC -- and I wouldn't be surprised if it were to be designated an RSOC itself. Have any of the service cryptology agencies (e.g., NSG) set up shop down there?"

We [PRA] would like also like to know! Can you help?

Regards

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