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Air Force's 480th Intelligence Wing Continues Transformation of Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. -- The 480 IW formally welcomes three intelligence groups this week as part of an ongoing Air Force transformation. The new editions are the 692nd Intelligence Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, the 693 IG, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the 694 IG, Osan AB, Korea. Realignment ceremonies take place July 15-23, 2008.

These groups are joining two current groups, the 548th IG, Beale AFB, Calif., and the 497th IG, Langley AFB, Va., already under the 480th IW. This is all part of the major transformation in Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) that over the past two years has included establishing the Deputy Chief of Staff for ISR (HAF/A2) under Lt. Gen. David Deptula and AF ISR Agency commanded by Maj. Gen. Craig Koziol.

The changes in the 480 IW are intended to align AF Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) as a global ISR weapons system, streamline command chains, and provide a single leadership focal point. "The Airmen of the 480th Intelligence Wing are proud to be given this opportunity. Our ability to conduct regionally focused, globally networked ISR operations is a reflection of how the Air Force is meeting our nation's security challenges in an increasingly complex world," said Col. Jim Marrs, 480 IW Commander.