



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ USAF/XO

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FROM: AFSPC/CC
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SUBJECT: Declaration of Initial Operational Capability (IOC) for the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) Increment 1

1. During the past several years, Air Force Space Command has been working toward an improved space-based missile warning capability for warfighters in the 21st Century. We are pleased to report we passed the first major milestone by achieving IOC for SBIRS Increment 1. In accordance with AFSPCI 10-601, we declared IOC effective 18 December 2001.
2. This declaration provides us with an improved ground system for processing missile warning data and moves the Air Force closer to our goal of providing enhanced warfighting capability at the strategic and tactical level. We look forward to working with you and your staff as we continue to forge ahead in this important mission area.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R E Eberhart", is positioned above the typed name.

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Commander