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Comptek Research, Inc. security holders should read the Tender Offer Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission because it contains important information. Investors may get the Tender Offer Statement and other filed documents at no charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site (www.sec.gov)

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LOS ANGELES - Aug. 23, 2000 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced today that the registration statement relating to its pending exchange offer for all outstanding shares of Comptek Research Inc. (AMEX: CTK) has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The exchange offer is currently set to expire at midnight E.D.T. tonight.

Requests for assistance or for copies of the offer materials should be directed to the information agent for the offer, Georgeson Shareholder Communications Inc., at 800-223-2064.

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