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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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For Immediate Release

NORTHROP GRUMMAN ANNOUNCES EXCHANGE RATIO

LOS ANGELES -- Aug. 22, 2000 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced today that the exchange ratio in the pending offer for Comptek Research, Inc. (AMEX: CTK) common stock is .2799 shares of Northrop Grumman common stock for each share of Comptek Research common stock validly tendered by the expiration of the offer, which is currently set for August 23, 2000, at midnight E.D.T.

The exchange ratio was determined by dividing \$20.75 by \$74.1438, the average closing price of Northrop Grumman common stock during the 20 trading day period ending August 21, 2000. At the close of business on Aug. 21, 2000, 2,308,439 shares of the 6,223,094 shares of Comptek Research common stock outstanding as of May 31, 2000 had been validly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the offer.

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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approximately 36,000 employees. Northrop Grumman had 69,910,595 shares outstanding on June 30, 2000.

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