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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of the U.S. Military Support of Security Operations at the U.S. Southern Border (Project No. D2020-DEV0SV-0041.000)

This is to inform you that the DoD Office of Inspector General has decided to conduct an evaluation of the use of U.S. military personnel and resources in support of security operations at the U.S. southern border. The scope of this evaluation will include, but is not limited to:

- the actual use of U.S. military personnel in support of security operations at the U.S. southern border;
- the training provided to U.S. military personnel, including training on potential contacts with civilians;
- U.S. military personnel coordination and interaction with Department of Homeland Security personnel at the U.S. southern border; and
- the amount of funding to support the U.S. military deployment to the southern border, and whether the actual use of those funds comply with applicable federal law and DoD policy

Consistent with our standard practice, we are asking each addressee to provide our office with a point of contact by December 13, 2019. The point of contact should be knowledgeable of the U.S. military support of security operations at the U.S. southern border. Please send the contact's name, title, grade, telephone number, and e-mail address to

For questions and additional information, please contact

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