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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
COMMANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND
AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the U.S. Air Force's Certification of the SpaceX Falcon Launch Vehicle Family (Project No. D2019-D000PT-0059.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in February 2019. Our objective is to determine whether the U.S. Air Force complied with the Launch Services New Entrant Certification Guide when certifying the launch system design for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle-class SpaceX Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch vehicles.

We will perform the evaluation at the Space and Missile Systems Center, a subordinate unit of Air Force Space Command, headquartered at Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, California. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with a point of contact who is familiar with your organization's procedures for evolved expendable launch vehicle certification within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—GS-15 (or higher), pay grade equivalent, or military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to margaret.posa@dodig.mil, kevin.palmer2@dodig.mil, or robert.larino@dodig.mil.

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," August 19, 2014; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions or need to inform us of special security considerations, please contact Ms. Margaret Posa at (703) 699-7207 (DSN 664-7207), margaret.posa@dodig.mil, Mr. Kevin A. Palmer at (703) 699-7206 (DSN 664-7206), kevin.palmer2@dodig.mil, or Mr. Robert Larino at (703) 699-7427 (DSN 664-7427), robert.larino@dodig.mil.

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