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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND
READINESS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS)
NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Announcement of Research on the Data Associated with the Department of Defense Surveillance of Suicide Related Events (Project No D2019-DEV000-0160.000)

We plan to begin the subject research project in May 2019. The objective of the research project is to evaluate potential evaluation topics by gathering and analyzing the data and methods the Department of Defense and Military Services use to surveil suicides and suicide attempts. In addition to analyzing the data, we will make inquiries and conduct general research on DoD and Military Service suicide databases. No reports will be issued from this research project.

We will contact senior officials and managers at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Navy, and Commandant of the Marine Corps. We may also visit individual headquarters offices during our research project. We will make arrangements for any visit through the established points of contact.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the research project within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee – a GS-15 pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [REDACTED]

Information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General can be obtained from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended; 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, please contact [REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn R. Hantz", is positioned above the typed name.

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