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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Research for Future Audits and Evaluations Related to the Effects of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus on DoD Operations (Project No. D2020-D000RM-0108.000)

The World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern for the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on January 30, 2020. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency in the United States and announced new measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the DoD has sought to address the impact of COVID-19 on the health and safety of DoD personnel and their dependents. For example, the DoD initiated travel restrictions, canceled or postponed training exercises, transferred medical supplies to other Government agencies, deployed U.S. Navy Hospital ships to areas impacted by the outbreak, quarantined civilians on military installations, and various other measures.

This memorandum is to formally inform you that the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) is initiating a research project to conduct research, examine the impact of COVID-19 on DoD operations, review measures that the DoD has taken to address the impact of COVID-19, and identify topics for potential DoD OIG audits and evaluations. This research will include data gathering and inquiries into areas such as personnel management; military operations, training, and exercises; human capital; medical readiness and welfare; supply chain management; financial management; cyberspace operations and security; support for civilian authorities; initiatives pertaining to military readiness and the health and welfare of the total force; and other areas.

We may contact senior officials within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, selected combatant commands and their components, the Joint Staff, the Military Services, and Defense agencies regarding these and related issues. We also may solicit their views on COVID-19-related issues that could warrant future audit or evaluation coverage. No reports will be issued from this research effort. We will also consider suggestions for research or other audits and evaluations from you regarding these issues.

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—at a minimum a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to [REDACTED]

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)," April 20, 2012, as amended; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," March 15, 2016, 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]
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