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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD's Strategy to Test Space-Based Systems in Contested Environments (Project No. D2020-DEV0SN-0181.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in September 2020. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has developed and implemented strategy for an integrated test program to validate the survivability of space-based systems in contested space environments. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will interview personnel responsible for the research, development, testing, and evaluation of space-based systems within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Office of the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation. We will also interview personnel responsible for the research, development, testing, and evaluation of space-based systems within the, Space Development Agency, U.S. Space Command, the Air Force, the Space Force, Missile Defense Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office. We may identify additional personnel during the evaluation.

Please provide a point of contact for the evaluation 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 e-mail address to [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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