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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Air Force Selection Process for the Permanent Location of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters (Project No. D2021-DEV0SO-0099.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in February 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to review the basis for selecting Huntsville, Alabama, as the preferred permanent location of the U.S. Space Command headquarters. Specifically, we will evaluate the extent to which the Department of the Air Force:

- complied with DoD and Air Force policies during the location selection process;
- used objective and relevant scoring factors to rank the six candidate locations; and
- calculated the cost and other scoring factors accurately and consistently among the six candidate locations.

We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. Please provide us with a point of contact for this 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

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