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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION:

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Combatant Commands Communication Challenges with Foreign Nation Partners during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Mitigation Efforts (Project No. D2021-DEV0PD-0132.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in June 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine how U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Southern Command, and their Component Commands mitigated communication problems with partner nations during the COVID-19 pandemic, document those mitigation strategies, and consider whether these strategies should be employed in future operations where personal interaction is not possible. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform this evaluation through telephonic and virtual contact with U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Southern Command, and their Component Commands. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with 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 military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail addresses to Ms. Erin McDonald at [Erin.Mcdonald@dodig.mil](mailto:Erin.Mcdonald@dodig.mil) and Ms. Jazmin Cooper at [Jazmin.Cooper@dodig.mil](mailto:Jazmin.Cooper@dodig.mil).

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