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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDER, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND
COMMANDER, NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE
COMMAND

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the North Warning System (Project No. D2022-DEV0PB-0136.000)

The DoD Office of Inspector General plans to begin the subject evaluation on May 13, 2022. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the North Warning System (NWS) has the capability to detect and track current and emerging long-range air threats in the Arctic region. In addition, we will evaluate North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Air Force plans to modernize or replace the NWS. We may revise or expand the objective and scope as the evaluation proceeds. We will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the evaluation at numerous sites related to the operation and maintenance of the NWS, including: U.S. Northern Command; U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command; U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command, including the NWS Operations Center and Pacific Air Forces elements located on Joint Base Richardson Elmendorf, Alaska; Canadian Air Defense Squadron NWS Joint Command Center; and the NWS components located at Wainwright, Alaska. We may identify additional locations of interest during the evaluation.

Please provide a point of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a U.S. Government employee, GS-15 or pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Provide the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to [REDACTED]

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