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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND  
ENGINEERING  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Air Force's Next-Generation Air Dominance Program Technology  
Maturity (Project No. D2022-DEV0SR-0176.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in September 2022. Our objective is to determine the extent to which the Air Force demonstrated that the critical technologies used in the Next-Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) fighter aircraft were mature enough to support entry into the engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) phase of the NGAD program's acquisition timeline. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We intend to hold an entrance conference the week of October 17, 2022, to begin coordination of our evaluation. Additionally, we will perform site visits as necessary to accomplish the evaluation objective. Please provide us a point of contact for the evaluation by September 30, 2022. The point of contact should either be a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or 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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