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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER, DOD
COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2023 U.S. Special Operations Command General
Fund Financial Statements (Project No. D2023-D000FP-0045.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, DoD, requested the audit of the U.S. Special Operations Command General Fund Financial Statements. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Grant Thornton, LLP (Grant Thornton) to audit the U.S. Special Operations Command General Fund Financial Statements as of and for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022. The objective of Grant Thornton's audit is to determine whether the FY 2023 U.S. Special Operations Command General Fund Financial Statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The objective of our oversight project is to provide contract oversight of Grant Thornton's audit and determine whether Grant Thornton complied with applicable auditing standards.

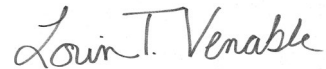
We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, "Financial Audit Manual," June 2022, Volume 2, Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review Grant Thornton's audit work and, if applicable, disclose instances in which Grant Thornton did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards. Our review will not enable us to express an opinion on the U.S. Special Operations Command General Fund Financial Statements or draw conclusions about the effectiveness of internal control, whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on the U.S. Special Operations Command's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review Grant Thornton's audit work, but Grant Thornton will be responsible for expressing the opinion on the financial statements and related notes.

Please provide us with a point of contact for this oversight project within **5 days** 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 address to audfmr@dodig.mil.

You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," October 16, 2014, as amended; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

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