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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
COMMANDER, U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR
ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Air Force's Actions to Sustain the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (Project No. D2023-DEVOSN-0081.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in March 2023. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the Air Force has reasonable plans in place to sustain the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) until the deployment of its replacement, the Sentinel ICBM. Specifically, we will evaluate whether the Air Force's life extension programs for Minuteman III aerospace vehicle and launch related infrastructure remain mission ready until the Sentinel ICBM system is deployed. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We plan to conduct this evaluation at U.S. Strategic Command, the Minuteman III Systems Directorate, and the ICBM Missile Engineering Office. We may identify additional organizations or locations during the evaluation.

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 [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randolph R. Stone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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