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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Medical Care Provided to Navy Sea, Air, and Land Trainees (Project No. D2023-DEV0PB-0099.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in March 2023. As directed by the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, the objective of this evaluation is to conduct a comprehensive review of the health care provided to individuals undergoing Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) training. We will determine whether the U.S. Navy provided proper training to DoD medical professionals who provide medical care to Service member trainees enrolled in U.S. Navy SEAL training programs, the quality assurance mechanisms in place with respect to such care, and the efforts to mitigate health stress of individuals undergoing such training. We may revise the objective as evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, “Quality Standards for Inspections and Evaluations.”

We will perform the evaluation at Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; SEAL Qualification Training, Great Lakes, Illinois; U.S. Navy Special Warfare Command, San Diego, California; and the Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 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 the military equivalent. In addition, to expedite information gathering and reporting, please provide us with a point of contact for each of the offices listed in the attachment within **7 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be an individual who can adequately speak to the DoD and Navy policies and procedures on medical care within a special warfare training environment. Send the contact’s name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail addresses to [REDACTED]

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight and in a timely manner. 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, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]



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