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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD's Handling, Controlling, and Accounting of Controlled Cryptographic Items (Project No. D2024-DEVOS1-0011.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in October 2023. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the DoD's handling, controlling, and accounting of controlled cryptographic items.¹ 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 perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General."

We will perform the evaluation at locations both inside and outside the continental United States with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and National Security Agency. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of central office of record and communications security processes and responsibilities for safeguarding controlled cryptographic items. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].


The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight 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.

¹ Controlled cryptographic items are secure telecommunications or information systems, or associated cryptographic components, that are unclassified and handled through the Communications Security Material Control System, an equivalent material control system, or a combination of the two that provides accountability and visibility.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

or [REDACTED]

FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Stone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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