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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
COMMANDER, U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
COMMANDER AND PROGRAM EXECUTIVE, AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoD Ability to Maintain Command and Control of Nuclear Forces
Following a Nuclear Attack (Project No. D2024-DEV0SN-0147.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in July 2024.

The purpose of this evaluation is to determine the effectiveness with which the DoD maintains command and control of nuclear forces, specifically, the ability to maintain connectivity between the President, Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and nuclear forces following a nuclear attack. 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 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency “Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation.”

We will perform the evaluation in Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; and Fort Meade, Maryland. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of receiving this memorandum. The points of contact should be Government employees—pay band or military equivalent of a member of the Senior Executive Service and a GS-15—who are knowledgeable of nuclear command, control, and communications related to the objective. Send each contact’s name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to

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.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]
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