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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING
DIRECTOR, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoD's Ability to Defend Against a Hypersonic Missile Attack
(Project No. D2024-DEV0SN-0157.000)

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

The objective of this evaluation is to assess the DoD's ability, using existing U.S. weapon systems, to defend against a hypersonic missile 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 the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Joint Staff, and the Missile Defense Agency. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of 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 DoD's missile defense capability to counter hypersonic weapons. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [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.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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