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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoD Roles and Processes Leading up to the July 2023 Basing Decision for the U.S. Space Command (Project No. D2024-DEV0SV-0092.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in March 2024. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the roles and processes of DoD leadership prior to the decision to base the U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM) headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The DoD Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) is performing this evaluation in response to a congressional request and in accordance with Section 2889 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024. We previously evaluated the U.S. Air Force basing process for the USSPACECOM headquarters and released that report (Report Number DoDIG-2022-096) on May 11, 2022. We may revise the objective of this evaluation as it proceeds, and we will 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 Pentagon, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado, and Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

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 OIG 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]

FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

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