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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS
AGENCY

SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoD Policies and Procedures to Protect National Security
Academic Research from Foreign Influence and Other Security Threats
(Project No. D2024-DEV0SI-0121.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in May 2024. The objective of this evaluation is to assess the effectiveness with which the DoD developed and implemented policies and procedures to protect national security academic research from foreign influence and other security threats. The DoD Office of Inspector General is performing this evaluation in accordance with Section 1223 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024. 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 Department of the Air Force, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the U.S. Special Operations Command, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects 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 the implementation of policies and procedures to safeguard national security academic research. Send the 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.

Additionally, we are providing a request for information that accompanies this memorandum and ask that you provide the data requested within the identified timeline.

If you have any questions, please contact [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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