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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Audit of the Navy's Management of the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft
Program's Operational Capabilities (Project No. D2024-D000AT-0170.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject audit. The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness of the Navy's management of the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft program's operational capabilities. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

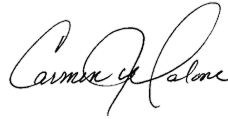
We will perform the audit at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment; Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition); Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Naval Air Systems Command; Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force; Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group; Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force; and Northrop Grumman. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. One point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—who is knowledgeable of the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft program's operational capabilities. The second point of contact should be member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft program and could serve as a point of engagement with DoD Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to audclev@dodig.mil.

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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FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmen J. Malone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carmen" being more prominent than the last name "Malone".

Carmen J. Malone
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Acquisition, Contracting, and Sustainment