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**MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Security Controls Over the DoD's Defense Regional Clocks  
(Project No. D2025-D000CR-0076.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject audit in response to allegations to the DoD Hotline. The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness of security controls in place to protect the DoD's Defense Regional Clocks. 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 Offices of the DoD Chief Information Officer, U.S. Naval Observatory, Defense Information Systems Agency, and select Defense Regional Clock locations. 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 security controls in place on Defense Regional Clocks. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with the security of Defense Regional Clocks, and who 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 [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, "DoD Office of Inspector General Access to Records and Information," November 13, 2024. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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