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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND  
SUSTAINMENT  
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY  
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE  
COMMANDER, U.S. INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND  
COMMANDER, U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Audit of Cyber Vulnerabilities Impacting Air Force Defense Critical Infrastructure  
(Project No. D2025-D000CS-0081.000)

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 progress made by the Department of the Air Force in mitigating the Defense Critical Infrastructure (DCI) cybersecurity vulnerabilities identified during DoD assessments conducted in response to Section 1650 of the NDAA for FY 2017. 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. This audit is the second in a planned series of audits that addresses the DoD's ability to protect DCI against cyber vulnerabilities.

We will perform the audit at the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. European Command, and select Department of the Air Force installations. 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 Defense Critical Infrastructure assessments conducted in response to Section 1650 of the NDAA for FY 2017. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with Section 1650 reporting requirements 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 [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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