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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

COMMANDER, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of U.S. Northern Command Intelligence Collection Activities at the Southern Border (Project No. D2025-DEV0SI-0160.000)

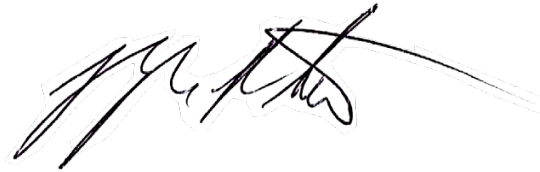
The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject evaluation. The objective of this evaluation is to assess the effectiveness with which the U.S. Northern Command conducts intelligence collection and intelligence collection oversight activities at the U.S. southern border in support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. 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's "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at the U.S. Northern Command, Joint Task Force–Southern Border, and Joint Intelligence Task Force–Southern Border. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this evaluation 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 command intelligence collection activities at the southern border. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with DoD Intelligence Collection Activities 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.

If you have any questions, please contact

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