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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Military Services' Implementation of Joint Interagency Task Force 401 Policy and Guidance to Defeat Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Project No. D2026-DEV0SR-0085.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the DoW* Office of Inspector General is initiating the subject evaluation in April 2026.

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the Military Services implemented Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) 401 policy and guidance for the testing, acquisition, and employment of Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS). 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 (CIGIE) "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation" and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General."

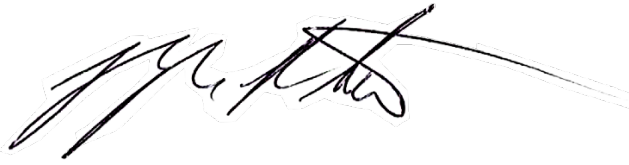
We will perform the evaluation at the Pentagon Reservation. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation. Additionally, we plan to hold the entrance conference on May 5, 2026.

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 regarding the implementation of JIATF-401 policies and guidance, including for testing, acquisition, and employment. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with the implementation of JIATF-401 policies and guidance and could serve as a point of engagement with DoW Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each 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 additional information 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.

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If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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