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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoW's Management of Arctic Communication Capabilities  
(Project No. D2026-DEV0PE-0084.000)

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

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which DoW Components identified requirements and gaps, and implemented corrective actions, for communication capabilities in the Arctic region. 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 "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at the Office of the Under Secretary of War for Policy; Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation; U.S. Northern Command; Alaskan Command; and selected Arctic locations. 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 Arctic communication requirements and capabilities. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with Arctic communication capabilities 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 [eval\\_pha2@dodig.mil](mailto:eval_pha2@dodig.mil).

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