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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoD Actions to Prevent and Report on Foreign Influence Involving Service Members During U.S. Southern Border Operations (Project No. D2026-DEV0HB-0008.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in December 2025.

The objective of this evaluation is to assess how effectively DoD Components prevent and report foreign-influenced criminal activity involving Service members during U.S. southern border operations. 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 this evaluation at the relevant offices of the U.S. Northern Command, and deployed locations of the Joint Task Force-Southern Border. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points 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 DoD efforts to prevent and report foreign influence involving Service members during U.S. southern border operations. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with foreign influence during U.S. southern border operations and who would 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, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact

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