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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
DIRECTOR, NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE
COMMANDER, AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations' Noncombat Death Investigations with Suicide as Manner of Death
(Project No. D2026-DEV0SV-0035.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject evaluation. We are evaluating this evaluation in accordance with Senate Armed Services Committee Report 118-58, which accompanied the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024.

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether Military Criminal Investigative Organization (MCIO) personnel complied with DoD, Service, and MCIO policies and procedures for noncombat death investigations with suicide as the manner of death. We will also determine whether the evidence from each investigation supports suicide as the manner of death. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds and will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We will 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 Headquarters, Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division; Headquarters, Naval Criminal Investigative Service; and Headquarters, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, located at Quantico, Virginia. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this evaluation within **5 working 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 policies, procedures, reporting requirements, and investigative standards related to noncombat death suicide investigations. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with noncombat death investigations 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] and [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.

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