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**MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR FOR PERSONNEL AND
READINESS
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

**SUBJECT: Evaluation of Closed Cases Related to Allegations of Child Abuse at the Ford Island
Child Development Center (Project No. D2026-DEV0HB-0090.000)**

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the DoW Office of Inspector General is initiating the subject evaluation.* We are conducting this evaluation in response to the Congressional oversight directive regarding child abuse reporting found in the FY 2025 Department of Defense Appropriations Act committee report.

The objective of this evaluation is to assess the effectiveness with which the Department of the Navy complied with DoW and Navy policies and procedures when reviewing and investigating alleged child abuse incidents at the Ford Island Child Development Center. 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 Personnel and Readiness and the Ford Island Child Development Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. 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—with knowledge of how the Military Departments identify, report, investigate, and take required actions on allegations of abuse at child development centers. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with how the Military Departments identify, report, investigate, and take required actions on allegation of abuse at child development centers 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 [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 additional information from DoD Directive 5106.01, “Inspector

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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 [REDACTED]

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