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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Evaluation of DoW Training, Equipping, and Funding of U.S. Service Members for Domestic Deployments and the Impact on Mission Readiness (Project No. D2026-DEV0PD-0083.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that the DoW Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating the subject evaluation.* We are conducting this evaluation in response to a request from Members of the United States Senate on October 17, 2025. Specifically, the Senators asked for an inquiry into recent deployments of active duty and National Guard Service members to several U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, California; Washington, D.C.; Portland, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; and Memphis, Tennessee.

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the effectiveness of the DoW's planning and execution of these domestic deployments, and to assess any corresponding impact on DoW readiness. Further, we will examine the effectiveness of these deployments in accomplishing the stated objectives. 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 offices of active duty and National Guard units with completed or ongoing deployments to U.S. cities. 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 the process for deploying active duty and National Guard Service members domestically. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with the process for deploying active duty and National Guard Service members domestically 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.

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

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