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MEMORANDUM FOR: Jeremy Pelter
Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary
for Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Department's Personnel Security Program
(#2023-442)

We are initiating an evaluation of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) Personnel Security Program. Our objective is to determine whether the Department effectively manages the Personnel Security Program in accordance with applicable policies and guidance.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our evaluation—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 793-3344 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 793-3316.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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