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MEMORANDUM FOR: Coke Morgan Stewart
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
and Acting Director of the United States Patent and
Trademark Office

FROM: Kevin D. Ryan
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of USPTO's Patent Center System
Project No. 2025-521

We are initiating an audit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) management of the Patent Center system. Our objective is to determine whether USPTO is effectively prioritizing, resolving, and communicating Patent Center problems and defects, and effectively implementing Patent Center improvements.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at 202-750-5190 or Director for Intellectual Property Amni Samson at 202-793-3324.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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