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MEMORANDUM FOR: André Mendes
Chief Information Officer

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FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of the Department of Commerce's System Security
Assessment Process (#2021-389)

We are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's system security assessment process. Our objective is to assess the effectiveness of the system security assessment and continuous monitoring program to ensure security deficiencies are identified, monitored, and adequately resolved.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss in further detail the specific nature of our project—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential request for data. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-1931 or Chuck Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 482-5139.

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

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