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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Don Graves

Deputy Secretary of Commerce

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.

Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of the Department of Commerce's and its Bureaus'

Management of National Security Systems (#2022-412)

We are initiating an evaluation of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) and its bureaus' management of national security systems. Our objective is to determine whether the Department and its bureaus are managing national security systems in compliance with federal and Departmental information technology (IT) security requirements.

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 needs for us to be provided data. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1931 or Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 482-6121.

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