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MEMORANDUM FOR: Marisa Lago
Under Secretary for International Trade
International Trade Administration

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

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the International Trade Administration's Cyber
Incident Detection and Response (#2025-508)

We are initiating an evaluation of the International Trade Administration's (ITA's) cyber incident detection and response. Our objective is to assess the adequacy of ITA's actions when detecting and responding to cyber incidents in accordance with federal and U.S. Department of Commerce requirements.

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 evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 793-2938 or Charles Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 809-9528.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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