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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT:** Termination of the Evaluation of U.S. Central Command's Defense of Critical Assets Within its Area of Responsibility Against Missiles and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Project No. D2020-DEV0PC-0079.000)

We announced the subject evaluation on February 18, 2020 (attached). The objective was to determine whether U.S. Central Command is prepared to defend critical assets within its area of responsibility against missile and unmanned aircraft system threats. We are terminating this evaluation because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions. On March 12, 2020, the Secretary of Defense issued travel restrictions to OCONUS, affecting our anticipated evaluation scope and methodology. We suspended this project on March 17, 2020, with the intention to continue after returning to normal operations. The continued COVID-19 pandemic limits our ability to perform the project efficiently due to security classifications concerns.

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012 (incorporating change 1, August 19, 2014); DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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