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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Audit of Noncombatant Evacuation Operation Plans in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Area of Responsibility (Project No. D2024-D000RM-0174.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject audit. The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness with which the DoD prepared, maintained, and exercised noncombatant evacuation operation (NEO) plans in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) area of responsibility in accordance with Federal law and DoD policies. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at various locations in the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. One point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—who is knowledgeable of NEO plans in the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with NEO plans in the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility and could serve as a point of engagement with DoD Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to audrgo@dodig.mil.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

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