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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY AND LOGISTICS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH
AND ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: Assurance Policy Review – Spacecraft and Strategic Systems
(Project No. D2013-DT0TAD-0002)

The DoD Office of Inspector General will begin the subject assessment in March 2013. Our assessment will review DoD and service/agency policies and procedures toward assuring mission success for spacecraft and strategic programs. This assessment will focus on but is not limited to systems engineering, manufacturing, testing, quality assurance, engineering risk management, reliability, maintainability and availability requirements that ensure mission success of DoD space assets and strategic weapon systems such as satellites, missiles and airborne surveillance systems. This review will determine if there are any gaps and weaknesses in DoD assurance policies and procedures.

Please provide, in writing, to the action officer identified below, a point of contact. The point of contact should be a Government employee at the GS-15 level, or the military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade, phone number, and e-mail address electronically (Adobe Acrobat file only) to the contact below.

Information about the DoD Office of Inspector General may be obtained from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 20, 2012; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," April 27, 2007; and DoD Instruction 7050.3, "Access to Records and Information by the Inspector General, Department of Defense," April 24, 2000. Our website address is www.dodig.mil.

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