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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Inspector General of the Department of Defense Report No. IE-2009-004,
"Examination of Allegations Involving DoD Office of Public Affairs
Outreach Program," January 14, 2009

We are withdrawing the subject report. Shortly after publishing the report on January 14, 2009, we became aware of inaccuracies in the data concerning retired military analyst (RMA) relationships with Defense contractors that appeared in Appendix K and elsewhere in the report. The discovery of those inaccuracies caused us to conduct an independent internal review of the report and its supporting documentation.

The internal review concluded that the report did not meet accepted quality standards for an Inspector General work product. It found that the methodology used to examine RMA relationships with Defense contractors (searches of public websites) would not reasonably yield evidence needed to address the issue of whether the outreach program conveyed some financial advantage to RMAs who participated. Additionally, the review noted that report findings relied, in part, on a body of testimonial evidence that was insufficient or inconclusive. In particular, former senior DoD officials who devised and managed the outreach program refused our requests for an interview. Our judgmental sample of RMAs interviewed was too small (7 out of 70 RMAs) to allow that testimonial evidence to be used to support conclusions. As a result, no conclusion can be reached in the affirmative or negative regarding the relationship of the Retired Military Analysts and potential competitive advantage.

We have determined that additional investigative work will not be undertaken to reissue the report because the RMA outreach program has been terminated and responsible senior officials are no longer employed by the Department.

We are notifying you of the withdrawal of this report so that you do not continue to rely on its conclusions. The report has been removed from our website. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. John R. Crane, Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison, at (703) 604-8324.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Horstman", is positioned above the printed name.

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