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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND  
EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Inspector General Reporting

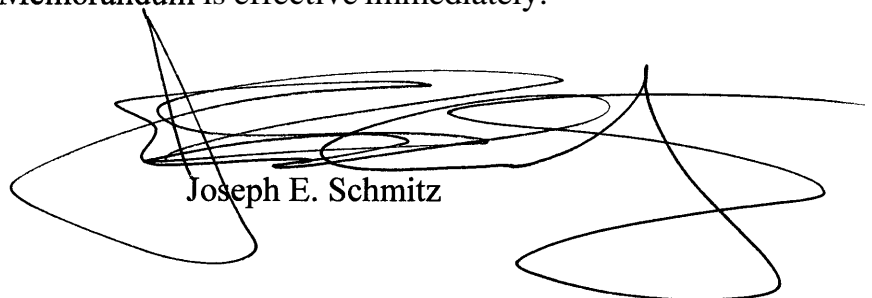
References: (a) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended  
(b) Inspector General Policy Memorandum of February 10, 2003,  
"Inspector General Act Implementation and Office of Inspector  
General Policy Guidance"

Purpose: This memorandum implements Section 3(a) of Reference (a).

Statutory Duty: Section 3(a) of Reference (a), as implemented generally by Reference (b), requires that the "Inspector General shall report to and be under the general supervision of the head of the [Department of Defense] or, to the extent such authority is delegated, the officer next in rank below such head, but shall not report to, or be subject to supervision by, any other officer of [the Department]." Consistent with this duty, Section 6(a)(6) of Reference (a) authorizes the Inspector General "to have direct and prompt access to the head of the establishment," *i.e.*, to the Secretary of Defense.

Policy Guidance: It is the policy of this Office of Inspector General to carry out the letter and the spirit of the Inspector General's duties under Section 3(a) and authority under Section 6(a)(6).

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.

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