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MEMORANDUM FOR: Simon Szykman
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FROM: Allen Crawley
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SUBJECT: Assessment of Key Security Measures Protecting
Department Systems

As required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), the Office of Inspector General is initiating its fiscal year 2012 audit of the Department's information security program and practices. As further mandated by FISMA, we will review a representative subset of Department systems to assess compliance with FISMA requirements.

Our audit objective is to assess the effectiveness of the Department's information security program and practices by determining whether key security measures adequately protect the Department's systems and its information. As required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), we will also complete a FISMA Cyberscope report with various assessments and performance measures. These performance measures and the audit report will be incorporated into the Secretary's FISMA submission to the Department of Homeland Security.

We plan to begin this work immediately. The entrance conference is scheduled on January 25, 2012, at the CIO Council meeting. We will conduct our fieldwork at selected Department and contractor sites. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855 or Dr. Ping Sun at (202) 482-6121.

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