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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Assessment of U.S. and Coalition Plans/Efforts to Train, Advise, Assist, and Equip the Kurdish Security Forces (Project No. D2016-D00SPO-0046.000)

We plan to begin the subject assessment immediately. This project relates to overseas contingency Operation Inherent Resolve, and will be completed in accordance with the OIG's oversight responsibilities as described in Section 8L of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Our objective is to determine whether U.S. and Coalition goals, objectives, plans, guidance, operations, and resources to train, advise, assist, and equip the Kurdish Security Forces to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant are operationally effective to initiate and sustain combat operations. We will consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives or for future assessments.

We plan to visit or contact organizations and individuals in the continental United States and in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility that are responsible for training, advising, assisting, and equipping the Kurdish Security Forces. Specific organizations to be visited will be identified before and during the field assessment, and arrangements for those visits will be made through established official points of contact.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the assessment within 10 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact must be a Government employee - a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to

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If you have any questions, please contact

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