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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 Data Posted on the Inspector General Web Site

REFERENCES: (a) DoD Principles of Information, November 9, 2001
(b) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended
(c) DEPSECDEF Memorandum, subject: "Website Information Services DoD-wide," November 25, 1998
(d) DoD Web Site Administration Policies and Procedures, January 11, 2002
(e) Inspector General Instruction 8000.3, June 13, 2002

Purpose: To provide policy for posting information on the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Web site.

Statutory and Regulatory Responsibilities: Reference (a) states, "It is the policy of the Department of Defense to make available timely and accurate information so that the public, Congress and the news media may assess and understand the facts about national security and defense strategy." Reference (a) further states, "Information will be withheld only when disclosure would adversely affect national security or threaten the safety or privacy of the men and women of the Armed Forces." Section 6(c)(1) of Reference (b) authorizes the Inspector General to "be the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in programs and operations of the Department." Reference (c) implements the policies, responsibilities, and procedures for web site administration within the Department of Defense (DoD). Part I (4.1) of Reference (d) states "using the WorldWide Web is strongly encouraged in that it provides the DoD with a powerful tool to convey information quickly and efficiently on a broad range of topics relating to its activities, objectives, policies and programs." Part I(5.5) requires the Heads of DoD components to "Establish a process for the identification of information appropriate for posting to the Web sites and ensure it is consistently applied throughout the components." Section D(7) of Reference (e) establishes the policy for information that can be posted to the Inspector General, Department of Defense Web site.

Policy Guidance: Pending a more thorough review and update of reference (e), in light of reference (a) it is the policy of the Office of the Inspector General that the following classes of information will not be available to the general public via the OIG DoD Web site.

- Classified information;
- Web content containing FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY information;
- Information not specifically approved for public release;
- Information of questionable value to the general public; or,
- Information for which worldwide dissemination poses an unacceptable risk to national security or threatens the safety or privacy of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Effective Date: This policy memorandum is effective immediately.


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