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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN J. GETEK

FROM:

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Administration and Management

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SUBJECT:

Response to Draft Report No. 23-01-002-07-711
The Department of Labor is Refocusing
Efforts to Improve Physical Security of its
Minimum Essential Infrastructure

This memorandum responds to your May 31 draft audit report of DOL's efforts to improve the physical security of its minimum essential infrastructure. We have reviewed the draft report and agree with its findings and recommendations. As the draft report reflects, we have made solid progress in our efforts to protect DOL's critical infrastructure, specifically in the areas of critical infrastructure planning, identification of critical assets, and vulnerability assessments. DOL's draft Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan (CIPP), a copy of which was recently provided to your office, is an indication of the proactive approach we have been taking to meet the requirements of Presidential Decision Directive 63 (PDD-63). Among other things, PDD-63 requires agencies to develop a plan for protecting their own critical infrastructures, including but not limited to their cyber-based systems.

We also recognize that additional steps must be taken to ensure that DOL is fully prepared to meet potential threats against its essential infrastructure. Our Business Operations Center is working closely with the Deputy Chief Information Officer and DOL agencies to build on and enhance the draft CIPP, to ensure that the final Plan effectively addresses all of the requirements of PDD-63. We are in the process of refining a timetable of important milestones for this effort, which will provide your with our formal response to the final audit report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Al Stewart at (202) 693-4021.