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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Acting Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT:

OIG Alert Memorandum: New Core Financial Management System (NCFMS) Cutover Procedures Report Number 22-09-

015-13-001

Subject Alert Memorandum advised of concerns about the timely completion of the NCFMS Cutover Transactions Workbook procedures and associated training.

The NCTW procedures were developed to manually record the financial transactions that would occur when neither DOLAR\$ nor NCFMS would be available for those transactions. Once operations cut over to NCFMS, the transaction information would be entered into NCFMS.

As you know by now, we have delayed the implementation of NCFMS until January 1, 2010. The cutover plan execution -- which included dissemination of the NCTW, dissemination of the associated procedures, and conduct of several training classes -- has been appropriately suspended. Agency review and comment has, however, given us better confidence that we have developed procedures that are workable for agency execution and viable for funds control and transaction accuracy.

The Cutover Plan will be re-evaluated as final implementation activities are completed and updated accordingly. Training for Cutover procedures will be factored into final schedules supporting activation of NCFMS in January 2010.

Cc: Seth D. Harris, Deputy Secretary