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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** André Mendes  
Chief Information Officer  
Department of Commerce

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Department's Implementation of Multi-Factor  
Authentication on High Value Assets (#2023-452)

We are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's implementation of multi-factor authentication on its high value assets. Our objective is to determine whether the Department has implemented multi-factor authentication on its high value assets in accordance with zero trust architecture principles.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please call me at (202) 793-2938 or Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 793-2957.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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