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MEMORANDUM FOR: John H. Thompson
Director
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SUBJECT: Audit of Census Bureau's Continuous Monitoring Strategy
and Practices

As part of our fiscal year (FY) 2014 Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) review, OIG is initiating an audit of the Census Bureau's continuous monitoring strategy and practices. The audit objective is to determine whether the Census Bureau's continuous monitoring strategy and practices, including ongoing security control assessments of its critical information systems, provide adequate information for authorizing officials to make proper risk-based decisions.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference to discuss this audit. We will conduct our fieldwork at selected Census Bureau and contractor sites. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855 or Dr. Ping Sun at (202) 482-6121.

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