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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dr. Willie E. May  
NIST Director and  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology  
National Institute of Standards and Technology

**FROM:** Richard L. Bachman  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

**SUBJECT:** Audit of NIST Security and Foreign National Access

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations has directed OIG to undertake a review of NIST security and foreign national access.

The primary objective of this review will be to determine whether NIST has adequate processes and procedures to ensure that foreign nationals have the proper access to NIST information systems and data to prevent unauthorized use. We plan to conduct our field work at NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, MD, and selected NIST facilities.

We discussed our objectives with your organization at the entrance conference that was held on July 7, 2015. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (202) 482-2877 or Ken Stagner, Denver Regional Inspector General for Audits, at (303) 312-7650. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this review.