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MEMORANDUM FOR: Steven I. Cooper
Chief Information Officer

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Chief Privacy Officer and Director of Open Government

FROM: Allen Crawley 
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SUBJECT: Cybersecurity Act of 2015 Department-Wide Security
Metrics Assessment

Pursuant to the requirements in the Cybersecurity Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-113, Division N, § 406 (2015), we are initiating an audit of the Department's IT security policies and practices for national security systems and systems that provide access to personally identifiable information (PII). A report of our review is required within 240 days after the enactment of the Act.

The objective of our audit is to examine the IT security policies, procedures, practices, and capabilities as defined in the Act for national security systems and systems that provide access to PII operated by or on behalf of the Department. We will conduct our fieldwork at selected Department and contractor sites.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for March 1, 2016, at which time we can discuss our audit objective further. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855 or Dr. Ping Sun at (202) 482-6121.

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