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SUBJECT: FY 2016 FISMA Compliance Audit

As required by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA), the Office of Inspector General is initiating its fiscal year 2016 audit of the Department's information security program and practices. As further mandated by FISMA, we will review a representative subset of Department systems to assess compliance with FISMA requirements.

Our audit objective is to assess the effectiveness of the Department's information security program and practices. Specifically, we will assess the Department's and selected bureaus' policies and procedures and selected IT systems. The result of this audit will be used to answer the FISMA security metrics defined by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Homeland Security.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for November 6, at which time we can discuss our objectives further. We will conduct our fieldwork at selected Department and contractor sites. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-1855 or Dr. Ping Sun, Director for IT Security, at (202) 482-6121.

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