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MEMORANDUM FOR: John H. Thompson
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: Allen Crawley
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SUBJECT: Assessment of the Census Bureau's Implementation of the Risk Management Framework (RMF)

We are initiating an audit of the Census Bureau's implementation of the RMF. Our audit objective is to determine whether the RMF methodology adopted by the Census Bureau presents an accurate picture of cybersecurity risks, including risks associated with common controls, to Bureau management.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can further discuss our objective. 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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