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MEMORANDUM FOR:    Neil Jacobs
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                     and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary of
                     Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
                     National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FROM:      Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Audit of Joint Polar Satellite System Instruments Acquisition and
          Development (#2019-348)

We are initiating an audit of NOAA's Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS). Our objective is to
assess the cost, schedule, and technical performance of acquisition and development efforts for
selected JPSS instruments.

We intend to hold an entrance conference in early May 2019, at which time we will discuss our
objective in more detail. In the meantime, we will begin coordinating with managers from the
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service and the JPSS program to
request documents and other information.

If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 482-1931. We thank
you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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