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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: (U//~~FOUO~~) Referral: Appearance of Conflict of Interest
(Case Number 20-0013-I)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation regarding an alleged misuse of position by [redacted]

[redacted] allegedly hired and played with a musical band at NRO events and directed the band's compensation using government funds. The OIG did not substantiate the allegation, but did obtain information during the investigation, which is being referred to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) for consideration or action as deemed appropriate.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) During his interview with the OIG, [redacted] stated that in late 2019 [redacted] personally contacted [redacted] employee assigned to the NRO, to request [redacted] band play at an NRO [redacted] event. [redacted] stated it was not unusual for [redacted] to personally contact other parties requesting their support at [redacted] events. [redacted] band had played previous [redacted] and non-[redacted] events at NRO, and [redacted] had participated on some occasions by playing an instrument with the band during these events. [redacted] explained to the OIG that [redacted] is responsible for setting the overall budgets of the [redacted] in [redacted] role as [redacted] but [redacted] does not direct how funds should be used.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Records and information reflected performers in [redacted] band not affiliated with the NRO were compensated from [redacted] budgeted funds. The OIG did not identify any information showing [redacted] [redacted] or any other NRO personnel were similarly compensated for their participation at [redacted] events.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Although available records and information did not substantiate the original allegation regarding [redacted]

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misuse of position, [redacted] direct involvement in the band's activities at NRO events, which included playing in the band while also arranging for the band's appearance and allocating funds used for the band's compensation, created the potential appearance of a conflict of interest leading to a complaint to the OIG.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) This matter is referred to OGC for awareness and consideration as appropriate. No response from your office is required.

(U//~~FOUO~~) You may share this information with any parties as necessary to take appropriate action. Questions regarding this referral may be directed to the undersigned at [redacted] (secure).

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