Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency (DCIE) Inspections and Evaluations (I&E) Roundtable October 14, 2004

Minutes of Meeting

Wm Brem Morrison, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Policy (IP/IE), Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense (OIG DoD), hosted the second DCIE I&E Roundtable at 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, on October 14, 2004. A copy of the agenda is attached. (Note: Due to time constraints, the Defense Security Service and Defense Commissary Agency briefings were tabled to the January 13, 2005, meeting.)

Mr. Morrison is the Chairperson of the DCIE I&E Roundtable. The purpose of the Roundtable is to provide a forum for Defense Department Inspectors General to communicate, coordinate, and collaborate on topics of mutual interests related to inspections and evaluations. The goals of the Roundtable are to exchange information, share best practices, and prevent duplication of effort among the Defense Department IGs.

The attendees included I&E representatives from the Joint Staff OIG, Combatant Command IGs, Services' OIGs, and Defense Agency IGs. See list of attendees.

Mr. Morrison opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and then introduced Mr. L. Jerry Hansen, the Deputy IG for Inspections and Policy, OIG DoD, who provided additional welcoming remarks and expressed his support for the goals of the Roundtable.

Mr. Morrison then asked all attendees to introduce themselves and to present a brief overview of their current projects and responsibilities. Mr. Morrison then asked the participants to give some thought to developing mission and vision statements for the Roundtable. All ideas are welcome and should be forwarded to Major Richard Higdon via e-mail or phone. Major Higdon will consolidate options and present to the Roundtable during the next meeting.

The first presenter was COL Gwendolyn Bingham, Deputy IG for the Joint Staff IG Office. COL Bingham announced the Joint IG Conference, which meets October 26-28 at the Pentagon. She also invited the attendees to submit documents of mutual interest for posting on the Joint Staff IG website. COL Bingham then introduced Mr. Gary Herman, who is the POC for process improvement for the Joint

Staff. Mr. Herman described his areas of responsibility and solicited any and all ideas for process improvements.

The next presenter was Colonel Kevin Scott, USMC, who briefed on Marine Corps IG activities (see attachment). During Colonel Scott's remarks, The Honorable Joseph E. Schmitz, the DoD Inspector General, joined the meeting and provided a 30-minute review of his "hot button" issues and some of his philosophies on "command, leadership, integrity and accountability." He also discussed the international Trafficking in Persons (TIP) problem and encouraged all attendees to get a copy of SECDEF's September 16, 2004, TIP Policy Memo (attached) and be on the look out for the soon to be released OSD TIP training module (draft attached). A Q&A session then followed his remarks.

Next, Mr. Larry Hickerson of the Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA) presented the Air Force system for inspections, named "Eagle Look." Mr. Hickerson's presentation is attached. His briefing stimulated several questions and a consensus that the AFIA process would work well in most inspections and evaluations organizations.

Colonel Dan Minner, USAF, then presented an overview of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's (DTRA) activities. Col Minner's topics included budgets and major DTRA programs, such as battle damage assessment and the demilitarization of the former Soviet Union. His presentation is attached.

Finally, Mr. Joe Baker of IP/IE, OID DoD, briefed a recently announced project—"Joint Department of State/Department of Defense Assessment of Iraqi Police Training." Colonel Denny Baldridge, Army Inspector General's Office for Inspections, mentioned that his office has done some studies on this topic and will share their findings with Mr. Baker.

Before adjourning, Mr. Morrison thanked the participants and called their attention to the tentative 2005 schedule for DCIE I&E Roundtable meetings (attached). The next Roundtable is January 13, 2005. Please forward your agenda items to Major Richard Higdon. Also, help us "purify" our addressee listing with corrections and tell us about other contacts that need to be added to the list.

Have a great, joyful, and safe Holiday Season! See you on January 13!