Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Announces Audit of the Integrity and Use of Security Clearance Data Reported to ODNI

(**November 2019**): The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) recently announced that it will audit the integrity and use of the security clearance data reported by selected Intelligence Community elements to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (AUD-2020-001). The audit will include the following Intelligence Community elements:

- Central Intelligence Agency
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- Department of State
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
- National Reconnaissance Office
- National Security Agency
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence

The length of time to process security clearances has been a longstanding concern of Congress, industry, candidates for hire, and Intelligence Community elements that require cleared personnel to accomplish their missions. The Director of National Intelligence, as the Security Executive Agent, is responsible for assuring the quality, timeliness, consistency, and integrity of national security vetting practices. Data concerning security clearance processing timeliness are used to inform decisions made by the Security Executive Agent and are integral to managing an efficient security clearance process.

The objectives of the audit are to determine whether:

- Intelligence Community elements accurately capture, document, and report required security clearance processing timeliness information.
- Intelligence Community elements calculate processing timelines in a consistent manner.
- The Security Executive Agent accurately compiles and reports data provided by Intelligence Community elements, as required.

The Security Executive Agent uses timeliness data to address the security clearance backlog and inform security clearance-related policy decisions.

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oversight of the programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of National Intelligence, to initiate and conduct independent audits, inspections, investigations, and reviews, and to lead and coordinate the efforts of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum. The ICIG's goal is to have a positive and enduring impact throughout the Intelligence Community, to lead and coordinate the efforts of an integrated Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, and to enhance the ability of the United States Intelligence Community to meet national security needs while respecting our nation's laws and reflecting its values. The Forum consists of the twelve statutory and administrative Inspectors General having oversight responsibility for an element of the Intelligence Community. The Chair of the Forum is the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.