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SUBJECT: Component Efforts to Address Purchase Card Abuse

I recently met with the Colonel William (Bill) Kelley, the retiring director of the Data Mining Division of the DoDIG. Colonel Kelley briefed me on the efforts of his office over the last eight years to uncover abuse and to strengthen the purchase card control environment.

Bill's briefing was timely in light of the upcoming General Accountability Office audit of the purchase and travel card programs. I fully expect that Congressional hearings will result from this audit sometime next Spring. In advance of these hearings I believe it is important that we now begin to document both the ongoing and prospective Departmental efforts to address and minimize cardholder abuse.

To this end I need you to brief me soon on the efforts of your Component to monitor your purchase card transactions for abuse and to otherwise strengthen the associated control environment. Please contact Dianne Bagley at 703-695-7145 to set up individual meetings.

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