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**MEMORANDUM**

April 14, 2023

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “The Biden Administration’s Disastrous Withdrawal from Afghanistan, Part I: Review by the Inspectors General”**

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM EDT in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability will host a hearing on “The Biden Administration’s Disastrous Withdrawal from Afghanistan, Part I: Review by the Inspectors General.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

In August of 2021, the U.S. withdrew its military, diplomatic personnel, and contractors from Afghanistan. The inter-agency confusion, hasty decision making, and a disconnect between Washington and Kabul led to the loss of life of thirteen servicemembers, an evacuee crisis, and many geopolitical consequences.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine the audits and evaluations conducted by Inspectors General regarding factors that led to collapse of the Afghan government and its security forces, issues when it comes to evacuee resettlement, and lessons learned from the evacuation from Afghanistan.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**1. Robert Storch**

Inspector General  
Department of Defense

**2. Diana Shaw**

Acting Inspector General, performing the duties of the Inspector General  
Department of State

**3. Nicole Angarella**

Acting Deputy Inspector General, performing the duties of the Inspector General  
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

**4. John Sopko**

Inspector General

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR)