(U) The Secret Service Has Taken Action to Address the Classified Recommendations of the Protective Mission Panel
March 15, 2017

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FROM: John Roth
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SUBJECT: The Secret Service Has Taken Action to Address the Classified Recommendations of the Protective Mission Panel – TOP SECRET//NOFORN

(U) Attached for your information is our final report, The Secret Service Has Taken Action to Address the Classified Recommendations of the Protective Mission Panel – TOP SECRET//NOFORN. We incorporated the formal comments from the United States Secret Service in the final report.

(U) We are making no recommendations in this report. Consistent with our responsibility under the Inspector General Act, we will provide copies of our report to congressional committees with oversight and appropriation responsibility over the Department of Homeland Security. We will post an unclassified summary of the report on our website for public dissemination.

(U) Please call me with any questions, or your staff may contact Laurel Loomis Rimon, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, at (202) 254-4100.

Attachment
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Following the September 19, 2014 White House fence jumping incident, the Secretary of Homeland Security established the Protective Mission Panel (PMP) to undertake a broad independent review of the Secret Service’s protection for the White House Complex (WHC). In addition to recommendations made in an unclassified report, the PMP made a number of recommendations in its December 2014 classified report.

As directed by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, we reviewed the Secret Service’s actions to address the PMP’s classified recommendations. The PMP’s classified recommendations primarily relate to security gaps and vulnerabilities at the WHC. We reviewed changes made by the Secret Service to equipment, technology, and operations in response to these recommendations.

The Secret Service has taken action to address the PMP’s classified recommendations by using funding appropriated for PMP initiatives to begin enhancing security and refreshing technology at the WHC. As in our unclassified report, we concluded that fully implementing many of the recommendations will depend on staff increases, sustained funding, and a multi-year commitment by Secret Service and Department leadership to ensure actions continue even during times of increased protective mission demands and unexpected priorities. In its response to this report, the Secret Service reiterated its agreement with our conclusion. We made no additional recommendations in our report.

In addition to this unclassified summary, we issued a classified version of our report to the Department and Congress.

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