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Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

## ***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include combining this publication with Air Force Policy Directive 90-2, *Inspector General - The Inspection System*. Additionally, it has been refined to only include essential policy statements.

### **1. Policy.** It is Department of the Air Force policy to:

- 1.1. Provide a credible, independent and responsive Complaints Resolution Program.
- 1.2. Provide a Department of the Air Force Inspection System to inquire into and report upon the discipline, economy, efficiency, and readiness of the Department of the Air Force.
- 1.3. Provide Department of the Air Force personnel full access to the Inspector General System to address complaints without fear of retaliation or reprisal.

### **2. Roles and Responsibilities.**

#### 2.1. The Inspector General of the Department of the Air Force (SAF/IG):

- 2.1.1. Has responsibility for administrative guidance and oversight of three field operating agencies: the Department of the Air Force Inspection Agency, whose mission is documented in Air Force Mission Directive 31, *Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA)*; the Office of Special Investigations, whose mission is documented in Air Force Mission Directive 39, *Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI)*; and the Defense Cyber Crimes Center, whose mission will be documented in a future Department of the Air Force mission directive.
- 2.1.2. Issues policy guidance and direction for the administration, management, and training of inspector general personnel.
- 2.1.3. Issues policy guidance and direction for the Department of the Air Force Inspection System and Complaints Resolution Program.
- 2.1.4. Directs, conducts, recommends, or delegates Inspector General investigations and provides administrative oversight authority for all Department of the Air Force Inspector General investigations. This includes the authority to comment on and, when warranted, to overturn the findings and conclusions of any Department of the Air Force Inspector General investigation.
- 2.1.5. Assesses and determines the disposition of all allegations of misconduct made against Department of the Air Force senior officials; acts as repository for adverse information on Department of the Air Force senior officials; drafts adverse information summaries as needed for possible inclusion in a senior officer unfavorable information files; screens all officer promotion lists for open investigations or inquires; and conducts file checks for adverse or reportable information in support of military personnel actions.

2.1.6. Serves as the single point of contact, also known as the gatekeeper, for all inspections, evaluations, assessments, and other inspection-related visits (including audits) conducted by outside entities (Government Accountability Office and others).

2.2. U.S. Space Force Field Command, U.S. Air Force Major Command, and equivalent commanders will:

2.2.1. Appoint an independent inspector general for their respective organizations who is directly responsible to the commander.

2.2.2. Maintain independent inspection and complaints resolution programs in accordance with governing policies issued by the Department of the Air Force Inspector General.

2.2.3. Appoint a single point of contact, also known as the gatekeeper, for their organization responsible for ensuring the notification of evaluations by all Department of the Air Force and non-Department of the Air Force agencies.

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

Title 10 United States Code, Section 1034, *Protected communications; prohibition of retaliatory personnel actions*

10 United States Code 9013, *Secretary of the Air Force*

Title 10 United States Code, Section 9020, *Inspector General*

Title 32 United States Code, Section 105, *Inspection*

DoDD 5106.01, *Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)*, 20 April 2012

DoDD 5106.04, *Defense Inspectors General*, 22 May 2014

DoDD 5505.06, *Investigations of Allegations Against Senior DoD Officials*, 6 June 2013

DoDD 7050.06, *Military Whistleblower Protection*, 17 April 2015

DoDI 7050.01, *DoD Hotline Program*, 17 October 2017

DoDI 1320.04, *Military Officer Actions Requiring Presidential, Secretary of Defense, or Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Approval or Senate Confirmation*, 3 January 2014

DAFPD 90-1, *Policy, Publications, and DoD Issuance Management*, 7 March 2018

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 23 March 2020

AFMD 31, *Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA)*, 28 January 2015

AFMD 39, *Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI)*, 14 April 2020

***Adopted Forms***

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

None.