



Homeland Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas J. Perrelli
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FROM: Secretary Johnson



SUBJECT: Independent Panel for the Department of Homeland Security
Review of the United States Secret Service

Thank you for agreeing to conduct an independent review concerning the United States Secret Service.

First and foremost, your assignment is to assess the security of the White House compound. For this purpose, on or about November 1, you will receive from Deputy Secretary Mayorkas and our General Counsel the findings of the Department's factual review of the fence-jumping incident at the White House on September 19. Based upon that review, I request that by December 15, you submit to me your own assessment and recommendations for the security of the White House compound.

I also invite you to submit to me your own recommendation of candidates to be the next Director of the Secret Service. In addition, I ask that you advise me in the short term whether you believe, given the recent series of highly publicized events involving the Secret Service, there should be a review of broader issues concerning that agency.

For the limited purposes referred to herein, you will be appointed Special Government Employees of the Department, consistent with law and regulation. By this memorandum I direct that you have access to all relevant Department information and personnel to conduct your review, subject to your authorization to receive such information and our authority to provide it to you. I hereby further direct that personnel of this Department fully cooperate with your assessment. Should you need to travel to Washington D.C., the Acting Under Secretary of Management will make the appropriate arrangements.

I have informed the Secret Service that your assessment should not delay any security enhancements that the agency believes is warranted.

By copy of this memorandum, I request that the Acting Under Secretary for Management secure the necessary facilities, and technical, administrative, and legal support of this Department for your assessment.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve on this very important project.

Distribution:

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