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**SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON**

08 JAN 2024

**MEMORANDUM FOR Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, 1700 Defense
Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1700**

**SUBJECT: Department of the Army Response to the Fiscal Year 2023 Director,
Operational Test and Evaluation Annual Report**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report.
2. I appreciate the thoroughness of the report and the coordination between DOT&E and the Army. The Army acknowledges the importance of the oversight role of OSD activities. It is also imperative that the management and execution of test capabilities to address new technology challenges is best retained at the Service level, thereby appropriately aligning authority, responsibility, and resources. In general, this report accurately reflects the status of oversight programs in the Department of the Army with the following comments on the Distributed Common Ground System-Army (DCGS-A) Capability Drop 2 (CD2) article.
 - a. The Army is focused on data-driven decision making and supports DOT&E's recommendation to acquire automated data collection, reduction, and analysis capabilities, especially in support of high-priority network-related systems.
 - b. The Army disagrees with DOT&E assessment on the sufficiency of the data collected for DCGS-A CD2. The Army submits that the operational utility assessment in October 2022 was sufficient to support an evaluation of effectiveness, suitability, and survivability for a conditional material release.
3. We look forward to working with your office to ensure we continue to provide effective capabilities to our Soldiers in support of the Joint force. Thank you for your continued support of Army programs and our Soldiers.
4. My point of contact for this action is Ms. Laura Pegher, 571-256-9438 or laura.i.pegher.civ@army.mil.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

January 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

SUBJECT: Department of the Navy Comments on the Fiscal Year 2023 Director Operational Test & Evaluation Annual Report

Thank you for the extensive collaboration between your staff and mine over the past four months to create this report. I appreciate the effort to ensure Controlled Unclassified Information content was not published in the report. I find that this report provides a factual assessment of the Navy and Marine Corps systems covered in the report.

I look forward to continuing and strengthening the collaboration with the Services, Director, Operational Test & Evaluation, and Under Secretary of Defense Research & Engineering to develop and implement comprehensive Integrated Test and Evaluation policy and processes.


Carlos Del Toro

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**SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, DC**

26 Jan 24

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

**SUBJECT: Department of the Air Force Response to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Director,
Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) Annual Report**

I appreciate the opportunity to review the FY23 report. Holistically, this report reflects an accurate status of oversight programs in the Department of the Air Force (DAF) and identifies the challenges and opportunities of resourcing the Department of Defense test enterprise. The DAF has also provided clarifications and amplifying information for your consideration in the final report.

I welcome the clear delineation of Air Force and Space Force programs in dedicated sections of the report. Moving forward, I would like to continue to work with you to ensure our joint activities remain effective and well characterized in congressional reporting.

The DAF looks forward to continuing the partnership with DOT&E required to meet the test needs of Airmen and Guardians now and in the future.


Frank Kendall

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