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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Ensuring Integrity in Management and Use of Government Aircraft

The use of government aircraft in support of agency operations is principally governed by the Memorandum dated February 10, 1993, on “Restricted Use of Government Aircraft,” and in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-126, “Improving the Management and Use of Government Aircraft,”1 which outlines the procedures that agencies must follow in the management of their aircraft programs. OMB Circular A-126 directs agencies to establish clear internal controls and adopt management safeguards to ensure that public resources are spent efficiently and effectively in the performance of government aircraft operations.

Department and agency heads are responsible for promoting strong internal stewardship policies and practices in the lifecycle of their aircraft programs, and for ensuring the integrity of their agency’s approval process for use of these aircraft in support of agency mission requirements. Agencies are encouraged to review their existing policies and ensure that the appropriate agency personnel are aware of those requirements.

On top of these long-established procedures for the use of government aircraft, M-17-32, Travel on Government-Owned, Rented, Leased, or Chartered Aircraft, established an additional process, requiring specific approval by the White House Chief of Staff for the use of government aircraft. M-17-32 is unnecessary in light of the above-described procedures and hereby rescinded.

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