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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6)

USA AMARCONDA, IRAQ

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

(b)(2)High

28 June 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, (b)(2)High, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Informal Commander's Inquiry

1. On 28 June 2006, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) conducted a mission to (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) within the city of (b)(2)High Iraq. During the conduct of this mission a Team Leader within the platoon, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) engaged and killed a non-combatant on (b)(2)High of the (b)(2)High building. The following will detail the timeline and actions taken throughout the operation. (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)

2. At approximately 0120 local time the (b)(2)High, (b)(3) reached VDO and dismounted the (b)(2)High and began their movement to isolate the (b)(2)High building, building (b)(2)High. During the movement from VDO a weapon was fired in the vicinity of the (b)(2)High, (b)(3) causing the force to seek cover in an attempt to find the enemy. Unable to locate the enemy the (b)(2)High force continued their movement forward in order to (b)(2)High

(b)(2)High SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) and PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) observed a military aged male (MAM) open a courtyard gate and step out towards the (b)(2)High. This MAM was holding an AK47 in one hand, pointing towards the ground as he turned and saw the two (b)(2)High approaching his position. SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) and PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) immediately attempted to detain the male but due to the space and obstacles between them the male was able to close the gate and move back inside his house before they were able to detain him. At this (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(2)High (b)(2)H

3. At 0143 the force commenced (b)(2)High by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) As the (b)(2)High progressed, personnel in the surrounding buildings started to wake up and move to either their rooftops or front courtyards, some of these personnel were seen (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) carrying weapons. Reporting from (b)(2)High indicated that personnel previously observed on the buildings surrounding (b)(2)High (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)

(b)(2)High, (b)(3) position on (b)(2)High, (b)(3) were also moving; however no weapons had been observed or reported. (S)(1), (S)(2)

4. At approximately 0150, when the (b)(2)High building was reported as being secure, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) observed movement across the street vicinity building (2)H. SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) had assigned SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) the task of overwatching the courtyard of building (2)H the building where the man carrying the weapon had returned to earlier. While providing overwatch on courtyard of building (2)H SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) had observed two males moving suspiciously in the courtyard of building (2)H. The personnel in the courtyard of building (2)H opened the gate, two unarmed males briefly moved into the street before they observed PFC (b)(3), (b)(6), PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) overwatching their position and immediately moved back inside. Almost immediately after observing these individuals move into the street from building (2)H SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) peered over his shoulder towards buildings (b)(2)High. In the courtyard of building (2)H SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) observed an individual who was peering over the wall towards (b)(2)High, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6). (b)(2)High SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) engaged the individual with two shots and reported to his squad leader that he had engaged a man who had been popping his head over the wall looking very suspicious. No other member of (b)(2)High observed the individual prior to the engagement because their sectors of fire had their attention focused on surrounding areas. SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) reported the engagement to his chain of command. Orders given to SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) at that time were to remain in (b)(2)High position and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6) due to the increased activity surrounding the (b)(2)High since (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6) commenced. (S)(1), (S)(2)

5. (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) remained in their (b)(2)High position until they were given the order to move from their (b)(2)High position to the (b)(2)High of the (b)(2)High building. As they moved from their position SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) moved his men to the courtyard wall of building (2)H. SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) observed one male KIA lying in the courtyard at that time reported it to his chain of command and continued around the block to (b)(2)High, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3), (b)(6) of the (b)(2)High building where he was given (b)(2)High. (S)(1), (S)(2)

6. The (b)(2)High force later moved to building (2)H in order to conduct an assessment of the male and gain (b)(2)High within the house. The (b)(2)High force found only 1 Female in building (2)H. Information gained from speaking with the woman is as follows:

(b)(2)High, (b)(6)

7. The body was turned over to the Iraqi Police. The Police officers name was CPT (b)(6). He works for (b)(2)High, (b)(6) Iraqi Police Department. At the time the IP came to the house he was working as (b)(6) (b)(2)High which belongs to and is run by Police Department (b)(2)High. CPT (b)(6) said that (S)(1), (S)(2)

other police would come at daylight and transport his body to the (b)(2)High general hospital. CPT (b)(6) supervisor within Department (b)(2)High is CPT (b)(6)

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8. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6) The platoon conducted an AAR to review the events that occurred during the operation and (b)(2)High

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(b)(2)High ROE was reviewed approximately 4 days ago by the platoon; however, we will review the ROE again within the next 24 hours

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4a, (b)(2)High, (b)(3)

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(b)(2)High, (b)(3), (b)(6)

View from corner of building (b)(2)High to courtyard wall of building (b)(2)High

(b)(2)High