



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula
LSA Anaconda, Iraq 09391

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CJSOTF-AP-CO

20 April 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJ [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6)] Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula, APO AE 09391

SUBJECT: Appointment as an Investigating Officer to Investigate the Escalation of Force Incident in Vicinity of [redacted (b)(2)High]

1. You are hereby appointed as an investigating officer to conduct an informal investigation to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the escalation of force incident occurring in the vicinity of [redacted (b)(2)High] Iraq. The incident resulted in the death of a local national.
2. Your investigation should be begin by interviewing CPT [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6)], team leader of ODA 094. Follow on interviews of other involved team members will likely prove necessary. Your findings should identify the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident, identify CJSOTF-AP personnel involved (if possible), and whether proper escalation of force procedures were followed. Your recommendations should include what, if any, of these procedures need to be trained on or improved.
3. Conduct your investigation in accordance with the procedures for informal investigations set forth in AR 15-6. If you suspect a Soldier has committed a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, advise him of his Article 31, UCMJ, rights. Do so by using DA Form 3881 before questioning the Soldier. Witness statements should be sworn and recorded on DA Form 2823, but do not unduly delay your investigation to obtain sworn statements. Report your findings and recommendations using DA Form 1574. Complete your investigation NLT 22 April 2007. If you request an extension, do so in writing.
4. Special Instructions:
 - a. Consult with MAJ [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6)] CJSOTF-AP SJA, [redacted (b)(2)High] upon receipt of this memorandum, for legal [redacted (b)(2)High] cting your investigation.
 - b. This appointment is your primary duty and supersedes all others.

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