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Subject: HIG/TB/ANP OPSEC Concern

Sir,

I'm concerned that LNs and ANP are sharing some pieces of the timeline for OPN MNT Descent.

(b)(2)High and was informed (HCT confirmed through his sources) that TB and HIG had a Shura today in Upper Kamdish, trying to resolve the conflict between the two groups IOT attack the COP. Apparently (b)(6) and other TB came from Wygal for the Shura, and (b)(6) and Mandagal AAF invited ANP from Mandagal back to Mandagal to resolve differences and get them to support TB and HIG. They also told me they had been invited to a meeting with the TB and HIG today about going back to Mandagal, and I advised them not to go.

Around 1500 (b)(6) met with the (b)(2)High and 2 x ANP within 1K of the COP to persuade the Afghans to not be on the COP tomorrow and to come back to Mandagal to join forces. Additionally, the HIG sent word through NDS to (b)(6), (b)(2)High and an interpreter, asking them to come meet with them at the same meeting. I told the ASG and TERP they couldn't go, and I sent Blue PLT through the switchback to set an OP IOT gain visual contact of the suspected meeting site. The OP was unable to get eyes on and there was (b)(2)High

At 1830 the (b)(2)High came to me concerned that the (b)(2)High was working with AAF. The (b)(2)High seem to have always have a great working relationship, but the (b)(2)High was visibly upset and seemed concerned about security of the COP with respect to the local workers. At first I attributed it to the two having a cat fight.

At 1930 I met with the (b)(2)High to discuss why 2 of his ANP went to the meeting and what they were told. He explained that they went without his knowing and that he would address the two ANP about it, but he gave no details about the meeting. At the end of our (b)(2)High explained that LNs on and off the COP told him the COP was closing. My response was that you and COL (b)(6), (b)(3) already told the ANSF and Shura leadership about it weeks ago. He went on to explain that we were currently backhauling non-essential gear to prep for the main backhaul, and that he knew we would run non-stop birds all night to backhaul and close Keating and Fritsche starting in 10 days (09OCT) for a duration of several days. I asked him if he thought the TB and HIG were getting the same information and he said "everyone knows this." I asked him if he thought we would be attacked, and he said "yes, tomorrow." I told him that there wasn't an approved plan for closing the COP, and that we could be told to leave soon or we could be told to leave after winter. I explained that I would keep him informed as best I could, but currently our intentions were to winterize and fly out equipment that needed repairs. On the other hand, it's evident that the (b)(2)High is definitely interested in the defense of his position (he has no intentions of going to Mandagal, at least not yet). He asked if he could take his ANP from Fritsche to reinforce his position (next to Keating) and he asked for ammunition.

I've since pulled in all the leadership on the COP (and radioed Fritsche), emphasized the importance of OPSEC, and discussed the aforementioned meeting. On a side note, I am planning a meeting with the Kamdesh Shura on Thursday at OP Fritsche to see if I can confirm HIG and TB relations.

V/R,
CPT (b)(3), (b)(6)