

Here you go sir... thanks

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Task Force Mountain Warrior 7

(b)(2)High

From: (b)(3), (b)(6) COL MIL USA TF MTN Warrior Legal Advisor
Sen ber 28, 2009 5:16 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6) CSM TF MTN Warrior CSM
Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6) C MIL USA TF MTN Warrior
Sub P Keating (UNCLASSIFIED)

CSM –

My bad missing you today, but more important you're with soldiers. We have certainly enjoyed time with your soldiers this visit, but wish it were not investigation.

Following are the areas I'd be interested in your comments. You can just add in reply e-mail and we'll include it in the report. And, of course, you can add any other comment you think important.

1. How many times did you visit COP Keating? What concerns, if any, did you have about location of the COP?

I visited COP Keating Once sir... The only concern that I had was that it was surrounded by high ground on most sides and would be difficult to defend

2. What issues, if any, did you see relating to force protection? What steps are you aware the unit leadership and soldiers took to improve force protection?

The FP issues that I had were that there were a limited number of Soldiers and ANA there to protect themselves against a significant force attacking

3. Did you have any commo from the Squadron CSM or the Troop 1SG regarding security or mission at COP Keating?

No sir

4. Are you aware of any issues getting resupply to COP Keating, other than normal challenges with weather and aircraft maintenance?

No sir

5. Any other issues relating to the soldiers at COP Keating?

The Soldiers seemed proud to be there with their battle buddies, maintained a good sense of work ethic and knew their jobs and tasks

6. Any recommendations for unit/soldier actions to avoid a similar event as the 3 Oct 09 attack?

Do not place outposts in remote hard to defend locations without significant assets and combat power

Thanks for your help, CSM, and thanks for taking great care of us here.

COL (b)(3), (b)(6)