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MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
FOR Commander, Combined Joint Task Force 82, Bagram, Afghanistan
SUBJECT: AR 15-6 Investigation re: COP Keating attack of 3 Oct 09

1. I am the appointed Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) assigned to (b)(6) who is the mother of SSG Justin Gallegos who was killed during the attack on Combat Outpost (COP) Keating on 3 Oct 09.
2. Purpose: This memorandum is in response to the response to conducting an interview with (b)(6) to inquire if she had any conversations with her son prior to the attack and/or information that may assist in the investigation being conducted.
3. Evidence: (b)(6) had no evidence to turn over or submit. SSG Gallegos and his mother had very limited contact. (b)(6) informed me that she had not seen her son in six years and spoke to each other rarely. She did however exchange emails on several occasions during this past deployment.
4. Reporting: In the interview with (b)(6) she willingly provided answers to the questions submitted to me by the Rear Detachment Commander, Maj. (b)(6) In summary (b)(6) had not spoken with her son in roughly six years and she did not know much about his military duties. (b)(6) did correspond through email during this latest deployment but never heard one word of derogatory conditions, areas of concern about his situation, or any stressors that would indicate he was not safe. His emails to her were encouraging and comforting that he was not in any dangers. I have submitted a copy of her answers to the questions provided to me with her answers.
5. POC: For any questions, please contact MSG (b)(6) @us.army.mil.

(b)(6)

Master Sergeant, USA