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REPLY TO  
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: (U) AR 15-6 Interview with Major General (MajGen) David Berger, former Commander, 1st Marine Division and Task Force (TF) Leatherneck

1. (U) The investigation team conducted an interview with MajGen David Berger, former Commander, 1st Marine Division and TF Leatherneck, via Secret Video Teleconference (SVTC) on 18 June 2013 as part of the AR 15-6 Investigation into the attack on the Camps Bastion-Leatherneck-Shorabak (BLS) Complex on 14-15 September 2012 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The following is a summary of the main points from the interview.

a. (U//~~FOUO~~) MajGen Berger served as the Commander of the 1st Marine Division and TF Leatherneck, which was a subordinate TF of Regional Command South West [RC(SW)] and the Commander of RC(SW), MajGen Mark Gurganus. MajGen Berger served in that role from February 2012 to January 2013, and he served as the RC(SW) Deputy Commander for Security Force Assistance (SFA) at the same time. His headquarters was on Camp Leatherneck on the BLS Complex, as was the RC(SW) headquarters.

b. (U//~~FOUO~~) MajGen Berger did not have any anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) responsibilities on the BLS Complex or in Area of Operations Belleau Wood, but he did provide operational control of 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, commanded by (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c to TF Belleau Wood to serve as the security force (SECFOR) for the BLS Complex.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, ISAF, NATO~~) MajGen Berger stated that he and MajGen Gurganus shared the belief that Camp Dwyer and the BLS Complex were the two critical infrastructures in RC(SW) that had to be protected. MajGen Berger was primarily concerned with the entry control points (ECPs) and the insider threat posed by the thousands of contractors on the BLS Complex. He was always worried about an external attack as well, but it was less of a concern until the attack on 14-15 September 2012.

d. (~~S//REL TO USA, ISAF, NATO~~) MajGen Berger stated that there were no explicit intelligence indications and warnings of the attack on the BLS Complex.

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He viewed the dead attackers after the engagement along with Maj Gen Malouk, Commanding General of the 215th Afghan National Army Corps, and Maj Gen Malouk was convinced that the attackers were foreigners, or at least not from Helmand Province.

e. (U//FOUO) MajGen Berger stated that he had enough manpower to perform his mission during the surge recovery drawdown, and he did not observe a lack of manpower on the BLS Complex that would have inhibited the conduct of AT/FP.

2. Point of contact for this memorandum is my legal advisor, (b)(6), (b)(7)c at (b)(6), (b)(7)c.



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