



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

HEADQUARTERS

(b)(2)High
BALAD, IRAQ

TF-JA

30 August 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(6), (b)(3)10 USC 130b

SUBJECT: Appointment of AR 15-6 Investigating Officer

1. Appointment. You are hereby appointed an investigating officer pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 15-6, Procedure for Investigating Officers and Boards of Officers, to conduct an informal investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the possible friendly fire/fratricide incident that took place in the vicinity of (b)(2)High Iraq, on or about 29 August 2007. This investigation is your primary duty and takes precedence over all other duties assigned.

2. Legal Orientation. Before you begin your investigation, you should receive a briefing from the TF (b)(6), (b)(3)10 Staff Judge Advocate, (b)(6), (b)(3)10 USC 130b. Your legal advisor during the investigation will be (b)(6), (b)(3)10 USC 130b. You will consult with the SJA representative regarding all aspects of this investigation, including preparing findings and recommendations.

3. Procedures. You are to conduct this investigation using the informal procedures outlined in Chapter 4, AR 15-6. No individual has been named as a respondent at this time. You are to thoroughly document all witness interviews in writing. Consult your legal advisor prior to advising anyone of his or her rights.

5. Report of Investigation. The report of investigation should include findings on the following specific issues:

a. the facts surrounding the incident, to include the time and location; units involved; name, rank, unit, and position of all personnel killed and wounded; and the respective missions of the units involved;

b. whether there was "Blue on Blue" contact; if so, identify any factors in mission planning and execution that caused or contributed to the contact and how and why the incident occurred;

c. whether the units involved were executing their respective missions IAW SOPs and established TTPS;

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d. whether there were any leadership deficiencies that contributed to or caused the casualties;

e. any other matters you deem relevant.

6. Submit your findings and recommendations on a DA Form 1574 (Report of Proceedings by an Investigating Officer/Board of Officers) through the (b)(2)High SJA to me no later than 14 September 2007. Submit any requests for modification of this suspense or the scope of your investigation to me, through the SJA.

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