DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS, COMBINED/JOINT TASK FORCE (CJTF)-82
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CJTF-82 24 November 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Statement Concerning Interview Memoranda Regarding Operations in the Ganjgal Valley on 8 September 2009

1. On 16 November 2009, from approximately 0900 to 2100, interviews were conducted with members of (b)(2)High and (b)(2)High These interviews took place in the Task Force Mountain Warrior Headquarters at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Fenty, Afghanistan.

2. On 17 November 2009, from approximately 0930 to 2030, interviews were conducted with members of (b)(2)High Embedded Training Team 2-8 (Afghan National Army Advisors), and the Afghan Border Police Mentor. These interviews took place in the (b)(2)High at FOB Joyce, Afghanistan, unless otherwise noted in a memorandum.

3. Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6) USA, and Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6) USMC, conducted each of the interviews. Captain (b)(3), (b)(6) USA, and Major (b)(3), (b)(6) USMCR, served as legal advisors to the investigators.

4. During both sets of interviews, Major (b)(3), (b)(6) occasionally left the interview room to coordinate the presence of the next witness. Other than this, all members of the investigation team were present for all portions of each interview.

5. All witnesses interviewed on 16 and 17 November 2009 were able to access and refer to a map of FOB Joyce and the Ganjgal Valley area while being interviewed, with the exception of CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) USA, and Specialist (b)(3), (b)(6) USA, who were interviewed via video teleconference and telephone.

6. In the week following these interviews, members of the investigation team contacted some witnesses and asked them to provide minor details to add clarity to their statements. No issues that would impact the findings and recommendations of the investigation were discovered as a result of these informal communications.

7. Some witnesses who gave statements in this investigation had given statements related to these events during a previous investigation. For convenience and reference, those statements are included herein.

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8. Memoranda for the record as related to these interviews represent the statements of the witnesses as contemporaneously recorded by the investigation team. Any inconsistency or inaccuracy of the statements in a memorandum is a reflection of the statement made by the witness. No major issues of fact discovered during this investigation were found to be in dispute by the investigators.

9. The points of contact for this memorandum are the undersigned.

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