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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AFZC-BCT-AD

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AR 15-6— CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) Sworn Statement Recommendations

1. I conducted an interview with CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) on 10 Sep 09 at FOB Joyce regarding the enemy attack on U.S.Marine ETTs and ANSF in the town of Ganjgal on 08 Sep 09. He provided a sworn statement but did not include his recommendations for improvement or lessons learned from the incident. Based on my interview notes, here are the recommendations that he provided.

a. Redundant Communications: Ensure that communications plan allows for redundancy and retransmission sites are included in the plan. This ended up being a critical problem since the southern (b)(2)High ended up being the single conduit for information flow back to the Chosin TOC and quickly became saturated.

b. Preplanned Targets: A fire plan for the engagement preplanned targets (KEs) must be established and clearly understood by all. For this mission, no formal fire plan was briefed and it was assumed that each party understood that fires would be called in for KEs with follow on adjustments made to those locations depending on the threat location. Once the enemy attack started, forward observers would simply call in fire on several KEs in rapid succession rather than focus on specific locations and adjust those fires as necessary. This resulted in long delays and confusion with the Battalion FECC as they tried to coordinate and prioritize these fire missions.

c. Dedicated CAS or CCA: Future missions should include the availability of dedicated air assets as Go/No-Go criteria during planning. This mission was hastily planned by the ANA/ABP and the lack of dedicated air assets was determined to still allow an acceptable level of risk despite the increased enemy threat assessment for the town.

d.

(b)(2)High

Exhibit AM

2. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at DSN (b)(6) or (b)(3), (b)(6) @afghan.swa.army.mil.

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