DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HEADQUARTERS, COMBINED/JOINT TASK FORCE (CJTF)-82
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
APO AE 09354

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CJTF-82-CG

15 OCT 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AR 15-6 Investigation into the Attack on US and Afghan Forces in the Vicinity of FOB Joyce, Konar Province, Afghanistan on 8 September 2009

1. I reviewed the AR 15-6 Investigation into the attack on US and Afghan forces in the vicinity of FOB Joyce, Konar Province, Afghanistan on 8 September 2009. The attack resulted in the deaths of 1stLt Michael E. Johnson, GySgt Edwin W. Johnson, SSgt Aaron M. Kenefick, HM3 James R. Layton, SFC Kenneth W. Westbrook and two Afghan National Army Soldiers. The attack also resulted in injury to two other US Servicemembers and five Afghan National Army Soldiers. I approve the Investigating Officer's (IO's) findings.

2. I am concerned about the level of involvement Task Force Chosin and Task Force Mountain Warrior senior leaders had in the planning and execution of this operation. I direct a more thorough investigation of their involvement in the planning requirements and execution of this operation.

3. I am also concerned about the perception by certain US Servicemembers involved in the engagement that the Quick Reaction Force and other responding TF Chosin ground elements did not adequately support the mission. I direct further investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding their involvement in the engagement.

4. I further direct that the investigation be returned to TF Mountain Warrior, and that TF Mountain Warrior report to me no later than 1 November 2009 the measures implemented to mitigate or prevent the adverse impact of future engagements of this nature. Additionally, I withhold the decision to take adverse action against (b)(3), (b)(6) until after the completion of the subsequent investigation.

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