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Major General Votel: I've introduced you to everyone in the room here and just by way of introduction to you, TM 1; I'm Major General Joe Votel. I'm currently assigned as the Chief of Staff at US Special Operations Command down in Tampa. In this capacity that we are talking tonight I have been appointed by the CENTCOM Commander, General Mattis, as the investigating officer to look into the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the hostage rescue operation in Konar Province, Afghanistan which took place about 9 or 10 days ago. An operation of which aim was to recover Ms. Norgrove, she was on that objective.

Right up front I do need to tell you this is an official investigation. I have an obligation to advise you of your rights. So, I would like to go through this. As we go through this I am going to ask you for your response. I would please ask that you please just verbalize it, we are recording this here. Before we begin this discussion I want to inform you that I suspect that you may have violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice, specifically Article 92, Dereliction of Duty; and Article 107, False Official Statement. Consequently I want to make it clear that you have the following rights as we embark upon this:

Under Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, you may remain silent; that is, say nothing at all. Any statement you make, oral or written, may be used as evidence in a trial by court-martial or in other judicial or administrative proceedings.

You have the right to consult a lawyer and to have a lawyer present during this interview. You have the right to military legal counsel, free of charge. In addition to military counsel, you are entitled to civilian counsel of your own choosing at your own expense.

You may request a lawyer at any time during this interview. If you decide to answer questions without a lawyer present you may stop the questioning at any time. Do you understand all these rights?

Witness: Yes, sir, I understand.

Major General Votel: Do you want a lawyer?

Witness: No, sir.

Major General Votel: Are you willing to answer questions?

Witness: Yes, sir.

Major General Votel: Okay. All right. Very good. In that case what I want to do here is I want to tell you that during the course of this interview, I will ask you to furnish information about yourself. That information will be a part of the official record. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that I inform you of the authority for this requirement. The statement I am placing in front of you right here serves that purpose. It is essentially a Privacy Act Statement that I'm certain you have probably seen before. What I would ask you to do is please review this and then sign the -- print and then date it today, 17 October.

[The witness did as directed.]

Major General Votel: The testimony today is being recorded digitally here. The transcript will be put into writing here and it will become part of the record here and be part of the investigative part that goes to General Mattis. Again, I would just ask you, we are going to talk off of imagery, we may call up some video; we'll use a schematic here to talk a little bit off of. I would just ask you to please verbalize any of your responses or anything we talk about here. This will not pick up any nods or gestures or things like that.

Witness: Okay, sir.

Major General Votel: I may make use of - we may make use of this very simplistic diagram here that really represents the numbering scheme used on the objective that night. I think you are familiar with all those. So, as we move around if you would just refer to your location and things relative to building numbers that would help us understand what is going on and will work in the record for us. Okay?

Witness: Okay.

Major General Votel: Before we continue I do want to remind you how important it is to give truthful testimony. It is a violation of Federal Law to knowingly make a false statement under oath and as part of this statement that we take from this will be considered a sworn statement. So, what I would like to invite you to do is please stand and raise your right hand.

[The witness was sworn.]

Major General Votel: Please let me just invite you to just relax here and we are going to conduct the interview kind of conversation style. I'll start off and ask some questions to kind of get you talking here and tell us what your experience was. I'll follow up with some questions. We are going to take this chronologically. We've got plenty of time here so we'll move through kind of the evening - the activities which took place chronologically as we understand them to occur. As we come to kind of a natural ending of each of those things I will offer the Brigadier, Colonel, and others here an opportunity to ask any questions that they might have and then we'll move on to the next kind of phase there. We'll kind of proceed through it with that. If at any time you need to take a break or anything please just let us know. We are under no time pressure or rush to get through this.

Okay, so, great, let me just invite you to kind of talk a little bit about the background to this mission, how the mission was conceived, how (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High came to have the mission, the tasks that were assigned to it for this particular objective.

Witness: Okay, we had been tracking; our Intel people had been tracking her kidnapping. The unit had already taken down another target in hopes to trying to find some Intel about her earlier. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High

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this building. That was 24-hours prior. We started looking at the target. I ended up primary for this target because it is just how we do things between -- --

Major General Votel: You alternate between (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High

Witness: We alternate between (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High We alternate back and forth and it just fell on me for (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High have this. We looked at the target the night before and had tried to get some better imagery. The imagery wasn't really good. We couldn't really tell certain things about the area so the next morning we had one of our snipers go up and do a fly over and take pictures and try to get some better shots of this area to give us a better idea of what we were about to get into. That night they called us in,

said, hey, we are going to take this down. Let's look at what's going to happen here. So, we got the information saying we think he's still there but it was still 24-hours old. We believe she may be there. We are going to go ahead and action this target and hopefully she's there. So, we went through the process of planning it out. The Intel people assessed her to be in building 11 and 12 so I said I would take 11 and 12 and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High was going to take the 20 series.

Major General Votel: Did you agree with that intelligence assessment? Did you have enough information to make a determination on your own what the probability of her being at one location or another on this objective?

Witness: No, where she was at on the objective? No, sir. I left that to them. They told me that they looked at the movement during the day and stuff like that and stuff like that and they gave a good assessment that she would be in there and if she was there she would probably be in there. So, that's why I picked 11 and 12.

Major General Votel: Okay. Thanks. Please continue.

Witness: Ah, where was I at? Going through - so we decided to - we started working out our (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High Senior Enlisted, started working out chalk loads. We found out how many people we could actually take on target and that type of thing. He said we were going to be (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High. They started - the aviators started working the, and (b)(2)High started working the insert points. We waited for that. Okay. They gave us some general ideas of where we would be able to insert. From that point, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, we got together and said - find out where they - more than likely they could put us in. They looked for off sets but there was no way we were going to be able to get in there in this kind of terrain. So, they came to us and said, we are going to do the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High INFIL. Roger that. We are going to put in - They are going to try to put in (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High here. I'll try to point that out for you all but.

Major General Votel: Actually if you would like, we've got this imagery here. I recognize right out front, unfortunately that was right before we came out here, that these HLZ points are off, off location.

Witness: That's way off (referring to large diagram).

Major General Votel: We know that yours was actually right up in here.

Witness: Yeah, it was up there.

Major General Votel: So, if you would like to talk off that, that's fine. You can use this if you would like or we will pull something else up.

Witness: They showed us that they would be able to (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High into this area, okay, so we assessed. We started looking at imagery. It looked like it would be accessible to come around this back side up through here. If not we were going to have to - there was, on another piece of imagery, it looked like there was a trail through here but we also had witnessed people walking through here (pointing between buildings 23 and 25). I watched it on ISR for that day for a while before we ever went out. So, we decided that (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High was going to be put in over here (referring to TH 58). There was another building in this area that he was going to send a couple of guys to take (referring to building 31) - we wanted to go check that out so he was going to send a couple of guys down to check that out as he pushed up. They thought there was a trail that came down to right about the area they were in. They were going to push around and just start pushing through this area. They wanted us to take down 10 and 12. We knew we needed to get there pretty quick thinking she was in there. That's where we went to from there. Do you want me to move right into actions on - what happened on the objective?

Major General Votel: No, what I would like to do is just kind of fast forward to the actual infiltration and if you could kind of take us, kind of a free talk here, from the time you exited the aircraft until you got up on the objective. Let's take it up to building 23.

Witness: Okay. Building 23. Actually, on INFIL in the helo, I'm - as we are coming in, I'm looking out trying to get a better vantage point of what's going on as I'm coming in, started realize this terrain is a lot steeper than we actually, I expected it to be. It was way steeper. I started looking - I hear over coms, they started saying as we moved up here and started to put the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High out, I moved to the back of the helo. I was actually second out of the back of the helo. I've got a guy that was my (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High So, he's down in front of me working (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High I'm

watching the front of this target. I'm looking and trying to figure out, alright, how are we going to get up there. I realized this is probably not going to be an option. I cannot see it from my vantage point from right here. I'm looking out the back of the helo, there is movement. I have males moving right here (referring to Building 25). None of them have weapons or anything but trying to get things going. I'm waiting for someone to come out with a gun because if they started - we were right there with that helo. If they started shooting that helo somebody was going to get hit.

Major General Votel: If I could for just a - can you just, based on your best estimate here, how far was the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High zone from, say for example the edge of building 21 in meters?

Witness: To me it seemed between 30 and 40 meters.

Major General Votel: Oh, that close.

Witness: Oh, we were close. I could see facial expressions. I mean, I was - it was actually a lot closer than I expected it to be. We started - I'm looking at the front of this. I have some movement. I hear over COMS, we have persons that are leaving. They are pushing east. They were actually coming out of the 11 and 12. I wasn't sure if they were also - at that point I am now on (b)(2)High and I'm moving down the (b)(2)High. I get down (b)(2)High. I have TM 3 in front of me. I push up. We are on the, I really can't tell by my picture right there but we are on a level, just below ----

Major General Votel: Just one below?

Witness: Just one below where being on level with it; the walkway of this - the 20 series.

Major General Votel: Okay. I understand.

Witness: Actually, no. We were even with it. When I came walking up I was even with it. As I - TM 3 is in front of me. I'm looking to see if I can find us a path to get us up and around to get us to this 10 series. We were supposed to be pushing around this way (referring to attached diagram) but that wasn't going to be an option because the helo was right here. We couldn't come back around this way.

Major General Votel: Wait. So, as you are moving up towards building 21 here, towards the objective itself, TM 3 is actually in front of you?

Witness: Right.

Major General Votel: And then you are the (b)(2)High operator in the order of movement?

Witness: I'll tell you in just a second. As we come off the (b)(2)High he is right in front of me. He starts holding long. I'm looking for a way we can go. He is actually holding down.

Major General Votel: Okay.

Witness: Then at this point there is nobody out front now. There were males around. At that moment I had assessed that they had bolted out of there and they were some of the ones that were running. So, I pushed - I actually started climbing this terrace and I'm the first one who comes up on top of the 20 series. As we come up on top of the 20 series as I get to about, I'd say building 22, I start over comes, I hear (b)(2)High comes up and says, hey, we are further away than we were before and it is going to take us longer for us to get there. I said, check, alright. Now I realize, basically I am going to have to take this target down. I am starting to assess, okay, I've got to take this target down and I've got to start adjusting guys. I'm on 22. I keep pushing up. I'm scanning all of this area to the East. I'm looking up to 11 and 12. I'm scanning back down this way, making sure there's a - I'm looking for a route. I've got a couple of guys behind me. I glance back and I know I've got guys behind me, I'm looking. I push up. I know I need guys below, originally, in the original - in the plan C2, our C2 element was supposed to stay down in this area and I was leaving one of my guys here, TM 6, he was the dog guy. He's actually - he's going to be TM 2, but I left him with them as a shooter there because (b)(1), (b)(2)High was actually going to push in and clear this direction and I left TM 6 if somebody left the area or things came out this way, I am firmly confident in his shooting from that point. So, he actually was supposed to post up here and hold down on all this stuff. After we start finding out (b)(1), (b)(2)High's not coming I don't know what's happening on - down on the level on the other side of the building in the front of 21, 22, and 23. I can't

see what's happening right there. My guy - I looked - I glanced back. I realize I have guys that are coming up. I push forward. I'm going to push up. I know I need to start separating and I'm going to send some guys to 11 and 12 but I know I need to start taking this down as well. As I get to this corner, of building ----

Major General Votel: That's the corner of building 23?

Witness: As I get to the corner of building 23, as I come over this - let me see this. As I get this corner I ----

Major General Votel: You are indicating the North East corner of the building?

Witness: The North/North East corner, I IDed a MAM with an AK and a chest rack on. I take three shots at him. I back off. I immediately go on the radio and said, they have weapons - shots fired, shots fired. They have weapons. To let (b)(1)(4a),(b)(2)High and those guys and anybody else that can't see what's going on here. (b)(1)(4a),(b)(2)HighS coming up from the low ground so I'm trying to let them know what's going on up here and (b)(1)(4a),(b)(2)High and also have these guys realize that they need to start looking for - if they are out in the open they need to find some cover.

Major General Votel: Great. Can I ask a couple of questions, just a few?

Witness: You can go ahead.

Major General Votel: How many times did you employ your weapon? Was that time you just described, was that the only time you employed your weapon that evening?

Witness: No, I do it two more times, sir.

Major General Votel: Okay. Two more times subsequent. Did you hear any other fire while you were moving into position?

Witness: Yes, but I can't assess whether it is coming from this direction or if it is over here (referring to attached diagram). From where I was standing there was also fire - shots being fired in the distance over (b)(1)(4a),(b)(2)High

Major General Votel: Okay. And then just one other clarification. In the first engagement where you just talked about where you, again, on this simplistic diagram, where approximately was the individual you engaged? Was he

closer to building 23 or was he closer to building 25 or is that, can you even make that determination?

Witness: He was in between them.

Major General Votel: Right in between them?

Witness: Yes, he was in between them. He was down low. He was moving pretty quick.

Major General Votel: And you did state that you identified the chest rack that he was - a rack that he was wearing?

Witness: Yes. He had light colored clothing on it and it stood out. It was very obvious with his beard and AK, it was just a picture.

Major General Votel: All right, good. You had just finished talking about employing the weapons, so please continue.

Witness: From that point I stepped back. I made the COMs about the shots fired, shots fired and they have weapons. I pushed back forward. I know I need to clear down this area before I had guys who were already turning to go towards 11 and 12 behind me. I needed to - I wanted to make sure that there's nobody between 23 and 25 before I push - before I let everyone push up behind me into this. As I turn, there's a - at the corner of - at the north corner of 23, between 23 and 25 it actually dropped down and there was a rock there, a big rock. I turned and I wanted to clear the bottom of this corner of 23 to make sure there is no body down that's ----

Major General Votel: Okay, you are indicating the Southeast corner of 23?

Witness: The Southeast corner. So, as I apply that and I look down into that corner there's a MAM down in there. He - I couldn't tell if he had already been shot or if he was hiding behind the wall. He was laid back in this general direction. He made some movement. I could see his AK. I could see him sitting there. He had light colored clothes on. I shot two rounds into him. As I scanned back - actually, what I said it was three more times, shots fired three more times because I took two shots into this guy that was up against the building in 23. As I scanned back, as I scanned back across towards building 25, I see that the MAM with - I see his face and I see the weapon. I'm not sure if he's been engaged or not. I go to engage and this is all in a flash of a second, as I

go to engage him, an explosion goes off. It knocks me on my butt, in kind words. It knocks me on my butt onto the rock. I assess that real fast but I hop off the rock and I start moving towards 11 and 12. I need to - I can't see anything down here now because there is dust and everything, so I need to get out of this area. So, I push up towards 11 and 12 because we need to finish clearing this. We need to get to this, to this, my target. I move up to building 11. I have guys pushing to the left side going into 12. I know these guys have come out of here so I start scanning this area, scanning this area. I'm still trying to figure out where (b)(1), (b)(2) High is at. I figured they would be there by that moment, by the time we got to there, they weren't there yet. I push into the East side of building 11. I go in, I actually do a quick scan of the room, pie it, there's - I engage another male that's in there. He was just standing in the middle of the room with his AK. I engage him and enter a room there, clear it. There was nothing else in there. I come out of that room. I get COMs that (b)(1), (b)(2) High comes up and says it's taking them a lot longer to get there. I was like, okay, now I need to finish clearing this target. It's all mine. I need to find more guys. I call up TM 2. I said, you have - I tell him, I pass to him, he has - finish building 11 and 12. I push back down. There's a guy standing right out here. I grab him, I believe it was EOD. I believe it's my EOD guy. I grab him. I come back down. As I get down to the bottom of this hill, I see a couple of my guys. I push down. I grab the guy on the corner, I believe it was TM 6, who was on the corner. I said, we need to - we have to clear the rest of these buildings, it's on us, go. We push. We start clearing the buildings. We get down over here. My EOD, I clear some rooms, I come out. My EOD guy comes to me and says, hey, there's a female over here. I asked him where? I said, show me. And he brings me back over to the corner of 25 and points down at the corner of 25. I reached down. I uncover her face. She's completely wrapped up in some black clothing stuff. I uncover her face and asked if that's her. TM 6, I think it was TM 6, comes back up. I said, is this her? Let's get a light on her. I called for (b)(1), (b)(2) High who was up here at this time, had pushed up with the rest of the guys. He comes down and starts assessing her about that time, that's when (b)(1), (b)(2) High GDR comes up, he comes up, starts talking to

him (b)(1), (b)(1.4a), (b)(2) is working on her trying to assess her and I finish; now I'm trying to figure out (b)(1), (b)(1.4a), (b)(2) starts coming up. I'm telling (b)(1), (b)(1.4a), (b)(2) where they need to head. You know getting the rest of the target finished at that time.

Major General Votel: Okay. Thanks. So, you painted a very good picture there and, so, from your corner position here at the Northeast corner of 23, you essentially had three different engagements?

Witness: Correct.

Major General Votel: The first engagement somewhere down between 23 and 25, you pried around the corner and you spied somebody close to the Southeast corner of building 23, engaged them because there was some movement and then you ---  
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Witness: As I scanned back it appeared, it was just a flash, but it appeared that he was crouched down or he was laying down, but I looked at his face, beard, I could see a rifle right there and I went to go take a shot and an explosion in my face.

Major General Votel: But that third engagement was not against the person who was at the - against those, it was this one back here (referring to attached diagram)?

Witness: No, no, no, it was this one back over here (referring to attached diagram).

Major General Votel: Do you think you engaged that person over there twice?

Witness: That's who I believed it was, it was the same guy twice. Once I took the shots I backed off to be able to make that communication because I did have people over here and I wanted them to know that we had - there was people coming up on that side.

Major General Votel: Were you aware that there was another engagement over here in front of 22 or 23?

Witness: No, not at that time, not at all. I heard shots but I didn't know that there was a male right here.

Major General Votel: Okay, so once - what you basically said is for the third engagement from the Northeast corner of building 23 back down onto this individual right here located closer, in between 23 and 25, as you employed your weapon is when the explosion occurred?

Witness: Everything is at the same time, just in my face.

Major General Votel: All right. I understand that as not something that is completely uncommon to you, that you have experienced that previously?

Witness: Yes, I have, last year.

Major General Votel: And so when that - after that explosion is done your focus at that point continues to be towards buildings 11 and 12?

Witness: That was my primary objective.

Major General Votel: And getting up to your primary objective. Okay. What I would like to do - let me just stop there and, any questions, Brigadier, on any of that movement up to then? We'll come back and talk about the stuff in between 23 and 25 in a moment.

Brigadier Nitsch: Can I ask a couple of questions?

Major General Votel: Sure.

Brigadier Nitsch: First of all, I would like to say how much we appreciate how much was done on here and how difficult the circumstances were and you know, what was done. So, generally, thank you very much for that.

Just a couple of questions. What weapon system did you have with you?

Witness: I had an M4.

Brigadier Nitsch: The second question is, do you think your team is being asked to do anything that they, that was beyond them?

Witness: No, sir.

Brigadier Nitsch: No?

Witness: No, sir, I don't believe so.

Brigadier Nitsch: And the other one is just real quick. I just picked it up, you said TM 2 is about to change with TM 6, was that right?

Major General Votel: Yea, you mentioned TM 6 is going to - he's coming in, in the future he's going to come in and become ----

Witness: TM 6 is an assaulter who just took up an extra duty as TM 6.

Brigadier Nitsch: And what is TM 2 have to do? Is he moving to another squad?

Witness: No, no, no. He's actually taking my job.

Brigadier Nitsch: Alright. Okay. I'm done. Thank you.

Major General Votel: Just for the record, you are carrying (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High just the standard ammunition there or any ----

Witness: I use (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High. The standard ammunition.

Major General Votel: (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High and that is what you normally carry?

Witness: That's correct.

Major General Votel: What does, and then just again so we can, what else are you carrying in terms of a side arm and then any other ordnance and stuff with you?

Witness: Uh, as far as ordnance, I carry (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High. My sidearm is a (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High and I also have a (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High on it. Also, I carry a (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High and a (b)(1).4a, (b)(2)High. That's it.

Major General Votel: Okay, good, thanks. Did you hear any other, and I know it is pretty difficult to hear suppressed weapons, but did you hear any other exchange of fire besides the ones that you were personally involved in up to this point?

Witness: Yes, I could hear shots being fired, yes.

Major General Votel: So independent of when you were employing your weapon?

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: Okay. UK SME?

UK SME: Just quickly, I just want to be clear in my own mind and I appreciate how difficult it is in the cold and it being in the middle of the night and all that sort of stuff, I really do appreciate that. But, you've got yourself up to the Northeast of building 23?

Witness: Right.

UK SME: Effectively on the rooftop and then you have three separate engagements. You've got the first one where

you engage an insurgent armed with his AK as he's moving between the gap between 23 and 25?

Witness: Yes.

UK SME: You then retreat behind cover and make your call to the rest of the team?

Witness: Yes.

UK SME: You then look back out and then you engage, well, go on, I'll let you describe.

Witness: Did you want me to draw it for you?

UK SME: Yeah, if you could, that would be good.

Witness: As I come up, I'm scanning all this area right here (referring to space between buildings 23 and 25). I look down, there's a male moving in this direction. He's about right here. I take three shots at him. I step back to let them know because I do have guys over here. I step back, gave them a call, and let ~~(b)(1), 1.4a, (b)(2) High~~ know. I look back. I have guys that are starting to move up so I push over and I want to finish - I can't go over here until I clear this side over here (referring to attached diagram). I step over, I look down, there's a male. He's lying right here, it looked to me like - if you could imagine, here's the - like here's the building, I'm up here. This goes down this way steeply. There's a guy laying right here as I'm looking down. So, I'm above him at this point, looking down. He's right on this corner. I don't know if he's been engaged or not. I take - I put two shots in him.

UK SME: Is he the one that was moving?

Witness: Yes.

UK SME: Okay. So you saw him with the weapon?

Witness: I saw him move. I took shots. I'm standing on this rock. I scan back this way because I'm just going to scan this. What is initially going to happen, I'm just going to scan this way and keep moving. So, I start scanning back this way, I catch - there's a tree and some other stuff down here. I catch; as I scan back I get a picture of the guys face and rifle, beard, and explosion all at the same time. Right as I'm, okay, there's a guy right there now if he's still alive or if he's dead, I don't know. I know

I've engaged somebody over here but you don't know if they are always dead.

UK SME: Okay. So, I've got that. Did you actually, before that explosion went off, did you actually engage that target?

Witness: I'm talking it was all at the same time.

UK SME: Okay.

Major General Votel: The second time? So, three distinct engagements?

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: Once here, once here, and then back down? (referring to attached diagram)

Witness: Once here, once here, and as I came back, as I pulled the trigger I get an explosion in my face.

Major General Votel: Okay.

UK SME: Okay. Thank you.

Major General Votel: Okay. Great you kind of continued on and painted a good picture of what you did up in terms of 11 and moving down to 25, 26, 27, 28 series of buildings there. Where I would like to kind of pick up and talk about is when you are notified by, I believe it is TM 6 that tells you that there is a female over here?

Witness: No, that was the EOD.

Major General Votel: Okay. So the EOD Tech tells you there is a female over here. If you could kind of take us back to that and then go through what actions, etcetera that you took when you got back over there?

Witness: Roger that. As I pushed back down I pick up, I grab EOD on the way down, I believe it was TM 6, at the corner of 25. I push around and I tell him we've got to finish clearing these. So, we start clearing the rooms. We would clear a room, come out, somewhere down at this end of 25 and TM 7 ----

Major General Votel: The eastern side of 25.

Witness: The eastern side of 25. And TM 7 stops and says, hey, there's a female over here and I stopped and said, where? And he says back there. I said, show me. And he pulls me back.

Major General Votel: This is all verbal, voice-to-voice communication, you are not talking over - you are talking to each other?

Witness: Right, he's talking to me. We're standing there. "Show me." He brings me back and says, "she's right here." I actually stand over and reach over and uncover her face.

Major General Votel: Had you seen a picture of Ms. Norgrove going into this objective?

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: So, did you recognize the person in front of you as being Ms. Norgrove at the time?

Witness: I could assume it was her, but I don't call out things that I'm not positive about. It looked like her.

Major General Votel: Okay, because she gave all the certain terms, Caucasian ----

Witness: Yea, I'm looking through night vision goggles.

Major General Votel: All your vision is through the night vision?

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: At that point then what happens next?

Witness: I call for the (b)(1), (b)(2) High. He comes back down, the 11, that they start to push over. He comes over. I kind of give him a dump. The (b)(1), (b)(2) High working on it. I also have the (b)(1), (b)(2) High coming up at the same time. The guys are starting to make it here. Also, at that moment there was also a call that the Terp went - the Terp was down by our CCT that was on ground with the (b)(1), (b)(2) High. He said the Terp was down and I kind of stopped for a minute and the (b)(1), (b)(2) High comes over and says, is he down or is he hurt, or is he, you know, trying to assess if something happened to him. They get that cleared up real fast. The (b)(1), (b)(2) High pushes up. I start pushing them in different areas to finish doing some stuff. I already had guys starting to work, mainly the guys were working right here.

Major General Votel: Okay. As you called the (b)(1), (b)(2) High down there, then I presume he then begins his work to make a medical assessment of Ms. Norgrove ----

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: ---- and does his work. Do you stay in that area or are you -- I know you are directing combat at this point. Do you stay in that area of the, kind of the southwest corner of 25 there or are you moving around?

Witness: I'm moving around and making sure, at this point, TSE is coming up; I'm trying to give him a little dump. I've got (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) guys that are showing up. They want me to tell them where to go so I start sending guys to start doing SSEs in rooms. I've also got a - I'm also giving TCDR ----

Major General Votel: The team leader, or the (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) commander?

Witness: The (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) commander, all the building numbers that have been cleared, making sure everything has been cleared. I'm basically just pointing to people and telling them where to go to places.

Major General Votel: Okay, good. Is there at any point, you know obviously, was it your view when you first saw Ms. Norgrove or you saw the female on the ground that she was dead at that point?

Witness: When I removed the stuff, yes, I could tell by her eyes she was dead.

Major General Votel: Okay. Then I recognize that as you have said here (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) to work on her doing his medical assessment. Is there ever a point at which, and you are directing activities around the 20 series buildings there, is there ever a point at which there is a discussion about what caused her death on the objective that any of the leadership has?

Witness: It was either (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) or (b)(1), (1.4a), (b)(2) TCDR asked me what happened. I told them, I engaged this guy, when I went to engage this guy he exploded in my face. I'm pretty sure I said, I can't believe this shit is happening to me again because a year ago on an objective I had a guy detonate in my face.

Major General Votel: Okay. Let me just stop there and see, Brigadier?

Brigadier Nitsch: I've got nothing to add.

Major General Votel: UK SME?

UK SME: Nothing, sir.

Major General Votel: Okay. Then what I would like to do is kind of continue to move forward here. So, then I presume as the objective is cleared we've identified where Ms. Norgrove is and then, go ahead.

Witness: All this area is now - it's been called secured and cleared. I've already got guys doing their SSE jobs. I'm directing making sure that somebody has looked in every room. I'm going around, I have a note pad. I guess I could have brought it but I have a note pad that I start writing, trying to write down things that they find, AKs, chest racks, grenades, ICOM radios, I'm trying to get a good count on what we are finding on this and then I give it (b)(1), (b)(4a), (b)(2) to our (b)(2)High commander, that's kind of what we've got going on.

Major General Votel: Okay. And then the force prepares for exfiltration and we've, I think we've got a pretty good understanding of what occurred during the exfiltration. We essentially packaged Ms. Norgrove, got her ready and then ----

Witness: They got her ready pretty fast. I was actually pretty impressed.

Major General Votel: Yeah, put her in a steel litter, lifted her out, one aircraft dedicated to moving her out and then the remainder of the force then kind of consolidates and moves down and exfiltrates. Is there anything, really from the point of where we just talked about up until the time you are back on the aircraft, is there anything else that would, that you would like to talk about or would like to highlight for us with respect to that? Anything noteworthy here?

Witness: No.

Major General Votel: Nothing?

Witness: No.

Major General Votel: And then again, the only discussion there on the death of Ms. Norgrove, the cause of her death at that point has been this discussion that you previously had about, you know, the guy exploded?

Witness: Roger, sir.

Major General Votel: All right. What I would like to do then is move - well, let me stop at this point here and let me ask

you to please run the - before we leave this, we are going to move on to the next phase here and talk about some of the activities that took place after you left the objective. But, what I would like to do is I just want to give you an opportunity here to look at this, kind of what has been described as kind of the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High that I'm sure you have probably seen by now and then just give you a chance to talk, if there is anything in particular you think you might want to highlight for us.

[The (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High was played and discussed as follows.]

Okay, obviously these are individuals that are

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Witness: That's the movement that we are talking about.

Major General Votel: ---- part of the force coming up here in the vicinity of, I think what we'll see here very shortly is we'll see an engagement that takes place here.

Witness: I should be right, this doesn't even work up here.

Major General Votel: I think it will pop up in a second. He throws something, he's engaged, shot, and killed. The next thing we'll see is an operator coming up here. I believe this is you.

Witness: That is me. There wasn't anybody in front of me. I had, I believe it was TM 9 behind me. I know he's going to; he's looking for the same thing. He's looking to push up.

Major General Votel: Right. So, you are coming across 22 here. TM 9 is behind you.

Witness: I believe that to be TM 9, I don't know that to be for sure.

Major General Votel: Right. You are there, you jump down onto 23, you are moving up to the corner and let me stop you right there. Anything you want to add here?

Witness: Right now at this point, I'm moving through here, I'm scanning, I've got to make sure - I'm looking at all this. I'm looking over here to see if anyone is moving here. As I get closer to this, I know I have to look down in here before I can go up. So, as I get closer I start panning back this way.

Major General Votel: Okay. Let's go forward a little bit, please.

Witness: I should engage somewhere right in here.

Major General Votel: Okay. Go ahead. Let's see if we - I don't know if we actually see that. I think, actually we do, right there. Okay. Stop. So that's the engagement of this individual right in there? (Referring to EKIA #2)

Witness: Yes. I stop and that's when I make the call right here.

Major General Votel: So, at this point you are now calling your team members down here and saying these people saying they have weapons.

Witness: And (1) 1.4a, (b)(2) High shots fired, shots fired, they have weapons.

Major General Votel: All right. We'll get a little bit more. Now, the next action that you kind of describe for us is where you are kind of - well, let me let you describe it.

Witness: So, now I come back up. I need to clear down to this area. As I push up I look down and see there's a guy moving right here.

Major General Votel: Okay. Go ahead, please. And of course we see the movement right there and there is -

Witness: I take two shots right there but you can't see them.

Major General Votel: Okay. So, two shots made at this point and then go ahead and describe what you're doing.

Witness: That's what - I take those shots. I look at him, I panned, I go to take a shot and it explodes, it puts me on my butt right there, you really can't tell.

Major General Votel: We are almost to the end of this portion of it but what happens after this, essentially, you don't move down here and you continue moving towards your objectives?

Witness: No, I continue to move towards my objective. I came up from up in this area. (Referring to space North of gap between buildings 23 and 25.)

Major General Votel: The only, with the individuals who are following up to you, the only one, again I know it is difficult to determine exactly who is who, but do you think TM 9 is the one behind you? You don't know who the others are at that point?

Witness: No.

Major General Votel: Okay. Brigadier, any questions?

Brigadier Nitsch: Not right now, thank you.

Major General Votel: Okay. What I would like to go ahead and move along to is the force now gets on their helicopters, flies back here to (b)(1)1.4a.(b)(2)High and lands, and gets on the busses and move back to the compound (b)(2)High. What I would like you to do is kind of pick up from there and talk about then what actions are taking place with the team, kind of up through the hotwash into the SSE debrief.

Witness: Check, so up from the helo?

Major General Votel: From the time, basically from the time you arrive back here at the compound.

Witness: Okay. We arrived back at the compound. We push in to the de-jock, take our stuff off and then we head out to our fire-pit and that's where everyone meets and we do basically a debrief. A couple of people talk for a second. This is where things start getting difficult for me. They looked at me. I tell them, I walk them through the whole thing on target from my perspective. Uh, the TF CDR or TFSE says a couple of things. We talk about it for just a second and then I tell everybody ----

Major General Votel: TF CDR or TFSE being the (b)(2)High commander or chief?

Witness: TFSE and TF CDR.

Major General Votel: Okay. So, just to - as you are going through the hotwash you basically relayed kind of the same things we discussed here in terms of your engagements and leaning to the point where your third engagement is essentially simultaneous with the explosion?

Witness: The explosion. Yep. I walked him through all that and I think we got through the hotwash for the debrief and then I tell everyone who has SSE, any type of stuff, let me know and we will meet over here to the TF Planning Area. I come over here just to make sure everybody is getting everything they need. The Intel guys, I just ask them, do you have all the pictures. I make sure, hey, did you give them your pictures. I just make sure everybody gets everything in. When I come over to the TF Planning Area, TF CDR

is in there. I walk up; start talking to him for a second. He said he was just going to kind of wait and see what came out of everything. I said, would you like me to walk you through it. He said, yes. So, I bring him ----

Major General Votel: So, again, TF CDR, we're talking about the Commander?

Witness: Yes. I actually, I had it in my GRG [Grid Reference Graphic] and I pull it out and I walk him through my whole scenario to what - exactly what I just went through with you. He says, okay, and I go back to work doing what I'm doing and getting all the pictures in and everything done and making sure the Yankee comes over and just all the normal stuff we do.

Major General Votel: If I could just kind of stop you there. I want to go back to the hotwash, the event that took place around the fire out there.

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: That's being orchestrated by the team chief?

Witness: Correct.

Major General Votel: He is the guy who does that?

Witness: Right (b)(1), (4a), (b)(2) calls everybody in. He starts walking through. He tells things from his perspective. We have a print out that is normally up there.

Major General Votel: Was there one that evening, do you recall?

Witness: Honestly I can't even tell you.

Major General Votel: During the course of the hotwash, who's expected to talk during that?

Witness: It's usually the team chief (b)(1), (4a), (b)(2) HIM 9 and myself. He asks us if we have anything we want to put out. Usually we walk him through what just happened.

Major General Votel: Okay. So it is normally the leaders that are talking there?

Witness: Yes.

Major General Votel: It is not necessarily ----

Witness: No.

Major General Votel: But there is a large group there listening to this?

Witness: Yes, I mean, 80 percent of our TF was standing there, we had (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High out there.

Major General Votel: Everybody - there is no control as to who is attending that thing?

Witness: No.

Major General Votel: It is basically whoever, they have people who kind of know by force of habit to go up to the fire pit after the force gets back and that's ----

Witness: It is usually just the guys who have been on the op that are standing there. We had our other (b)(2)High out here so they were standing out there. They wanted to know what happened. So, they were all standing out there. Other than that I don't know who all was out there.

Major General Votel: Okay. Let me just stop. Brigadier, any questions?

Brigadier Nitsch: No, sir. I've got one but I believe it will come in a little bit of time.

Major General Votel: Okay. So, then you kind of talked us through after the hotwash, the appropriate people move over and do the J2, SSE debrief and that kind of stuff and you went over and checked that. Then what happens?

Witness: After I complete all the SSE and everything I come back over and I start pulling, I take care of my gear because I hadn't messed with it, I had just taken it off. I pulled out my radios and clean off my gun and stuff like that. So, I headed over and I do that and then I just head back to my hooch.

Major General Votel: All right. Is there a point where information is presented to you that evening about what other things that may have happened on the objective?

Witness: Yes. After I get back to my ----

Major General Votel: You are back at your hooch with your gear and stuff. You are back at your hooch and can I just ask you to talk about that?

Witness: Yes. I go back to the hut. I go back and do some stuff back in my room and something like that and I come out and TM 3 comes up to me and asks me if I had talked to TM 5. I asked him about what? He said, TM

5 threw a grenade. I said, I said, I just fell. It was overwhelming as to what I was thinking. At about that time that's when TM 5 comes up. We are standing right next to TM 5's room and I push him into TM 5's room and I was like, what are you talking about?

Major General Votel: So, at this point the three, you, TM 5, and TM 3 are all outside?

Witness: We are standing inside his room. I'm like, what are you talking about? He said, "I threw a grenade." That's really all I can remember out of that conversation is I threw a grenade. I was completely overwhelmed with what I was hearing. It floored me. And then I just stood there for a minute and I told him I would take care of it. I would go talk to - I would handle it. I think I said I would take care of it; I'll handle it or something like that.

That's where I want you all to understand something that, this whole, everything that is going on, from that point on is where I make my biggest mistakes. That's - There is - I want you all to know that not (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High CDR, not TFSE, not TF CDR, should be held accountable for anything. This is where I make the biggest mistake that has caused problems. At that point if I can tell you all; coming off of that, this operation, standing in front of my TF, after working for 13 years (b)(2)High (b)(2)High I failed. I never saw her. I didn't bring her back. [Crying.]

Major General Votel: Just relax, take your time. Take as much time as you need.

Witness: At that moment when they told me about that grenade I just, I already had a problem because I had to stand in front of my TF and tell them how this went wrong, that I didn't save her. Then on top of that they come to me with this, I was lost. I ain't going to lie. I panicked; I had no idea what to do. I want you all to know that everything after this I look at it as an excuse because what I should have done is walk straight out there and talked (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High CDR is what I should have done. What I couldn't do is figure out how to say it. I was completely overwhelmed. I didn't go. I didn't go out and I didn't talk (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High CDR. I basically just shut down. I think I sat next to the fire for I don't even remember. It was just complete, just

running through my head trying to put it together what happened. The next, I think it is the next day, TSE comes, he says, hey. He calls me up says he's coming over. He comes over. We look at the video and we start looking at an ISR video. At that time, again, I should have said something to him right there but the whole time I'm watching this video is all I can think about is the choices I made I could have made differently. I'm watching, you really can't tell, I'm trying to figure out - I just wanted to figure out where she came from. How she got there because at this point I have no idea. I look at this video trying to figure out where she came from, what happened. Now, I'm starting to - I'm consumed with, what if I had just went straight. What if I had just gone this route? What if I would have sent the guys this way? Would I have changed it, anything (b)(1), (b)(2) High we go through it a couple of times. He asks me. I tell him what's happening from my point of view right there. He gets up. He leaves. I'm just sitting there in awe of how horribly this has gone. It's now - I now see it on the news. I'm like, I'm thinking about my brothers, the TF, I'm completely overwhelmed and I just don't know what to do. I don't even know what it was. Ever since there it's been one long day (b)(1), (b)(2) High comes over and says hey, TFSE wants to talk to us. We come in here, we actually come in here. I sit down. TFSE asks me, did someone throw a grenade?

Major General Votel: The meeting you are describing now is the one that's taking place the next day after you met with him, with the ambassador?

Witness: Yes, he calls in, which, fuck, I'm a mess. He calls in. I sit down. He asks me, did someone throw a grenade? I was like, yes, yes. TM 5 came - they came to me, TM 3 came through me and I went through the ordeal and told him exactly what I just told you. I talked to him for a minute. They showed me the video. It makes clear things that have happened that I didn't know. I couldn't put together. Then I head back over and I get - they send me over to get TM 5 and I bring TM 5 over and bring him in here. Then, the rest, you know, we started calling people.

Major General Votel: Thank you. Brigadier?

Brigadier Nitsch: Can I ask you one question? Do you think the system could have done anything to help you in that period of your torment and turmoil? Is there anything that

could, if the framework around you had been different or if there is anything that you could now, it is probably too early but anything you could grab hold of that would, you know, where the system could have helped you more?

Witness: The system is set up ----

Brigadier Nitsch: By the "system" I don't mean processes, I just mean anything that could have been done around here to ---  
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Major General Votel: For example, is there something that could have been done in the hotwash process or the debriefs that would have provided an opportunity to do this?

Brigadier Nitsch: You were right talk with this, what could we have done to ease you up?

Witness: If I am ever involved in this during that debrief I'm going to directly ask, does anybody have anything they want to say or need to say? Do you need to say it to me on the side, whatever? I'm going to ask right there. Honestly, I don't know right now.

Brigadier Nitsch: Nothing further from me.

Major General Votel: UK SME?

UK SME: I appreciate how incredibly difficult this is for you. You seem to be, you know, already beating yourself up even before you heard about the grenade, you know beating yourself up about a mission because, you know, you were the ----

Witness: That was my target.

UK SME: I completely and I absolutely get that and I understand that, but could you just sort of elaborate on that? I mean apart from the fact that Ms. Norgrove was not brought out alive, what specifically was really troubling you? Was there any more than just that bold fact?

Witness: Uhm, kind of ----

UK SME: Or was it because, you know, where her body was found and the fact that ----

Witness: Yeah, I got you, I got you. The - I've worked really hard to get to where I'm at. Just literally everything I worked at was to complete this mission. I was the last one on the helo. I climbed on last. I poured myself on the ground. The whole flight back I can't get out of my head how did I not know she was right there?

UK SME: So you worked out that she had to be between building 25 and 23 and ----

Witness: For me, after - even after I came down to finish clearing I didn't see. I didn't know she was there.

UK SME: When you came down and you shot EKIA number 2 just before the explosion and that is what you are speaking about?

Witness: No, no, no. When I come back down from 11 and 12.

UK SME: Oh, okay.

Witness: And proceed to finish clearing the target. Even as I passed through there ----

UK SME: You didn't see her?

Witness: No. I know why I didn't see here there but it still boggles me that I walked by her and didn't know she was there. Do you understand what I'm saying?

UK SME: Absolutely I do understand.

Witness: As a point of view, I'm looking for guys to make - to finish clearing this target. I'm not looking at EKIA on the ground or anybody on the ground. I'm looking for guys to send a certain direction. It's just the fact that I was there twice and never saw her. It just boggles me. I don't, I don't know.

Major General Votel: Anything else?

UK SME: No.

Major General Votel: I am wondering if you could just kind of characterize for us briefly how many deployments is this for you?

Witness: This is number 11.

Major General Votel: Number 11. Are all those with the TF?

Witness: No, I've done a deployment with another TF in '04. I've worked with different special operations units here.

Major General Votel: Did you have any - going into this mission here, and I know we talked about the intelligence and talked about all the planning and the stuff that was done with that, did you have any concerns about RSTA Force going into this operation given the nature of the way your INFILing and the significance of the objective here being this, to find Ms. Norgrove if she's on this objective. Did you have any concerns about that?

Witness: On the INFIL, I knew if we could get everybody on the ground on the INFIL that would be the best thing.

Major General Votel: Meaning the helicopter landed as opposed to ----

Witness: The helicopter, well, yeah, getting all boots on the ground from that (b)(2)High without that helo going down things would change. My biggest thing was that (b)(2)High When I was standing on that ramp, scanning on - in my head I remember thinking if (b)(2)High spraying at this helo somebody is getting hit. There's no way they could have missed. I don't care if they were blind; they would have known that helo was right there in front of them. It was close.

Major General Votel: But you didn't, I need this one to come out exactly - ---

Witness: I knew beforehand going into this target it was an incredible task for everyone. The terrain was unreal, the - just the ----

Major General Votel: Did you assess the payoff though was worth the risk that was being taken by the force?

Witness: Oh, of course, that's - if she's there, bring her back.

Major General Votel: Okay. All right, good. US SOF SME is there anything that you think we need to clarify here?

US SOF SME: No, I don't think so.

Major General Votel: (b)(3), (b)(6)?

Lieutenant Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6): I know you made it perfectly clear that, you know none of the other guys were involved in what

happened next, but I want to talk to you real briefly about when the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High, came to talk to you.

Witness: Yes.

Lieutenant Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6): Who else was there?

Witness: Uh, we had a couple of guys standing in the hall. I really wasn't - I believe TM 3 was standing there and I believe TM 5 was standing in the corner.

Major General Votel: Were they part of the conversation or was it pretty much between you and the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High

Witness: I'll be honest with you; I was staring at that screen trying to figure out where she came from. That was the first time I had gotten to really look at the video.

Lieutenant Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6): So, you don't recall whether they said anything?

Witness: I don't recall.

Major General Votel: US SOF SME?

Witness: I do want to, if I can, make ----

Major General Votel: Sure.

Witness: I am not going to speculate on TM 5, but I do, TM 3, I believe him. I believe he did everything exactly the way he should have. He wasn't - I never gave him the opportunity to say anything to me and I know that was his first opportunity to say something to me when he did say something to me.

Major General Votel: Okay. Thank you. US SOF SME, did you have something?

US SOF SME: Yes, sir, one alibi, sir, please. Uh, you know as we watch the video now, had the person in the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(2)High come up and made some comments regarding someone getting drug out of building 25 and made that call over (b)(2)High ----

Witness: That would have changed everything.

US SOF SME: Would it have given enough time to affect this? Maybe not the initial shots as they are, maybe so, I don't know, would that have helped?

Witness: I don't know if they could have IDed somebody being dragged fast enough for that to - I don't know I can't assume that but I don't know exactly how long it took for them to get down to that corner. It may have. It definitely would have stopped me. I probably wouldn't have turned that corner. I would have - more than likely I would have pushed up to this top corner to the South corner of 23 to see if I could get a look from that perspective first.

Lieutenant Colonel (b)(3), (b)(6): I've got one more as well, sir. Did you ever talk to TM 5 about why he chose to throw a grenade, just the tactical reasoning?

Witness: Like I said before, I was floored. I asked. I know I asked him but I couldn't tell you what he said. I could only assume he felt like he was protecting the guys but obviously I don't know.

Major General Votel: Great. First of all, thanks. Thanks very, very, much. As we come to a conclusion here I want to remind you that this is an official investigation. The information here is protected in the sense that this report will be provided to - the final report we put together will be provided to General Mattis so he can take action as he deems appropriate. I am giving you an order at this time to not divulge the nature of the investigation or the questions and answers or the discussions included in this interview with anyone except for the Chaplain or your counsel if you have one, or unless approved by me, an inspector general, or General Mattis himself. If anyone should approach you regarding your testimony or matters discussed here, you are required to report it to me immediately. As the investigating officer I am prohibited from providing you a paper copy of this testimony as it will ultimately be produced; however, you may request in writing for the report or any part thereof to General Mattis or to the Freedom of Information Act Office. General Mattis, the release authority, will evaluate your request under both the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act will provide releasable information to you. If this report becomes the basis of an adverse action against you; you or your counsel can request access to the report. It is entirely within General Mattis' purview to provide you access to the relevant portions to use in any defense you determine.

We are going to be around throughout the remainder of tonight and into tomorrow morning, just kind of completing our investigation. We really only have one person left to talk to, but if any additional information that you think you would like to share with us, that you would like to talk to us, does come to you and you are willing to share with us please let me know and we'll reconvene immediately. I think you know we talked. We are in the process of talking to a lot of people; we are almost at the end of it now. I'm sure you know everyone we talked to. Is there anybody that you think that we have missed that we should consider talking to?

Witness: I think you got everybody who was on that side.

Major General Votel: Thank you. And finally, do you have any questions for us?

Witness: I don't know if it would be a question for you all, I don't know. I know I'm going to be held accountable for my actions I just don't know how that's involved with you.

Major General Votel: We will ultimately, you know, if I could just answer. We will produce a report. We will come together here and I will - I believe my responsibility in the next few days to kind of put this all together into a report, organize it for General Mattis, provide him some recommendations based on the totality of all the information we looked at and he will ultimately look at those recommendations, whatever they may be, and approve or disapprove them, or add some of his own and direct action as he deems appropriately. So, that's kind of a long way of saying it's the appointing authorities prerogative to do that. I can't tell you what he might do and I'm not - I don't have all my recommendations together.

Witness: I got you. Okay. Sure.

Major General Votel: Okay. Unless there's anything from anybody else the time is now 2111 Zulu and this interview is concluded.

**[The interview ended at 2111Z, 17 October 2010.]**