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SERVICE POLICE WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss5A (3a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of: Christopher [REDACTED] Green
Rank/Status: Mr
Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Self Employed

This statement (consisting of 6 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not Signature true.

Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 189 OCTOBER 2017

I am the above named person whose full particulars appear overleaf.

I initially joined the Army in 1988, joining the Royal Corps of Transport and left in 1996.

In 2010, I joined the London Regiment, who are the guards reserves.

This statement has been recorded by Sgt Pritchard as a result of statements which I made within my book Spin Zhira: An old man in Helmand and a Sunday Times article dated 2 Jul 17. This statement is an opportunity for me to provide further information which may aid Northmoor's investigation.

In Jan 12, I arrived in Afghanistan, I deployed for the latter stages of Herrick 15 and remained in this position for the entire of Herrick 16. During this

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time I was employed as the battlegroups (B6) Information Operations Officer (Engagements Officer).

My role would include engagement with the afghan population, from the district Governor to the local Nationals in my area of operations (AO). It was to observe atmospherics to engage/exploit the population to coincide with mission objectives. We were trying to compel the population to choose to support the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) over the Taliban.

Whilst deployed in Afghanistan I was predominantly based within Mob Price, however liaised with the local patrol bases (PB's) which were in my AO. Amongst these PB's I recall working with a Danish Company and 3 Grenadier guard companies these were the Queens Coy, Inkerman Coy & No 2 Coy.

One particular Person I liaised with on a regular basis was [REDACTED] IIA109 who at the time was the influence officer located at PB Rahim.

Although I was not directly involved in UKSF operations I was occasionally

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briefed by them on operations which were being conducted in our AO, and on at least two occasions spoke with a SF liaison officer on the telephone, I recall this happening after they had conducted Ops in my AO.

It was my opinion, based on feedback through Shuras, find, feel, Understand, inform (FFUI) patrols and engagement with the local population in our AO that the SF tactics of night raids were alienating us from the local population and were not aligned with UK foreign policy aiming to restore democracy and the economy.

I was also concerned that the SF operations did not appear to be bound by the same ROE and that there was a general lack of accountability as they operated outside the normal Chain of Command (CoC)

I expressed these concerns to [REDACTED] IIA110 [REDACTED], the Task Force Helmand (TFH) SO1 Info ops. He appeared to empathise with my views but I cannot say whether ^{CG} he took ^{CG} any further action or not.

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In One Specific incident which took place towards the end of our tour, 3 local farmers were killed in a night raid in Rahim Kolay close to the Rahim patrol base.

I was made aware of the incident the following morning in the Commanders update briefing (CUB)

operational detail

It was reported in the CUB that local Nationals (LNs) had approached the patrol base claiming that the farmers were innocent of any crimes and had been gunned down in ~~their beds~~ ^{CG} cold blood. As this had the potential to escalate further I then spoke with the Rahim Coy Comd IIA111 and his Information Operations officer IIA109

I also spoke with the Bg J2 intelligence Cell who had no intelligence on the 3 men. It was my view that given their proximity to PB Rahim if they were insurgents or insurgent sympathisers this would have been known to us.

I raised my concerns through the CoC and spoke with an SF Liaison Officer (LO) by

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telephone, he informed me that the SF Intelligence was good and that the three men had been killed only after they reached for concealed weapons.

I asked to see the gun tapes to corroborate this version of events but this was refused. I also asked to see the SFJ2 that supported this operation but this was also denied.

I raised this with the TFH SOI Info ops who advised me not to continue to pursue this.

Following the operation atmospheres in RAHIM deteriorated considerably. In an effort to restore trust in ISAF, it was decided to ^{CG} ~~pay~~ ^{CG} pay the mother ^{CG} ~~money~~ ^{CG} of the 3 farmers compensation money. The PB was closed shortly after this. This incident took place around August 2012, to the best of my recollection.

It was not clear to me why the SF Lc refused to show me the J2 and the gun tapes. Understanding the exact nature of the operation and the events on the ground as they unfolded would have been invaluable to me in engaging with LN's after the incident.

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It was my view that the refusal to show me the gun tapes was in effect an admission of guilt that SF personnel had operated outside the RoE.

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