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**SERVICE POLICE INVESTIGATOR'S
WORKBOOK**

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR:

CPL COTTAM

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Incident:

NORTHMOOR - TEAM 1 ACTIVITY

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N1803 - Assistant Chief of Staff Policy (ACoS Pol) at HQ DSF.

was responsible for advising on matters of policy regarding UKSF operations and ensuring these operations were in accordance with Government Policy, whilst seeking authority from the Secretary of State for defence.

Liaised with Operations Directorate (Ops Dir) and Central Legal Service and Foreign and Commonwealth Office and DSF Command Group.

Engaged with CoS, N2252, and DSF, N1802, on a daily basis.

Also briefed Ops Dir, N2312.

Whilst at DSF, read reports generated by UKSF deployed on operations and would raise issues with either CoS or DSF or Seniors in MoD.

Had a subordinate employed in ops room who had access to the routine reporting of UKSF operations.

Regularly read Significant Incident Reports (SINCREFS) generated by SF Sub-Unit in Afghanistan.

Recalls becoming concerned about a Tactic, Technique and Procedure (TTP) which was being used by an SF unit. This would involve SF unit taking an adult male detainee back into the Compound. Believed this was to assist Searching process.

In a few SINCREFS, it described how personnel would take a detainee back into the building, to derisk the process of Searching. Detainee described as reaching for weapon and shot and killed as they were perceived as a threat. Saw this more than once. Cannot recall how many times or personnel involved.

Said TTP prompted the asking of questions of UK's responsibility to detainees. Spoke to SOI Campaigns.

N1788 and ACoS Ops, N1466 who contacted the Sub-Unit to understand circumstances. Found response reasonable and plausible however viewed that action should be taken to prevent similar circumstances recurring.

Noted similar incidents had happened, had further conversations with N1466 and N1788 expressing concern.

Specific conversation in N1466's office, when he then spoke to N1802 regarding incidents.

N1802 asked N1788 to go to Afghanistan to conduct a TTP review. Can't recall attending any meeting in relation to the TTP review prior to N1788's departure, during or upon his return. Did not see report upon return either.

Upon conclusion of the TTP review, incidents stopped. Cannot confirm if this was as a result of the review.

Doesn't recall any correspondence from a Third Party Entity