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sibnm036_00000002-textExtract--aTPE document 7E1.MSG Classification: NATO/ISAF SECRET Name Given We have just completed our meeting with a TPE , a summary of which is detailed below. Attending were ISAF 2 Name Given DCOM ISAF 2 Name Given CJ3 ISAF 2 SFHQ(A) LNO Name Given SFHQ(A) LNO Name Given MA to COM ISAF 2 Name Given a TPE attendee(s) At the start of the meeting, A TPE handed over two copies of a written document which will be sent to SFHQ(A) by SFHQ(A) LNO a scan is attached. The document is based on a a practice of using occupants that had obeyed calls to leave compounds to then return into the compounds to ensure all people had exited or to open doors and windows.

ATPE were unaware of this practice prior to the meeting on DG May. The document refers to a specific occasion on 15 Feb 2011(Obj TYBURN) and 13 Mar 2011(not known) aTPE have expressed a number of concerns regarding this parctice Name Given explained the cultural sensitivities regarding Afghan compounds and stated that the practice was intended to reduce the danger of civilian casualties, not reduce the danger to military personnel.

ATPE position being, if two of the individuals killed in the operation on 15 Feb had not been taken back into the compound they would not have been able to pose further threat. There were some general questions asked on UK ROE, the Tactical Directive, Night Raid Directive, National caveats and Detention chains, during which appeared a belief that the UK SOF tended to have a high rate of Kills on "Capture/Kill" missions. The point was made that the UK conduct detention operations, not Capture/kill and the figures were disputed. The overall tone of the meeting was relaxed and friendly. If you need further detail, please let me know Regards, Name Given SFHQ(A) LNO 1 HQ ISAF 2 HQ IJC Contact Details

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	SFHQ(UK) 35-CAMPAIGNS-SO2-B-S	
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Thanks. I note that a copy is to be sent to PJHQ. In light of their recent response to some of our operations, I intend to enagge them on this as to the best way to respond to the letter.

I think we will need to give serious thought to a considered response given the issues raised.

I also note the reference to the meeting when a TPE mentioned our high 'kill' stats: what do they base that on?

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