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I have attempted to make all the arguments to DSF but without success.Â However I have had some further direction from COS on this.Â He wants us to demonstrably show that we have thought about the issue this week and fire an e-mail out to Comd SFHQ(A) with the changes to the process.Â The issue can then be discussed during the staff surge by Ops and me (although I may now not be attending)

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I suspect that the most appropriate way of dealing with the objections are as follows:

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Ground

Comd's section is cut down so that he deals with only with op overview, context, etc.Â The proforma used will require tweaking.

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Either COS or a Trained member of J3/5 staff carried out assessment and any L2 that can be learnt from the op.Â This is provided in a report.

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Comd SFHQ(A) shows that he is more involved in the ownership of the process and he expands his sign-off to include L2, not just whether further investigation is reqd.

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On statements - Legads will ensure 'striking similarities' stop.

I think we will need to discuss today/tomorrow.

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and L2-S

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spoke at the stocktake.Â Can we just nail this outstanding itch that DSF has on the relationship between SIRs and L2.Â As I understand it, his concern is that it is possible for SFHQ(A) to produce a perfect SIR without an assurance that appropriate lessons are identified and disseminated.Â I sense this problem may be more theoretical than practical but there you

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go.

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As I

see it there are two parts to the task:

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First, a review the procedures for SIRs, to reinforce the position of CO [SFHQ(A)] as the "owner" of the inquiry, rather than the ground commander.Â The ground commander will have substantial input (because of his proximity to events) but precisely because of that proximity he cannot be considered sufficiently independent to own the inquiry.Â DSF has suggested that COS [SFHQ(A)] may have more of a role to play - or another similar "honest broker" - this merits closer examination.

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Secondly, a review of the relationship between the SIR and the L2 process, to confirm that appropriate mechanisms exist to identify and disseminate lessons from any incident for which an SIR is required.

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needs to be joint work between J35 Campaigns and J1 Legal, but I would be grateful if SO1 Legal would pull this together, in the form of advice to the Director by COP Wed 15 Jun.

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