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From:

To: SFHQ(A) COMD-S

Cc: SFHQ(A) COS-S

Subject: RE: 20110423 UK TRANSITION CONOPS Team Covering Paper - V7 1* Theatre Circulation

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Sensitivity: None

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N1786.

Just to reassure you - I am not ignoring your emails - I have only just got back into office. Having left LG(A) on Tue, I have experienced in depth 'fam visits' of Bastion, and 2 other locations (not Afghanistan) along with the less than enthusiastic ranks of 3 UKAF Units who were all EOTing. The situation and delay became so ridiculous that PJHQ declared all parties to have 'decompressed' without them having to go through the formal process! Ironically, they were probably more p**sed off and in need of TRIM at that stage than at any other during the tour!!!!

N5865 on v good form following a good tour.

I am in with the Dir at 12000-1300A today to discuss the Report. Once I have got my head round the Inbox, I will give you a ring.

Regards

N1788

SO1 J35 Campaigns HQ DSF

Contact Details

From: SFHQ(A) COMD-S
Sent: 23 April 2011 22:29
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Cc: SFHQ(A)-COS-S; SFHQ(A) AF-J5-S; SFHQ(UK) J35-CAMPAIGNS-SO1-S
Subject: 20110423 UK TRANSITION CONOPS Team Covering Paper - V7 1* Theatre Circulation

Thanks N6877

We ought at least to register some 'not for inclusion' points with the writing team ... and indeed ask the question as to how UKSF LoO are to be captured.

We could very easily state "notes/deductions made to inform UKSF planning" (to reassure the various teams of Transition planners ... rest assured on my visits - IIA323 recommends every handful of weeks - I will make sure PJHQ stays generally aware of UKSF's future intentions).

But there's enough in here for us to make some assumptions about the future requirement for Op
[redacted] J(1) [redacted], etc.

Arguably, a review of the ANSF laydown of Helmand ought to include ref to [redacted] APU3. [redacted] We might give some thought to what a reassuring placeholder paragraph might look like (which, I would think, would refer to "tasks across southern Afghanistan" as opposed to Helmand-centric).

Personally - I'll discuss this with [redacted] IIA323 separately the week after next - [redacted]

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[redacted] LG [redacted] generally where we think we would place [redacted] APU3 ...?

Yours

[redacted] N1786

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[redacted] N1786,

PFA the draft Transition CONOPS from COS NCC. He is after comment NLT Mon 1800 (25 Apr) so it can go to [redacted] IIA323 Mon pm (A) in PJHQ (a taste of the future!). He will send back to NCC on Tue (26) ready for formal submission to CJO on Wed (27). With these timelines I have not sent back to HQ DSF.

The key points of the paper are:

- This is TFH focused. UKSF FEs, activity and effect are not mentioned.
- The major construct change for TFH is likely on H17.
- A MAG (Mil Advisory Grp) may be estb for [redacted] mentors [redacted].

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There is no mention of HQ APU. IIA332 has asked us to contemplate whether it should be included and if so where. I'm not sure that it should be, although it would nice to get additional support. It may however be a useful way of highlighting APU3's future utility prior to the DSF / CJO letter.

N6877

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Contact Details

From: RD28-COS-UK-NCC-GS1
Sent: 23 April 2011 18:32
To: Multiple email recipients from various organisations including, TFH, RC(SW) and SFHQ(A)
Subject: UK TRANSITION CONOPS Team Covering Paper - V7 1* Theatre Circulation

IIA331, Gentlemen,

Please find attached an updated Transition CONOPS Team Covering Paper which has sought to include as many of your comments as possible (although some we have tucked away for supplementary work - Re-deployment, for example deserves a separate paper in its own right but we have tried to put the necessary hooks into this one). I have also tried to update it to reflect the key conclusions of the ISAF Dispositions paper published to PJHQ last week.

I would be grateful if you could give this a close scrub to ensure it coincides with your view of the way we are headed, is logical and reads as clearly as possible - I have no qualms in accepting amendments if you can see better ways to articulate some complex inter-relationships. If you amend the text, please leave track changes on so that we can identify what has changed.

I would be grateful, if possible for amendments by Monday night (local) in order that I can pass our Theatre comments back to IIA323 who expects to be in PJHQ on Mon PM (A) before giving a copy to the NCC on Tues AM with a view to responding formally back to PJHQ by Wed night.

IIA332

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