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ALLEGATIONS OF EJK BY UKSF

- 1. My apologies for not raising this with you during my leaving call, but I was still formulating my thoughts and our truncated meeting didn't seem the right moment.
- 2. I have for some time been aware of rumours within the UKSF1 SU's have been conducting summary executions of supposed Taliban affiliates on target in AFG. Until very recently, I have not reported this any further and cautioned my team against peddling malicious speculation. However, I have now been given more information of a nature which makes me seriously concerned for the reputation of UKSF. One of my team, an officer, has been told by an individual from UKSF1 that there is in effect an unofficial policy amongst the UKSF1 SU's to kill wherever possible fighting aged males on target, regardless of the immediate threat they pose to our troops. In some instances this has involved the deliberate killing individuals after they have been restrained by SU1 and the subsequent fabrication of evidence to suggest a lawful killing in self defence.
- 3. What I have been told does not amount to anything as substantial as evidence. But to my sense it is more than just what had been, until recently, vacuous rumour. But if UKSF individuals are conducting EJK's then the implications are clearly stark. Notwithstanding this, I feel most strongly that thorough appropriate investigation is warranted. To be frank, I do not know what to do next and to that end I'd welcome your assessment on how you think we should proceed¹?
- 4. I am sorry to have to bring this to you at what is already such a busy time. Rest assured I have only been aware of this issue for several days, not longer, and that I feel I needed to pass on my concerns before I leave post as COUKSF3 and before I assume command of SFHQ(A)



¹ For information, I have asked the officer concerned if he would provide a statement if asked to do so as part of a formal investigation; he would.