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THE REPORT TO THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN

ADDENDUM TO THE FIRST REPORT OF ALAN PUGHSLEY

1. This document is created in response to 'Further Instructions' presented to me by the Legal Inquiry Team, dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
2. I am requested to consider five (5) further documents that the Legal Team have been recently provided by the Royal Military Police and confirm:-
  - a. Whether the documents cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my first report, and if so why;
  - b. If the documents do not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in the first report, to confirm this with necessary reasoning;
  - c. Finally, to make any further comment that I wish to make considering the five documents.
3. My first report, referred to above, is dated 08/08/24.
4. The five documents are identified as
  - i. RMP-221-0006319-A.
  - ii. RMP-221-0006320-A.
  - iii. RMP-221-0006321-A.
  - iv. RMP-221-0006322-A and
  - v. RMP-221-0006323-A.
5. I will comment on each document individually.

**RMP-221-0006319-A.**

6. This document is dated 22 July 14 and is entitled '*Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor*'. Whilst the document is dated 22 July 14 it actually relates to a meeting that took place on 18 July 14. I have explained in my 'first report' at paragraph 116 that the Gold Group meetings held throughout

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Operation Northmoor were initially called Strategic Command Meetings. Therefore, document RMP-221-0006319-A and its content relate to a meeting that I have already considered and commented upon in my 'first report' at paragraph 116. It does not relate to a separate or additional meeting. This document does not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my 'first report.'

**RMP-221-0006320-A**

7. This document is dated 20 Aug 14 and is entitled '*Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor*'. Whilst the document is dated 20 Aug 14 it relates to a Gold Group meeting that took place on 18 Aug 14. I have previously considered this meeting and commented upon it in my 'first report' at paragraph 116. RMP-221-0006320-A does not relate to a separate or additional meeting. This document does not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my 'first report.'

**RMP-221-0006321-A.**

8. This document is dated 12 Nov 14 and is entitled '*Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor*'. Whilst dated 12 Nov 14 the document relates to a Gold Group meeting that took place on 6 Nov 14. Once again, I have previously considered this meeting and commented upon it in my 'first report' at paragraph 116. RMP-221-0006321-A does not represent any additional meeting to the one I have already considered in my 'first report.' Again, this document does not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my 'first report.'

**Conclusion on the first three documents reviewed.**

9. Therefore, in my view, documents RMP-221-0006319-A, RMP-221-0006320-A and RMP-221-0006321-A, do not provide any material that would cause me to change any view, opinion or conclusion I have recorded in my 'first report'. They do reinforce concerns that I have recorded previously relating to resourcing and staffing of

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Operation Northmoor, ('first report,' paragraphs 90 & 91) and the lack of response or assistance shown by DSF towards the investigation, ('first report,' paragraph 103).

**RMP-221-0006322-A.**

10. This document is dated 6 Jan 15 and relates to a meeting entitled '*Record of decisions from Op Northmoor Future Planning Meeting*', that was held on 17 Dec 14. This document does not represent any additional Gold Group meeting being held in 2014 or 2015. I have commented upon these Gold Group meetings at paragraphs 116 and 117 in my 'first report.' From reading the document, I believe, it is a meeting where discussion is held to consider how the Military can resource and support Operation Northmoor. It is a meeting that I would have expected to take place, in order to support a Category A+ murder investigation. This document does not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my 'first report.'

**RMP-221-0006323-A.**

11. This document is dated 24 Jun 15 and entitled '*Decision from Case Review Panel*'. The meeting actually took place on 19 Jun 15. At this meeting, strategic issues relating to Operation Northmoor are considered but, in my view, it is not a Gold Group meeting. I note, the absence of the SIO, Capt. WRIGHT. This meeting is recorded previously on a document provided to me by the Inquiry Legal Team, (Table listing the minutes of meetings which took place during Operation Northmoor', dated 18 June 2024), under a different reference, RMP-221-0000069-A. On reading RMP-221-0006323-A, it does not cause me to change any view, opinion, or conclusion, set out in my 'first report.'

**Conclusion**

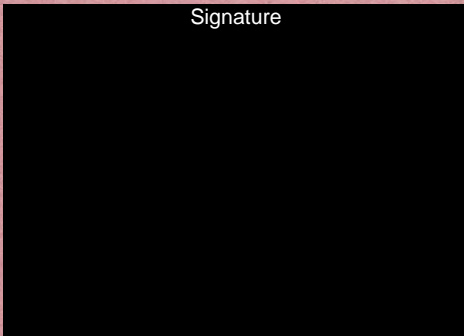
12. In conclusion, on reviewing the five documents, RMP-221-0006319-A, RMP-221-0006320-A, RMP-221-0006321-A, RMP-221-0006322-A and RMP-221-0006323-A I find nothing that would cause me to change any view, opinion or conclusion that I have set out in my first report, dated 08/08/24.

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## Index to the documents disclosed with the further instructions to Alan Pughsley dated 08 October 2024.

No.	Document reference and date	Description	Page number or number of pages
1	RMP-221-0006319-A dated 22 July 2014	Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor	3 pages including cover sheet
2	RMP-221-0006320-A dated 20 August 2014	Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor	3 pages including cover sheet
3	RMP-221-0006321-A dated 12 November 2014	Record of Decisions from the Strategic Command Meeting for Op Northmoor	3 pages including cover sheet
4	RMP-221-0006322-A dated 06 January 2015	Record of decisions from Op Northmoor Future Planning Meeting	3 pages including cover sheet
5	RMP-221-0006323-A dated 24 June 2015	Decision from Case Review Panel	5 pages including cover sheet

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