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**Sent:** Thursday, 26 August 2010 8:08 a.m.  
**To:** COL Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(SECRET)~~ External Release Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10 Update 3

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Hi Boss

PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4

Confidential details  
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and timing

Yes the ISAF SOF PAO has been monitoring media as of yesterday they had 5 hits in the media but these were all small paragraphs, not major stories.

As for <sup>PSR(IC)</sup> and the team they are aware of the heightened risk. We are getting much of this reporting from the Crib S2

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**From:** COL Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 August 2010 9:22 p.m.  
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PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4

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Lastly, does HQ ISAF monitor all international media releases reporting on events in Afghanistan. MINDEF is concerned at the potential wide distribution of the two stories that were in the NYT. He was wondering how many other media outlets have reported the events in Tala Wa Barfak. Don't go crazy on this one, suffice to say we have passed on his concern but there is little that can be done unless HQ ISAF maintain a searchable database on all outside media.

PSR(C)2, PSR(C)3, PSR(IC)3

**From:** WAATEA.SNO **LTCOL McKinstry**  
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**Attachments:** Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10 Update 3.doc

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Hi Boss all little more clarity today has emerged. See attached brief.

No word yet on when we might see the gun tapes. We will keep tracking that. Otherwise there are no significant developments to report today.

Regards

**Rian**

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25 Aug 10 – Int Update Obj Burnham Op 21/22 Aug 10 (Update 3)

Various reports from a number of sources continue to be received following the Op against Obj Burnham on the night of 21-22 Aug 10 in TIRIGRAN Village BAGHLAN Province.

Reflections indicate that between eight and nine people have been killed with three to five people wounded. Various names of individuals have been supplied by sources including those of known INS but again these can not yet be corroborated.

The following outlines those individuals listed in the various reports who have been reported by sources as killed; wounded or injured to date. In time more accuracy will be put to this list as it priority effort for TF81.

Likely Killed	Possibly Killed	Injured	Missing
PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4 (INS) father of PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4	Sister of PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4	Son of PSR(R)1, PSR (INS)	
PSR(R)1, PSR(IC) (INS)		(Possibly) Daughter of PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4	
2 x Sons of PSR(R)1, P both (INS)		(Possibly) Unk Female	
Son of PSR(R)1, PSR(IC) (INS)		PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4 (INS)	
1 x Unidentified male (INS)		PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4 (INS)	
PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4 (NFI)			
PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4 (NFI)			

In the table above, names and other details that identify individuals have been redacted from this document for reasons of privacy and because some identifying informations may have been obtained by means that would cause prejudice to protected interests if disclosed. However, and noting that some individuals have since been publicly identified, the individuals identified in this table appear to correlate with some of those who have been publicly identified.

Reporting has been received from four sources plus intelligence passed from PSR(R)1, PSR  
All sources are assessed as being C3. There are reports that NEMATULLAH (Obj NOVA) and KULTTA (Obj BURNHAM) are still alive and may have been involved in the funerals which occurred on 23 Aug, with up to 400 attendees. Some of those that attended were armed with RPG, PK and AKs.

Confidential sources A report from PSR(R)1, PSR states that only one civilian may have been injured and that all others killed/injured where INS.

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Reporting suggests 12 weapons, 11 mines and ammo were destroyed in the operation at KALTA's house. **COMMENT:** Two weapons, seven RPG rounds and a quantity of ammunition (2 x belt 7.62mm, 1 x box 14.5mm) was removed and destroyed by FF. It is likely that additional weapons were destroyed when INS in the hills were engaged by Air Assets. **END COMMENT.**

Several reports indicate that TB plan to attack PRT patrols and ANP CP as revenge for the Op conducted in TIRIGRAN. It is currently quiet in TIRIGRAN and people are staying away from the district centre.

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