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Still looking...

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**From:** WAATEA.SNO  
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Hi Boss and Chris

There have certainly been some developments today!

Firstly yesterday I put you wrong in that I stated an Investigation was being conducted. In fact what has been occurring has been an IAT (Initial Assessment Team) has been convened to look at the operation and decide if an investigation into a CIVCAS incident needs to occur. Yesterday the IAT interviewed the District Governor of TWB.

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# PSR(S)1, PSR(R)1, PSR(IC)4

Reference to  
partner-controlled  
video of operation

All in all for TF81 this is good news. It has to date verified that our actions were correct and in accordance with the threat presented. This will likely be looked at by IJC from two fronts. Actions by the ground force, (no problems I can

see) and actions by the Airborne force, (poss CIVCAS caused in potential accidental impact of rounds onto house identified in slide 1). There is no indication at this stage on the evidence presented to the IAT that there was anything other than the correct application of force to a clear and present INS threat, and that any CIVCAS caused by the AWT would be collateral and unintended. This point is still to be verified.

Tomorrow Brig <sup>PSR(S)1, PSR(IC)4</sup> will brief Gen <sup>PSR(S)1, PSR(IC)4</sup> on this event. The Intsum above has been prepared for ISAF SOF Staff to prepare a verbal brief for Brig <sup>PSR(S)1, PSR(IC)4</sup> to give to <sup>PSR(S)1</sup>. It wraps up what we knew before the event, what we now know after the event and what we predict may occur next. I briefed Brig <sup>PSR(S)1, PSR(IC)4</sup> tonight on the situation to date. He feels that P4 may be very interested in A). the CIVCAS issue which is being run to ground by IJC staff and B). what is the ongoing threat up there and what would the next step be.

I have to say that today has felt for the OC and I like a large weight has been lifted. We have both been personally feeling the weight of potential CIVCAS by TF81 and now having reviewed the tapes, we are both reassured that TF81 actions throughout the operation were of the highest calibre. This is not to say that a CIVCAS has not occurred however if verified it will be as a result of collateral activities from the AH64 weapon problems rather than incorrect application of force. This called for a quiet Whisky and I can tell you it never tasted so good. I will sleep well tonight.

Regards

Rian

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