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CC: [BOSWELL JOHN, BRIG](#); [WILLIAMS EVAN, BRIG](#)

Subject: Re: OP BURNHAM DUE DILIGENCE RFIs - ~~CLOSE HOLD~~ [SEEMAIL]

Sir, thanks for the call and ack.

As the sacrificial planner/point man I will be recommending to CDF that we hold until report receipt, then formulate an plan to follow the trail and seek answers where it is assessed we have gaps in the facts.

Will advise the outcome afao post briefing.

Aye,

Shane

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From: ["HAYWARD, Antony (ABD)"] PSR(IC)3]
Sent: 2/05/2017 07:13
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Subject: [RE: OP BURNHAM DUE DILIGENCE RFIs - ~~CLOSE HOLD~~ [SEEMAIL]]
Cc: ["BOSWELL JOHN, BRIG" , "WILLIAMS EVAN, BRIG"
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[SEEMAIL] [RESTRICTED]

G'day Shane

As you can see I have reduced the audience and my words below are truncated because its late and I'm buga'ed!

Current situation:

- I have a call into Comd CST-A (US 2*) to get a bit of ground truth tomorrow
- I'm in touch with Comd RS' office with a view to sourcing potential times for a call from CDF PSR(R)1

US team are classifying it as a US doc and not a NATO doc hence why it is going through the FDO process.

These are the latest words I have from the RS LEGAD:

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What is the purpose of the visit?

- Turning up on the door step wanting access ... we need to take a good deep breath – access to what/ who? Once you have the report your target list may become clearer, but -
- Who to see? ISAF finished in 2014. What key people? The FDO office? Look for the Team lead of the IAT. Where is he now? Can you get to him?
- I do have a line of inquiry still sitting in MOI but they're on Afghan time and while you'll get in the door, little will come of it. They have a wee problem called a war going on.
- Visas are linked to mode of transport. If you go civvie you need a visa (this takes 7-10 days from experience). If you go mil (I have the flt schedules for the Aussie & Brit flts into and out of KAB), you don't need visas. But you'll have to spend at least 3-4 days in loc and there's a lot of waiting around.
- Security: we'll make it work if/ when the requirement is firmed up. PSR(IC)3 is on stand by to assist Don't waste peoples time until you know what it is you want.

A way ahead?

If CDF is that keen on doing something, then I suggest that you send the SAS fella up to me now. I'll brief him, send him in on a mil or civ flt (if you can get a visa at your end all to the good) and then let him loose to get into KAB and start having a sniff around. If the premise is that the team is to take the pressure off the in-country folk (DA LON & I) then the current approach is b-s. I need a worker bee who is self- reliant, a self-starter and can work to me over shaky comms. We'll make the rest of it up once the report is made available and has been picked through

Best Regards

Lofty H

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Subject: Re: OP BURNHAM DUE DILIGENCE RFIs - ~~CLOSE HOLD [SEEMAIL]~~

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Sir,

Thanks. Ack the advice, which supports Brig H's, and will try to get some clear advice from CDF this morning.

As you say, key to all this is the report, then to follow the path.

My priority is a TOR (ish) document, which may be provided in a round about way due sensitivity etc.

If pressed to proceed we will raise retasking due current commitments.

Will be in touch.

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" , CDR" , Defence Attaché Middle East PSR(IC)3 ,
" , CDR"]

Shane,

I don't want to sound difficult but there needs to be some work done to path the way of the due diligence team. It is not simply a case of wandering in and talking to a few people. I must admit, a set of terms of reference would be really useful so we can ensure we are targeting the right people and a good understanding of the contents of the report will ensure we are asking the right questions to the right people.

My comments are below:

Summarises plan of engagement with NATO and SHAPE, likely questions from NATO, and practical steps required to ensure NATO engagement effective.

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Bottomline is that we will do what we can to support this task but I must admit, we are still devoid of some of the key information. I also strong recommend that CDF ring and talk his intentions through with Gen Pavel. This should speed up the process and open a few key doors. The key however is the contents of the actual report. I have a very small window to go over to NATO HQ on 3 May and try and source the pathway followed by NATO HQ but I would suggest that this should be after CDF's call to CMC. I could then do some face to face as required. I will not however have time to do visits to Brunssum or SHAPE (unless retasked). Maybe this is the first step in scoping the requirements against a clearer understanding of the ToR of the team and CDF having discussed it with CMC.

Happy to discuss further as required and standing by to assist.

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Subject: OP BURNHAM DUE DILIGENCE RFIs --CLOSE HOLD [SEEMAIL]

Sirs,

Good evening.

The Due Diligence Team and I will be briefing (loosely used) CDF tomorrow, at 0900, on the outline plan to get into Kabul and Brussels to achieve his directed task. CoS, COMJ and A/DLS will also be present (for obvious reasons).

The travelling team will be:

- Grant Motley- OIC
- Lt Cdr PSR(IC)3 - LSO
- Maj PSR(IC)3 - NZSAS Rep

It is highly likely that the direction received will be to get away asap. Therefore, IOT to ensure the team is as prepared as they can be tomorrow, can you please respond to me with an indication, through your initial inquiries and local knowledge, answers to the following:

- A. The notice/lead time required by you to facilitate and enable access to key people in your AOR (how long from CDF pushing 'go' until they can get in to see the right people)?
- B. The names and numbers of people you think the team should meet with?
- C. The recommended time you think they should spend in country?
- D. Additional support requirements needed to achieve the required discussions, questions and access to documents (Visas, Security access etc.)
- E. Who you think also needs to know about purpose of the visits (Embassy staff, interpreters, in country security etc.)?

This is my initial appreciation of key info requirements, which will be given more rigor in a 0800 gathering of the team tomorrow, but please feel free to add any info you think the team and CDF needs to be aware of for tomorrow that I may have missed.

Apologies for the lack of clarity on the task, but I think the reasons why have been covered off in telecons and emails various by AC SCE and CoS myself, hopefully.

Respectfully and Aye,

Shane

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