

From: WAATEA.SNO
Sent: Tue, 24 Aug 2010 16:43:24 +1200
To: PARSONS Chris
Subject: FW: ~~[SECRET]~~ External Release OBJ Burnham Update
Attachments: Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10.doc
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

As discussed.

Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10.doc

From: WAATEA.SNO (LTCOL McKinstry)
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2010 10:20 p.m.
To: SWAN - HQNZDF.DSO (COL) Kelly
Subject: ~~[SECRET]~~ External Release OBJ Burnham Update
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

Hi Boss

Today has seen a number of new developments in the Op BURNHAM. Around 1500 I received reporting that the INS had reported that there had been an attack in TIGIRAN and that 20 houses were burned and 20 civilians had been killed. We have reinforced the IO message today to counter. Gen Petraeus was briefed on the Op this morning as part of his daily CUB. We have also reinforced back to ISAF SOF our results of the operation as reported in the storyboard which is the situation as we believe it to be at this stage.

Throughout today we have been receiving HUMINT, Int from ^{PSR(sen)1, PSR(IC)3} and reviewing ISR feeds etc so we can fuze together an accurate picture of the true BDA of the operation. It is early days and reporting is wildly inaccurate. The attached cut is my attempt to let you know what we have at this stage from the HUMINT side. A separate report from ^{PSR(IC)3, PSR(sen)1} has been sent through ^{PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3} and ^{PSR(IC)3, PSR} PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 to you this morning. I am anticipating that early reporting and INS IO may get some people excited about the conduct of the operation and the outcomes particularly where reporting of any possible non combatant casualty reporting is concerned as this is likely to contradict reporting that all those engaged by FF were INS. I want to reassure you that establishing these outcomes is my highest priority. At this stage I have yet to establish any action by FF that would indicate a less than robust application of the ROE.

I am providing this information for you and request that if required you provide a sanity check and level of realism to any reactions from NZ at this early stage. This will take some time to evolve and my intent is to provide you with a nightly update until we can lock the BDA down.

Regards

Rian

Bk12.001.000020

Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10.doc

Update Obj Burnham Op 21 Aug 10.doc