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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UNCLASSIFIED: Request to Meet with MG Zadalis

Thanks Major,

Understood.

Should I still call tonight? I had not intended to do much more that introduce myself and explain my task and the background situation.

I was not going to ask any questions tonight apart from the possibility of meeting.

I will attempt to get the report 'Exec Sum' through to your PSR(R)1 account tomorrow. Note that NZ only ever received the Executive summary - part of my ultimate task was to request and access the fill report.

Brigadier Motley

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Good day Major,

I won't be able to provide it tonight due to the transfer process from NZ Secret system to <sup>PSR(R)1 PSR(IC)4</sup> being a rather laborious process and it's already 2025hrs in NZ.

In any case, my plan for today's conversation was to discuss the

possibility of a meeting as I am travelling to Europe as part of other duties related to my task.

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From: MOTLEY GRANT, COL PSR(IC)3

Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 12:49 PM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] UNCLASSIFIED: Request to Meet with MG Zadalis

Importance: High

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Thank you for replying to my email.

Also, thank you for our telephone conversation this morning. I acknowledge that MG Zadalis is currently on leave and hope that you might pass on these details in order that he can be aware of my task prior to me calling him tomorrow - if that remains a possibility.

By way of background, the NZ Chief of Defence Force, LTG Keating has asked me to conduct a brief 'fact finding' task to confirm our detailed understanding of an operation conducted by NZ and coalition partner forces on 21/22 Aug 2010 in Afghanistan. MG Zadalis lead the NATO Incident Assessment Team investigation of that operation and allegations of resultant civilian casualties. Hence, my reason for contacting you and MG Zadalis.

LTG Keating has initiated this task in response to claims made in a book recently published in NZ that NZ Defence Force personnel acted unprofessionally and potentially unlawfully on that operation.

Both LTG Keating and the Prime Minister of NZ, the Rt Hon Mr English have denied any wrong doing and we, as a Defence Force, are confident that our soldiers acted entirely professionally and appropriately.

However, while we have evidence to support our position, LTG Keating has asked me to conduct a 'fact finding' task in order to understand and if possible gather further information in order to counter the current and any future allegations made against our Special Air Service (NZSAS) personnel.

Separately, LTG Keating has written to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN Dunford, U.S. Marine Corps to ask his support in declassifying any information that might assist us to defend the professionalism and integrity of our troops and their actions that night.

Further, LTG Keating has asked me to visit MG Zadalis in person to discuss the NATO IAT report and to understand the actions taken during the investigation. I must stress that this is a fact-finding task with no legal status - it is not a formal investigation and it is not part of a disciplinary process. Again, it is merely intended to expand the body of evidence we already have and, if possible and appropriate, begin the process of gaining access to and declassifying any additional information that may support our position.

I would respectfully request this information be passed to the General for his consideration. It would be my intention to discuss these matters further tomorrow (4 May) by telephone and in-person early next week (I am proposing that I travel to Germany accompanied by another NZDF officer).

Regards,

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