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Hi Boss,

Ack your flights and programme. We'll have a ride fm airport, dinner, dram and VIP room for you on night one. Nothing special I can think of that you need. Uniform and PPE wise, please forward me your sizes (helmet, body armr, DPM top and trou, boots – I'll try and rustle up some Multi Cams for you to wear around here). Recommend you leave your suit and SDAR in **PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3** only if you have time in DBX. If it is a quick transfer fm DBX to KBL then fly in with that stuff, in your tidy/comfy civies and we'll deck you out once you arrive. Best form to wear combats around for IJC and ISAF HQ. You could get away with tidy civies, particularly if you want to catch up with the Ambassador at his residence (are you interested in meeting **PSR(S)1** noting he leaves in June?) else everyone else is in Uniform (cams). We'll provide wpn, cellphone and vest loads etc.

Let me know if this makes sense, or you have any other IR's. You won't need a heap of kit.

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**From:** HQNZDF.DSO [mailto:PSR(S)3, PSR(S)2]

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PSR(S)2, PSR(Sen)1

Roger that - Sorry I missed you call - I was off at MFAT PSR(S)1

Ok - My flights are confirmed... I go Krakow/ Vienna / Dubai/Kabul direct so may be on my chin strap on arrival. Don't rip the arse out of evening one unless we have to and then I will take a hard pill! Let me know if there is anything special I need to bring - I was working on min load given I need SD's and suit for leg one so dont intend to bring combats unless you see a need?

On the ops points - Strength 5 and that is useful to know. Will try to keep op principle 6 TIMELY DECISION MAKING at the forefront of things. We have scored some points with the PM and Minister staying the course over the last few days and we are fortunate to have their full support and confidence. Without labouring the point, we still, and always will, remain one strategic decision from failure and I remain confident you know the realities of tactical good ideas losing the good bit when they get to strat. PSR(IC)3 continues to bombard us at the moment however it will slow up - 2nd order consequences are that every farker wants a piece of us again in the media however we can easily shape that from here.

I remember <sup>PSR(S)1, PSR(S)</sup> - A reasonable footy player from memory however I was too busy trying to smash <sup>PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3</sup> at the time to concentrate on too many others.

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Boss,

Ack all. No dramas with your proposed flights – we're not going anywhere! I am sure we can come up with a sound programme to get your SA up on the who's and where's around here.

Ops wise, we could go to BAMYAN tomorrow if we had actionable int (well to be honest Regional Comd East (RC E) works off a PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 so if we wanted to do a job on 8 May, we need to put the PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 for example). But the point is we are ready. Like all things SAS we need to plan in detail and make sure we're achieving the right effect at the right time.

PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 was a bloody good bloke to work for, he liked the Kiwis.

Tracking the profile on the news and just read Dr Mapps updates on our PSR(S)1 detainee. Farkin Hippies! To that end the feedback I have had from PSR(IC)3, PSR(sen)1 who attended the PSR(S)1 at the PSR(S)1 on 3 May was NSTR. PSR(sen)1 said nothing and will remain in custody for a while longer yet! We'll keep on trucking with our work up here and continue to enable CRU to arrest bad people. I still haven't cracked the nut on the endstate for the BAGHLAN blokes 'detention wise' but will keep thinking thru the best result for NZ Inc. I'll be in touch once I've made my recommendations.

On on.

PSR(S)2, PSR(Sen)1

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**From:** HQNZDF.DSO [mailto:PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3]

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Appreciate the laydown slides... Latest plan is for me to get into Kabul as fol:

4Q204 28 MAY ARR 1510

4Q201 31 MAY DEP 1820

How does that roll for you ?

Ack on your points re PRT and they are useful for me when talking to 9'er. Noted on the CRU commitments until 16 May - I wont say we cant yet - Bearing that in mind could you deploy at least PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 if required? I agree with your Shakespearean ref and it is up to me to manage perceptions here. That has its own challenges.

Cheers for the lay down on pers - I knew PSR(S)1 - Belted him at the rugby game you refer to !

If you have been fol the news here you will note the stuff on our activities of late. It is a hot potato and the hippies and been baying for full enquiries etc etc. I sent you a link on the low side yesterday. It has TOTALLY consumed my time here for the last 3 days. It goes without saying, now would NOT be a good time strategically for us and detention/detain or any other word close to those to be associated with NZSAS. Nuff said...

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Hey Boss,

1. Attch is a ppt with a couple of location slides.
2. No further updates on ~~PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ LNO will chase up again tomorrow.
3. Thoughts on spt PRT less ISAF SOF spt. Firstly I don't see this, ie CONOP not being spt by ISAF SOF, occurring. They understand the national red card we have. Most likely reason for not spt would be a lack of ~~PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ due to higher priorities in RC, so timing could be an issue. ~~PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~

Due to other CRU commitments we are not in a psn to spt such a task before 16 May. I understand the limitations around the PRT kinetic ability. Though this is largely thru national and ISAF caveats. ~~PSR(S)1~~

). As individuals and components of a team I certainly wouldn't discount their military professionalism, ability and inclusion in a plan ie. ~~PSR(C)3, PSR(S)en~~ etc. Its premature to guess what we're going to do, until there is something to do. At the moment, the Shakespearean title 'Much ado about nothing' comes to mind. I will conintue engage with ~~PSR(S)en)1, PSR(S)~~ as our S2 Cells are doing on the high side.

4. CJP will be able to school you up on COM ISAF SOF and how it roles. From my experience since Nov 08 its gone like:

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Nov 08 - ~~PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~

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Nov 09 - Nov 10: PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

Nov 10 - Oct 11: PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

From Oct 11: PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

So pretty much bounces between a PSR(S)1 one star for 12 month rotation (with breaks). Until last year it was the opposite nation who held the PSR(S)1 now it is a PSR(S)1. The reason its PSR(S)1 is to share the love between PSR(S)1 are still under PSR(S)1 so not part of ISAF SOF. PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

5. Regarding your movements Ack. PSR(Sen)1, PSR(S)2, P will be at the conference, I'll get some talking points to you before then. Perhaps a side visit to PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 SHAPE in BEL would be a prudent move for SA and futures? Also this is where we'd need to secure the GDPSU J3 psn off the PSR(S)1.

Looking forward to seeing you up these ways. It's a good gig.

PSR(S)2, PSR(Sen)1

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**From:** HQNZDF.DSO [mailto:PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3]

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Bloody good thanks PSR(S)2, PSR(Sen)1

That was useful in the absence of anything else shiny to show them. The 47 JHQ slides are a hard act to follow if I just have a troop locality slide. Your supporting notes and the Sitrep were very informative and useful for SA. Sounds like you have settled in there and have got your sleeves rolled up. Good work also on the work around PSR(S)1. As you would expect, that is drawing a lot of attention here also at the moment.

I would like your thoughts on how we would assist the PRT in the situation where we could not get ISAF SOF support dedicated. Is that likely to happen or is the op tempo/relationship such that we would be ok to mount an operation. As you are aware, the PRT's mandate to launch anything kinetic is severely restricted.

PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

As for my movements - Still trying to work the plan - The conference in Poland is 23 - 26 May and then I intend to head straight up to see you for a couple of days. As soon as I have some detail i will let you know.

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Hi Col,

Let me know if this works.

PSR(S)2, PSR(Sen)1

~~[SECRET EXTERNAL RELEASE]~~ Storyboard - Partnering and IJC FRAGO

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Gents,

I got this and the preceding Sitrep from the CO - It did not come to me for some reason? Must be an issue with address groups or something. Anyway, Thanks for the Sitrep and the supporting notes. Given that they love a few slides and we did not do any ops this week (well, after the brief that we gave on Wed the 27th) do you have a slide on trg stuff for this week ??/ Even better, what is the inside skinny on OBL getting lifted.

Good day on the hill today - Got the press release on Stephenson "kinetic" and CDF is going to front the media tonight.

Anyway, if you can, throw me a bone for the brief tomorrow - If not, I will wing it. Righto, off to welcome staff college on behalf of CA in the mess... Those were the days !!

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DSO/CO,

A number of moving parts around the battlespace this week with team members at ~~PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ and ~~PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ on various tasks. ~~PSR(S)1~~ looked after the ~~PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ for a couple of days. There has been ltd ISAF movt around (less us) KBL due to ANSF Col shooting, Victory Day, TB claims of the spring offensive. On Wed night the Ambassadors hosted a farewell dinner for ~~PSR(IC)3, PSR(S)1~~ at his residence. Operationally its been quiet for us. ~~PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3~~ remains in MOI custody under questioning. Tonight we were about to launch a unilateral security op (ie no CRU) in support of a ~~PSR(S)1~~ led arrest task to the 20km West of the

city but at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour NDS decided it was not resourced to operate out of the city (our purpose for being there to provide the security bubble to enable their arrest). This is now cancelled and they will wait to the OBJ moves into KBL city. Key outcomes this week:

- Signed letter from PSR(S)1 DepMin Sec PSR(S)1 delivered to US Project Engr to keep the PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 alive.
- IJC FRAGO for PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 with FUOPS staff awaiting final approval (now a short waiting game).
- movement and limited buy in from CRU on the Training and Manning conferences.
- Spt of Comd Op Planning Mod (COP-M) to be extended to ISU and PSR(S)1 students.

I had my first office call with PSR(S)1, PSR(IC)3 It was positive and fairly brief. He rates the TF and mentioned just keep on doing what we can. Understands completely the reduction in numbers. He's decisively engaged with RC E and PSR(S)1 intent to build a highway (may of started?) through PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 trg area and trying to unfuck that. Its taking up a disproportionate amount of his time. PSR(S)1

To that end PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 and PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 taking over as PSR(S)1 Trg Centre Proj Offr) have both strongly encouraged, at PSR(S)1 recommendation, that NZ (ie JFNZ initially inform) then either PSR(S)1 or DSO when across at NSHQ conference physically visit SHAPE/NSHQ and liaise with the PSR(S)1 rep to secure the PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3 appointment. Noting that PSR(sen)1 is currently flagged the J7 (that doesn't exist at the moment). PSR(S)1, PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

∴ Importantly, the PSR(S)1 slot is approved and comes into being on 1 Jul 11. Whereas the PSR(S)1 is only being bid for in the next round of NATO/ISAF manning/bidding for Crisis Establishments (CE) which if/when approved won't become effective until 1 Jul 12. PSR(S)1 have bid for the J3 but have got no one in it. NZ could secure the PSR(S)1 psn as a Voluntary Contributing Nation (VCN) while PSR(sen)1 just keeps on doing what he's doing. It will be a paper move as opposed to a job shift. This work has the added benefit of a night in BELGUIM to achieve this.

To that end DSO do you have any indicative timelines for your visit to Poland or here?

BAMYAN/BAGLAN: I have attached a copy of the email between PSR(sen)1, PSR(E) and I so you know what I am thinking here and some background. The attach includes the draft/ IJC FRAGO.



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That's pretty much it. I'll send a partnering story board to you and the <sup>PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3</sup> separately. Other than that I have a couple of manning discussion points that I'll raise in a separate mail with the CO.

Until next time,

PSR(S)2

PSR(Sen)1

