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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Research on Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse by Security Ministry and Afghan National Defense Security Force Officials and DoD Activity in Response to Such Allegations (Project No. D2016-D00SPO-0048.000)

We plan to begin our research on this subject immediately. The purpose of our research is to gather and review information, identify criteria, and analyze previous reporting as a basis for potential future work. Our initial research objective will focus on answering the following questions relating to allegations of child sexual abuse by Afghan government officials since 2011:

- What laws, regulations, directives, standards, or other guidance, including international law, treaties, or agreements, exist about U.S. policy toward allegations of child sexual abuse involving Afghan Security Ministry and National Defense Force personnel, the obligation of DoD affiliated personnel to report suspected child sexual abuse by Afghan government officials, and DoD involvement in responding to such reports or allegations?
- Is there – or was there – any guidance, informal or otherwise, to discourage reporting by DoD affiliated personnel?
- What training on identifying and responding to alleged child sexual abuse, or the obligation to report suspected violations, has been conducted or planned?
- How many cases of child sexual abuse alleged against Afghan government officials have been reported to U.S./Coalition Forces Commands, the Service Inspectors General, or the DoD Office of Inspector General? When were such reports made? What actions were taken and by whom?
- How many cases of alleged child sexual abuse have been reported to the Afghan government by DoD affiliated personnel? When were such reports made? What knowledge does the DoD have of action taken by the Afghan government?


To accomplish our objectives we will identify and analyze relevant provisions of public policy, law, regulations, military policy, directives, standards, or other guidance governing U.S. and Allied personnel. We will obtain and analyze relevant testimony and court records, and review previous reporting – including reports from the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, the Congressional Research Service, and the DoD Office of Inspector General. We will visit various U.S. Government and DoD locations, and speak with stakeholders at all levels, including officials from the DoD or its various components, Members of Congress or Congressional staff, as appropriate, journalists, or others as may be necessary under the

circumstances. We will analyze data on reports of suspected child sexual abuse and assess data reliability. We will also consider suggestions for research from management within the scope of the objectives.

Please provide us with a point of contact within 10 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a GS 15 Government employee or pay band/military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, and email to [REDACTED]  
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You may obtain information about the DoD, Office of the Inspector General, from DoD Directive 5106.01, Inspector General of the Department of Defense, April 20, 2012 (Change 1, August 19, 2014); DoD Directive 7600.02, "Audit Policies, October 16, 2014; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information, March 22, 2013. Our web site is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

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