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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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BALAD, IRAQ

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7 January 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, (b)(2)High

SUBJECT: Report of actions on OBJ OAK RIDGE in Irbil, Iraq, on 4 Jan 05

1. This memorandum responds to your direction to conduct an investigation of the (b)(2)High operation in Irbil, on 4 Jan 05. This investigation report is based on my discussions with key leaders, review of unit SITREPS and OPSUMS, and a detailed After Action Review with both air and ground forces.

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4. Actions on objective.

a. Actions on the ground. The (b)(2)High conducted an infiltration in an open field (b)(2)High 045Z hours on 4 Jan 05. Upon infiltration of the (b)(2)High force, (b)(2)High with troops took sporadic small arms fire (b)(2)High

(b)(2)High Upon hitting the ground, (b)(2)High personnel assumed a security posture and engaged a vehicle that was accelerating directly toward the (b)(2)High forces. (b)(2)High personnel first fired warning shots and then shot to (b)(2)High the vehicle. Iraqi Police then moved into the area and took control of the vehicle. The assault force linked up with the local Iraqi Police who provided transportation to the actual target building, approximately a mile from the building initially identified by the source in pre-mission planning. TF (b)(2)High entered the target building and conducted a search without incident. They returned to (b)(2)High boarded (b)(2)High and returned to (b)(1),1.4a, (b)(2)High without further incident.

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(b)(2)High The (b)(2)High orbits around the target building and engaged the enemy personnel with (b)(2)High from their (b)(2)High. The (b)(2)High then made two passes against the target building with (b)(2)High and (b)(2)High to cover the extraction of the ground force on (b)(2)High. Notwithstanding this suppression, the (b)(2)High continued to receive effective fire. The (b)(2)High then engaged (b)(2)High which put an end to the enemy fire. The (b)(2)High apparently ignited an unknown flammable liquid on top the target building, setting it on fire. As earlier reported, the (b)(2)High did not participate in this engagement.

c. Use of deadly force. Both pilots and ground personnel perceived the vehicle approaching the assault force posed an imminent threat to them and engaged appropriately. (b)(2)High

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5. Commander's assessment.

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6. Recommendations. No further investigation is required, but based on my review of (b)(2)High actions on 4 Jan 05, I recommend the following:

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**7. Conclusion.**

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