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SUBJECT: Afghanistan Trip Report – 13-15 August 2019

~~(S//NF)~~ BACKGROUND: Mr. Kernan led a trip to Afghanistan with CIO Dana Deasy and Director DIA LTG Bob Ashley, and the Joint Staff J6, LtGen Shwedo from 13-15 AUG 2019. Mr. Kernan was initially invited to Afghanistan by MG Chris Donahue (CG, SOITE-A/NSCOCC-A) to observe the state of US-NATO-Afghan combat efforts. (b)(1)

~~(S//NF)~~ The (b)(1) is on the (b)(1) adapting to emerging (b)(1). These (b)(1) that MG Donahue is working to (b)(1). Hence, the imperative to work hard to ensure (b)(1). (b)(1) As such, Mr. Kernan invited the Joint Staff J6 and CENTCOM J6, BG Rey, to promote (b)(1) intersecting lines of effort. Mr. Kernan also met with RSM/USFOR-A Commander GEN Scotty Miller and the RSM staff in Kabul and conducted engagements with IC reps and the U.S. Country Team on their way forward. Timing will be key in working several of the issues from these engagements.

~~(S//NF)~~ Key take-away: MG Donahue's approach will serve as a great battle lab for activities directly applicable to (b)(1). By helping MG Donahue improve the (b)(1) (b)(1), we can truly (b)(1) with global force projection capabilities, scalable to global problem sets.

~~(S//NF)~~ Key take-away: how important streamlined (b)(1) will be to (b)(1) (b)(1) but as a capability we can use around the world). This will include not only (b)(1) (b)(1) systems, but also modernizing (b)(1) to fully leverage current and emerging (b)(1) (b)(1)

~~(S//NF)~~ USD(I) Actions: We came away with 10 identified tasks or requirements for OUSD(I), DoD CIO, and DIA. Addressing these tasks will require both a short-term and a longer-term set of actions which USD(I) will lead, in coordination with CENTCOM and key stakeholders. The long-term tasks are changes or updates to existing policy that will require staffing and review before implementation.

~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1) Relevant to (b)(1) requested help in clarifying the difference between (b)(1) expressed concern that the (b)(1) potentially limiting the use of (b)(1) environment. The Army G2 is following up with this concern.

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TAB A – List of AFG Trip Follow-up Tasks.

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- 1) ~~(S//NF)~~ Update (b)(1) to account for changes in the operational environment, virtualization of (b)(1)
- 2) ~~(S//NF)~~ Complete fielding of (b)(1)
- 3) ~~(S//NF)~~ Use (b)(1) for combining (b)(1) in support of Mission Command initiatives
- 4) ~~(S//NF)~~ Advance and scale enterprise Cross Domain Solutions to rapidly bring together data sources from NIPR, SIPR, and JWICS
- 5) ~~(S//NF)~~ Clarify policies and CI threat assessments for COTS & Commercially available encrypted communication apps
- 6) ~~(S//NF)~~ Evaluate options to centralize (b)(1)
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- 7) ~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1) to clarify the distinction (b)(1)
- 8) ~~(S//NF)~~ Review and update (b)(1) if necessary, for (b)(1)
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- 9) ~~(S//NF)~~ Surge CI personnel support for near-term rotations in support of force protection, then review larger CI capacity & Service strategies
- 10) ~~(S//NF)~~ Address systemic issues in linguist support

OVERVIEW

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Objectives defined

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- Oversee DoD and DIE support to partner efforts
- Ensure DIE is postured to sustain CT operations throughout drawdown

Discussion:

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National Intelligence Estimate

- NIM-SA coordinating final community comments

Operations:

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CT Capabilities

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DIE Collection Posture

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Accomplished

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- Continued Engagement with NIM-South Asia on NIE update
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Current Actions

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Preview of Upcoming Events

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- Late September (tentative) – NIE Update on Afghanistan

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Discussion

Enhancing Integration:

National Intelligence

- NIM-SA coordinating final community comments

Sustaining Current Operations:

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Developing Future Capabilities:

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Current Actions

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Other Items of Significance/Interest

NSC Calendar

14 SEP Deputies Committee

DepSecDef Guidance

- Civilian Personnel Requirements

Upcoming Events

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- 15 OCT: IEC Announced Election Date