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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

SUBJECT: ~~(S//FOUO)~~ Requests for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Support in FY 2015

~~(S//FOUO)~~ Thank you for your requests in March and June for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) support in FY 2015. I recognize the importance of maximizing ISR support to U.S. and Coalition forces in Afghanistan throughout the critical drawdown period and the transition to subsequent operations. I appreciate the efforts your command has made to fully understand and address the threats as our forces retire from the theater.

~~(S//FOUO)~~ We have made considerable effort to accommodate each of your requests, and the Joint Staff, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Services, has developed a solution that fully satisfies nearly every aircraft requirement: the force providers have done an admirable job of answering the call to support the final phases of operations in Afghanistan. Yet I understand there is still some work to be done, and the Joint Staff is developing a strategy that refocuses on ISAF's needs in the first half of FY 2015 and attempts to rebalance global priorities for the remainder of the year.

~~(S//FOUO)~~ As you know, this is a complex issue, and the recent upheaval in Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine have forced the Department to carefully evaluate every request and its long-term effects on the health of the force and our ability to meet enduring FY 2015 requirements. You have my assurances that we will continue to support the needs of our warfighters in Afghanistan.

(U) Thank you.

cc:
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