

INFORMATION PAPER

Subject: Summary of Information Operations (IO) Contract Concerns

1. (S) Purpose. Provide status and assessment of contractor involvement in intelligence activities in CENTCOM AOR.

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- (U) Contracting process appears to have been conducted in accordance with existing laws and regulations.
 - (S) Allegations of inappropriate execution of contracts by Mr. Furlong are under investigation.
2. (S) Background.
- This package includes **preliminary** background information from the Joint Staff, CENTCOM and STRATCOM regarding information operations contracts executed in the CENTCOM AOR that allegedly were used to hire contractors to perform intelligence activities.
 - CENTCOM reports that the alleged activity occurred under an IO CAPSTONE contract with Lockheed Martin Integrated Systems Inc. Highlights of the responsible organizations, legal review, and scope of work, to include a clear prohibition that contractors may NOT conduct intelligence gathering activities (foreign intelligence or Counter Intelligence) as defined in Executive Order 12333, are included at TAB 1.
 - STRATCOM has identified additional IO related contracts that have been executed in the CENTCOM AOR. STRATCOM's review of IO contract activities in Afghanistan is included at TAB 2.
 - Joint Staff Legal Council Information Paper included at TAB 3.
 - (S) Mr. Michael Furlong, a USAF SES assigned to USSTRATCOM in the Joint Information Operations Warfare Command (JIOWC) in San Antonio, TX, is **alleged** to have:
 - Used existing IO contract vehicles inappropriately to direct contractors to conduct intelligence activities used to track and engage insurgents
 - Conducted activities with malicious intent to expose CIA operations in Afghanistan.

3. (S) Interim Assessment.

- (U) Contracting process appears to have been conducted in accordance with existing laws and regulations.
 - Statement of Work (SOW) underwent multiple legal reviews.
 - No evidence to suggest legal findings were not incorporated into contract modifications.
- (S) Allegations of inappropriate execution of contracts by Mr. Furlong are under investigation.
 - Investigation organizations include the DoD Inspector General through Defense Criminal Investigation Service (DCIS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Additionally, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AF OSI) may open an investigation pending a response to their Request for Information.
 - Investigations are focused on Mr. Furlong exceeding his authority in execution of legally sufficient contract vehicles.
- Review of event timelines and contracting details continues.

4. (S) Recommended Actions.

- (S) Allow ongoing investigations to continue.
- (S) Perform review of contracting process with specific focus on oversight of contract execution.
- (E) Review Information Operation and Voice Programs purpose, scope and execution to identify any ambiguities/conflicts with intelligence efforts.

TABs:

1. Preliminary CENTCOM IO CAPSTONE Information Paper, Legal Review and Scope of Work Summary email from CENTCOM COS, and Contract History presentation.
2. Preliminary STRATCOM Information Paper, Review of Contract Activities in Afghanistan.
3. Information Paper from Joint Staff Legal Council.

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