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Office of the Special Inspector General
for Afghanistan Reconstruction

March 18, 2015

The Honorable Ashton Carter
Secretary of Defense

Dear Secretary Carter:

My office is conducting a broad review of DOD's Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO). In December of last year, and again in January of this year, I requested information and documents related to TFBSO's operations, programs, and expenditures. As part of our review, SIGAR staff have conducted interviews of a number of current and previous TFBSO employees and contractors, and obtained documents from DOD and other sources. The information we have obtained thus far has increased my concerns about TFBSO.

As you may know, TFBSO officially ceases to exist at the end of this month. In my letter of December, 2014, I asked former Secretary Hagel to ensure that all TFBSO records were preserved for SIGAR's ongoing review. Please advise me as to: (1) what steps were taken to comply with that request; (2) where those documents are currently located; and (3) the name of the person in your office who will serve as the point of contact for TFBSO matters after TFBSO shuts down.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact Christopher Staszak, Senior Investigative Counsel, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

John F. Sopko
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Dear Mr. Sopko:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Carter dated March 18, 2015, requesting additional information regarding the Task Force for Business and Stability Operation (TFBSO) records preservation, location, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense point of contact after TFBSO closure on March 31, 2015. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary.

In response to your specific requests, please see below:

1. What steps were taken to comply with that request [to ensure that all TFBSO records were preserved for SIGAR's ongoing review];

Response – TFBSO imaged all unclassified paper documents, contracts, and addenda to create a full unclassified electronic record. The electronic record was copied onto two mirror image hard drives. Two binders containing Secret documents were transferred in hard copy to Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), which will scan the information to a classified electronic record.

2. Where those documents are currently located;

Response – The two hard drives containing the electronic record, as well as the two binders containing Secret documents, were transferred on March 26, 2015, to the records manager for WHS. The WHS Enterprise Management Records Manager who accepted the TFBSO records transfer is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] One hard drive will be kept in the Executive Library and the second will be delivered to the National Archives and Records Administration.

3. The name of the person in your office who will serve as the point of contact for TFBSO matters after TFBSO shuts down;

Response – I will serve as the point of contact in the Office of the Secretary of Defense after the disestablishment of TFBSO.

Sincerely,

Ben A. McKee

