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Subject: Recent Media Leaks

All,

While we are past the initial media blitz that followed the successful [REDACTED] operation, we are now seeing an increase in detailed requests in conjunction with books, documentaries, and film projects. These requests are being sent directly to the CSAs and are being sent simultaneously to multiple agencies. On behalf of Secretary Gates and Dr. Vickers, I request that you decline any direct requests for information regarding the UBL operation, current or previous CT operations, or any other operational issues related to CT activities.

Recently there have also been a number of sensitive items appearing in the press, which is quite troubling. We need your assistance in stopping such information from appearing in the news. Even the simplest of comments, taken out of context or as an accumulation of information, can be extremely damaging to OPSEC. The guidance from the Secretary Gates and Dr. Vickers has been very clear--such unauthorized releases are unacceptable.

Therefore, I ask before you engage with the news media, publishing or the entertainment industry, please ensure that all engagements/information requests are thoroughly coordinated with the Department of Defense Public Affairs Office. The OSD Public Affairs Officer for OUSD(I) is CDR Bob Mehal (703-697-4162 or robert.mehal@osd.mil). I also request that you remind your respective workforces and senior leadership of appropriate media engagement policies.

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