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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
COMMANDER, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND
COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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OPERATIONS AND LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT


SUBJECT: Evaluation of U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command
Implementation of the DoD's Law of War Program
(Project No. D2021-DEV0PD-0045.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in January 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) and U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) developed and implemented programs in accordance with DoD Law of War requirements to reduce potential law of war violations when conducting operations. We will also determine whether potential USCENTCOM and USSOCOM law of war violations were reported and reviewed in accordance with DoD policy. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the evaluation with USCENTCOM and USSOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; U.S. Forces–Afghanistan; Combined Joint Task Force–Operation Inherent Resolve; and Joint Special Operations Command. We may identify additional organizations and locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the Evaluation within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent or military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail addresses to [REDACTED]

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