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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 the August 29, 2021, Strike in Kabul, Afghanistan
(Project Number: D2021-DEV0PE-0165.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation on September 23, 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the August 29, 2021, strike in Kabul, Afghanistan, was conducted in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Specifically, we will review the pre-strike targeting process; the damage assessment and civilian casualty review and reporting process; and the post-strike reporting of information. 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 the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. 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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If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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