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THIS IS A JOINT [Redacted] MSG.

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REF: [Redacted] 3793

1. RE PARAS 1 A THRU D YOUR REPLY TO [Redacted] WOULD TEND TO AGREE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR TRAINING MISSION PRE-ALERT TO AFFECTED ADIZ(S) SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. FAIL TO SEE HOW BRINGING 5AF INTO THE LOOP WOULD IMPROVE COORDINATION. HOWEVER PACAF MAY HAVE VALID REASON FOR THINKING IT NECESSARY. WOULD THINK IT VERY IMPORTANT FOR AFFECTED COMMANDS TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THEIR INTERNAL PROCEDURES RELATING TO COURSES OF ACTION TAKEN AFTER RECEIPT OF ALERT TO KEEP APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS, I.E. COMMANDERS, INFORMED. PERHAPS AS PERSONNEL CHANGE, PROCEDURES TEND TO BE FORGOTTEN OR OVERLOOKED BY NEW PERSONNEL.

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2. RE PARA 3 YOUR REPLY TO [Redacted] AGREE COMPLETELY. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE HOWEVER FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED TO UNDER-

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EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC
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STAND THAT PROJECT HQS (WITH HQS USAF) FOR OUR PURPOSES HAS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY OVER RELEASES TO PRESS MEDIA AND FOR HQS TO FUNCTION PROPERLY IN THIS REGARD IT MUST BE WELL INFORMED AS CONTINGENCY PROGRESSES. CONVERSELY, FIELD ELEMENTS (WOPACT AND USAF) MUST BE INFORMED ON CURRENT BASIS.

3. AS HQS INDICATES IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS TO USAF ELEMENTS ORIGINATE FROM HQS USAF. BELIEVE THAT WAS SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT BREAKDOWN IN THE 21 JUNE INCIDENT.

4. ON QUESTION OF [REDACTED] FUTURE WILLINGNESS TO AGREE BEFOREHAND TO PUBLICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE OTHER THAN OPERATIONAL LOSS, WE DOUBT SUCH COMMITMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN PRACTICE UNTIL IT CLEAR TO [REDACTED] THAT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ALREADY EXISTS AND THAT [REDACTED] HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ADMIT. KEY ELEMENTS IN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

THIS SITUATION PUTS PREMIUM, IN A FUTURE CONTINGENCY, UPON ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND STATIONS KEEPING HQS AND ONE ANOTHER FULLY INFORMED, AND ESPECIALLY UPON HQS AND THESE PARTIES AND STATIONS KEEPING [REDACTED] AWARE OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AT LOCALE OF ACCIDENT.

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5. [REDACTED] TWO WEEKS AGO

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REGARDING [REDACTED] FURNISHING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FLIGHT

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INCIDENT; AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER,

BUT TO DATE [REDACTED] HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT. [REDACTED] WILL PRESS

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[REDACTED] FURTHER, THOUGH WE DOUBT THAT US CAN MOVE [REDACTED] FROM THEIR

PRESENT POSITION (PARA 4 ABOVE). THUS IT IS OUR OPINION THAT

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IN A FUTURE SIMILAR INCIDENT, AND CONTINGENT UPON DEVELOPMENTS

IN EACH CASE, THAT [REDACTED] WILL PROVIDE A STATEMENT BUT ONLY AT

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SUCH TIME THAT THEY BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO DO SO. THIS

COULD BE FAIRLY LATE IN THE GAME, THEREFORE MAKING THE

QUESTION OF HQS OR FIELD USAF STATEMENTS ALL THE MORE

PERTINENT.

6. WE WILL IN ANY EVENT ADVISE FURTHER AFTER WE AGAIN
DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH [REDACTED] AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
PRESS [REDACTED] FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE STATEMENTS IN PRACTICE,
PROMISING THEM FULLEST POSSIBLE BLOW-BY-BLOW DESCRIPTIONS
OF ACTUAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENTS AT ACCIDENT LOCALE.

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7. [REDACTED] WISH ADD A LUSTY HUZZAH FOR REF'S
HQS ANSWER TO [REDACTED]

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