



UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER


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13 MAR 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Appointment of Joint Investigation into 10 Mar 15 UH-60 Accident

1. The undersigned appoint a Joint Investigation Board into the UH-60 accident of 15 March 2015, which resulted in the deaths of 11 servicemembers and the loss of aircraft. This memorandum incorporates by reference the Collateral Investigation appointment of The Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard (LANG), dated 12 March 2015, and the AR 15-6 Investigation Appointment of Commander, US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), dated, 13 Mar 2015.
2. **Members of Board:** The co-leaders of the investigation board are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], as already designated. Additional board members are: [REDACTED], WIARNG, and [REDACTED] USMC, to represent the National Guard Bureau and the U.S. Marine Corps. Other technical experts may be added to the investigation team by either of the appointing authorities.
3. **Scope of inquiry:** The scope of investigation is as set forth in the previously signed appointments from LANG and USSOCOM.
4. **Collection of evidence:** The Board members will have equal access to the collection of evidence to ensure a thorough review, including joint witness interviews, review of documents, etc.
5. **Legal review:** The SJAs, LANG and USSOCOM, will jointly provide a legal review of the final report.
6. **Report of investigation:** The Board will prepare a single report of investigation, addressing the tasks assigned in the two appointment memorandums and any other issues deemed relevant to the investigation into this accident. This report of investigation will be available for follow-on engagement with services, components, Congress, media and next-of-kin briefings, as properly redacted and classified for the respective audience.
7. **Out-brief:** The Joint Investigation Board will conduct out-brief of the findings and recommendations of the investigation to the following: CDR, USSOCOM; TAG LANG; CMC; CDR, MARSOC; Chief, NGB; or their designated representatives.
8. **Administrative requirements:** USSOCOM will assume responsibility for final classification and processing of requests under the Freedom of Information Act, and will confer with LANG, NGB and USMC prior to classification and release of any information. The LANG and USSOCOM will provide funding as identified in the appointments incorporated.
9. **Suspense:** The Joint Investigation Board should complete its findings by 31 March 2015, and prepare to conduct out-brief as soon as possible thereafter. Any requests for extension of time should route through the respective SJAs to the undersigned for approval.


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