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Subject: Declassification of the Kunduz Report

*Rear Admiral Krause,*

Regarding your inquiry concerning the possibility of producing an unclassified version of the Kunduz airstrike investigation report, please note the following concern:

Due to the significant content of classified information in the Kunduz investigation, to include targeting procedures, intelligence tactics, techniques, and procedures, and other sensitive operational information, it is not suitable to produce an unclassified version of the Kunduz investigation report. It might be possible to redact all of the classified information, but this would remove such an extensive portion of the report that the remaining unclassified portion would be incomprehensible.

In addition, COMISAF has provided copies of the report to COM JFCB and SACEUR for review; therefore, it would be inadvisable to release an unclassified version of the report without direction or guidance from these commanders.

Yours sincerely,

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I would like to draw your attention to a matter of great concern for our new Minister of Defence, Dr. Karl Georg zu Guttenberg.

In order to allow a transparent and objective reporting on the outcome of Joint Investigation board (JIB) the DEU MOD requires an unclassified version of the JIB report. As long as the document stays classified

Germany as it has the potential for severe repercussions on the way of doing our PRT business.

I should be grateful if you were able to work on a solution urgently, with the participation of the National Contingent Commanders, taking into account my comments.

I am looking forward to hearing from you regarding this urgent matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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