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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry

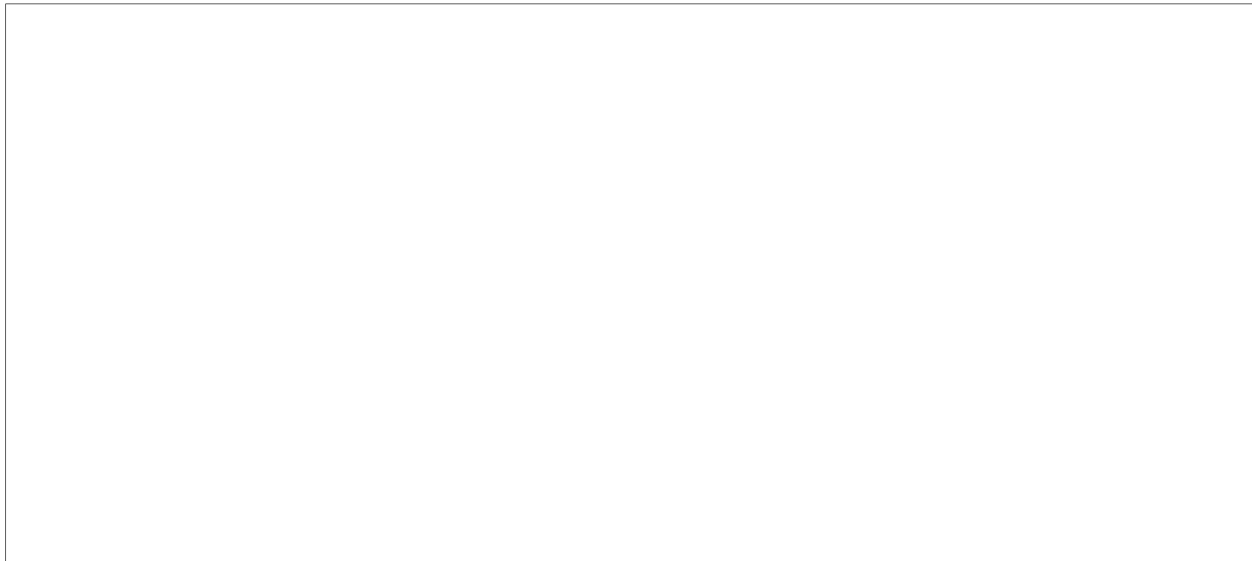
THROUGH: Deputy Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone

FROM: Narcotics Affairs Section – Acting Director Lee R. Brown

SUBJECT: Washington Post Inquiry / Investigation of DynCorp

Summary. Washington Post reporter Ellen Nakashema contacted INL/NAS Police Program Manager Marissa Martin on June 3 to inquire about the State Department’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation of DynCorp International in Afghanistan. Ms. Nakashema wrote the April 2009 Washington Post article on the drug overdose death of an American DynCorp. Ms. Nakashema said she has collected more negative reports on DynCorp and she expressed particular interested in an episode involving DynCorp contractors and a “dancing boy” in Konduz. She plans to publish an article within the next week or ten days.

Background



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- On April 18, the Washington Post’s Ellen Nakashema published a factually accurate article (Tab 1) about the DynCorp employee’s death. The article did not address the “dancing boy” episode or other possible misconduct by DynCorp employees. The article

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cited a public statement (Tab 2) provided by A/S Johnson acknowledging problems in DynCorp management and employee conduct, noting that the three DynCorp Afghan Police Program managers had been dismissed, and pointing out that investigations were underway.



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Current Status

Since the publication of the April 18 article, Ms. Nakashema says that she has received many calls and emails alleging DynCorp misconduct, including the “dancing boy” incident. In her call to Marissa Martin on June 3, Ms. Nakashema asked for confirmation of the incident, the status of the Department’s OIG investigation, and if “it was true the Department called in the OIG because of the ‘Dancing Boy’ incident, instead of the death of Mr. Schafer.” Marissa assured her that, as A/S Johnson stated for the record in April, investigations are underway regarding all of our concerns with DynCorp. Ms. Nakashema has also been in touch with INL Washington, which tells us that it expects another article to appear soon.

Drafted:

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