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MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, United States Central Command, 7115 South
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FOR Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9999 Joint Staff Pentagon,
Washington, DC 20318-9999

SUBJECT: Request for Imminent Fury (U)

1. I am writing to request the Joint Staff fully support the urgent Phase II combat validation of Imminent Fury. I welcome the joint validation of this expeditionary capability which will provide a full spectrum of support to SOF in Afghanistan.
2. Validating the concept of providing expeditionary ISR support with a cost effective, multi-role, manned platform that can find, fix, and finish targets would fully enhance the vital irregular warfare efforts being performed by ISAF and USFOR-A. The Phase I proof of concept has been completed and a Memorandum of Agreement between the USN, USAF, and SOCOM to support the joint combat validation has been signed.
3. An August 2009, CENTCOM RFF for four aircraft to support SOF forces conducting operations against Al Qaeda and Taliban senior leadership in Afghanistan was not filled and remains open. The Imminent Fury program will fill this capability gap by leveraging uniquely qualified and experienced aircrew with the increased agility of a survivable light attack aircraft integrated with the sensors and weapon systems necessary to conduct critical find, fix, and finish operations against AQ and Taliban networks. There is also a critical need to fill the expanded demand for ISR in Afghanistan to support our surging ground forces. The immediate deployment of the Imminent Fury team into Afghanistan will validate the concept while simultaneously providing a rapid means to help meet urgent theater demands.
4. I ask that you make all efforts to support this immediate combat validation. I ask for your assistance in quickly approving the Phase II combat validation of Imminent Fury.
5. Point of contact is COL Charles Flynn, Executive Officer, DSN: 318-237-1312.

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