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Dr. Calvin:

I found someone you should be aware of for your upcoming research. His name is "Hank Johnson" and his abilities and past experiences relate quite well to your project's goals. He has successfully located portals using his own intuitive methods. His previous exposure to XM could be valuable to investigate further.

Sincerely,

Yuri Alaric Nagassa

DIR NI,
I LOOKED UP THIS GUY'S
MILITARY RECORD. I AGREE
W/YURI THAT JOHNSON
WILL BE VALUABLE. HE'S
BEEN WORKING ON A TV
SHOW, BUT KEN WILL
REACH OUT TO HIM AND
WORK SOMETHING OUT
FOR US.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Prepared by: Lt. Colonel J. Michael Montgomery - Investigative Detachment Command,
Board of Inquiry.

Re: Debrief of Contractor ^{"HANK"} Holland Henry Johnson regarding an incident near
coordinates [REDACTED] Hindu Kush Mountains on 19 October 2010.



It should be noted that at the time of the event, PsyOps Expert Johnson was attached to IQTech Corporation, a private Washington D.C. based contractor specializing in Psychological Operations and Asymmetric Information Warfare. IQT has been operating publically in Afghanistan for two years, contracting with the Department of Defense in assorted operations.

FILE 17E-387-N: FACTS OF THE CASE

The known facts of the investigation include the following details. W.O.1 Johnson was declared Missing in Action at 14:31 on 16 October 2010 after failing to return from operation [REDACTED]. A Command Wide Alert was issued by the Unit Chief that evening, and subsequent land and air searches were unsuccessful.

On the afternoon of 19 October, Johnson was discovered by a unit from the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team along the lower steppes of mountain range Z48 [REDACTED]. He was disoriented and suffering from severe dehydration and exposure. Johnson was wearing Yusufzai tribal clothes. His field gear, including [REDACTED] was not with him and was not recovered.

In addition, a number of unusual artifacts were discovered in his possession, including [REDACTED] which have been sent to [REDACTED] for further evaluation.

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FIRST FIELD INTERVIEW

The following interview was transcribed on 21 October 2010 at Forward Reconnaissance Base Keyhole, in the Nuristan Province of Northeastern Afghanistan. Johnson was cleared for debrief by psychiatrist Dr. Paul Helman.

The interview was conducted by myself (Lt. Colonel J. Michael Montgomery), and two other officers (1st Lt. Felix Rollins and [REDACTED]). All statements here have been corroborated by the sworn testimony of all witnesses present.

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Transcript Begins:

LT. ROLLINS

For the record, we're talking with Psychological Operations Expert Holland Henry Johnson. Born September 9, 1975. ID# [REDACTED]. Graduate of UT Austin. Let's see. He is an Anthropology and Ancient Civilizations expert. Army service with PsyOps. Currently tasked to IQTech Corporation, working in tandem with the JSOTF. The time is zero-eight-thirty-two.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

How are you feeling this morning, Johnson?

[REDACTED]
You looked like crap when they brought you in, Hank.

JOHNSON

I had exposure. What's your excuse [REDACTED]

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

Let's cut to the chase, Johnson. You were on assignment in the northeast. Gathering data for this IQTech corporation, right? You then head to this village in the Kunar River Valley and pick up a passenger. Suddenly your Humvee goes off, without escort, into the Hindu Kush with this...what's his name?

JOHNSON

Mr. Azmati. An antiquities dealer from Kabul.

LT. ROLLINS

And on our Watch List.

[REDACTED]
Johnson put him on that list if you recall.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

Then what the hell were you doing picking up a dangerous local and improvising on an unauthorized mission?

[REDACTED]

We give Specialist Johnson wide latitude to act on instinct.

JOHNSON

This time it wasn't just instinct. This conflict spans centuries. It's an all out war: psychological, anthropological, historical. To the local people there, it's mystical.

LT. ROLLINS

Mystical?

JOHNSON

When the Abdur Rahman Khan campaigned through here in the late 1800's he renamed the place Nuristan. Persian for "The Land of the Enlightened." He wrote of the strangeness of the Nuristani people...the warriors he called the "Enlightened Ones." He said they were imbued with powers.

I began to better understand Afghanistan when I read *The Afghan Campaign* by Pressfield. It's about Alexander the Great's occupation. Change out the hardware and it's our story... only he figured out how to get out.

I had some high quality intel suggesting a historical site of great importance. A place likely to have great cultural - possibly spiritual - value to the enemy. There are unexplained anomalies that make it very difficult to get ELINT in certain areas. Sometimes you've just got to put boots on the ground.

LT. ROLLINS

He's right. We have had problems mapping certain sections of the country. Places where electronics cease to be reliable.

JOHNSON

There's an area north of [REDACTED] littered with a whole field of T-62s and...

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

Crashed HINDs... I know the place. I was there. Delivered a bunch of stingers that we thought they had used to take them down.

JOHNSON

Only they didn't.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

Yeah, right. No evidence of missile damage. The choppers just fell out of the sky. The mujahideen wouldn't talk to us about it and refused to go back to that area. Tell you the truth, I didn't want to go back there either.

LT. ROLLINS

Sounds like the "Zone of Silence" in Mexico. So we're looking for a place where things don't work?

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

God knows that's this country in a nutshell. Then what?

JOHNSON

I'd hoped to do a quick recon with a local guide, but then we stumbled into hell.

LT. ROLLINS

You sure Azmati didn't lead you into it?

JOHNSON

I trust him. I put him on the watch list to protect him so that the enemy thinks he's one of them.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

You assumed there would be a leak? Thanks for the confidence.

JOHNSON

Anyways, Azmati found some ancient ruins hidden deep in a ravine. Stone carvings. The whole place was pulsing. Humming. Like a distant chant... Whispers, voices in the wind. Odd shapes. But almost glowing from within. Friezes in the air of... shapes, symbols.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

Where was Azmati at this point?

JOHNSON

It all gets really hazy. I have vague recollections of Azmati. Collecting artifacts. Then there was an attack. An explosion. Azmati taking cover with me, that's all I remember. I don't know what happened to him, or for that matter what happened next.

LT. COL MONTGOMERY

At what point did you call in the airstrike?

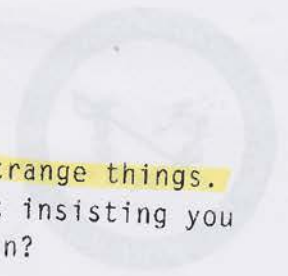
JOHNSON

I don't remember.

[REDACTED]
Let me tell you something that you don't know. When we went up to do a BDA we found a whole spread of JDAMS and cluster bombs fused into the rock, unexploded. Just sitting there, frozen in space and time. [REDACTED]

LT. ROLLINS

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The unit that found you reported that you were dazed and muttering strange things. Not all of them in English. One thing they could understand. You kept insisting you were "brother to a prince and fellow to a beggar." What does that mean?

JOHNSON
Kipling.

[REDACTED]

And why are you smiling?

JOHNSON
Kipling knew this place was special.

LT. COL. MONTGOMERY
I saw that movie. Some weird cult tribe thinks that Sean Connery is the reincarnation of Alexander the Great.

JOHNSON
Alexander came to this country in search of an oracle, one said to possess wisdom beyond the ages. Obsessed, he marched his army to the top of the Hindu Kush Mountains. No European had ever been there before. They believed you could see the river ocean that surrounded the world from here. He showed all of them that the world went on and on... And nobody knows if he ever found the oracle.

LT. ROLLINS
And that pertains to this case how?

JOHNSON
I think I found what Alexander was looking for.

Transcript Ends:

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[REDACTED]