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As you are no doubt aware, Ministers have now taken a very close interest in what we teach on the above courses. At this moment they and 3 star types are being briefed based on numerous documents that I have prepared and sent, both to SO1 legal, ADI and most recently to CO JSIO answering questions ref how we teach and what we teach, specifically ref hooding (which I know we teach not to do !!). To date we appear to be holding our own however, the questions may well become much more searching as this progresses

Although we are not in any way implicated in any illegal activity and, to my knowledge no allegations have been made against any individual trained here, mud gets flung and some of it may stick albeit unjustly Suffice to say that I am the final resting place for anything that comes our way and will deal with it whenever I can, you should not be involved.

In short, we may be the focus for some questioning ourselves, both from genuine bodies as well as other twats such as the media digging for info. The upcoming Corps day may well see journalists sneaking about trying to pry into our activities. Suffice to say that journos are to be politely directed at the DISC Adjt whilst any enquiry from an (apparently or otherwise) genuine military caller is to be directed to me personally. This latter point is most important.

To give you an overview of what I have sent I have attached several documents. The first two are ref recommendations sent to ADI some time ago providing what I consider to be acceptable guidelines on the practical application of many of our techniques. The third is our overarching techniques in broad terms, a reply to ministerial Qs from Fri last week. If you have not read these already, please do so and ensure that you base all your comments to students on this 'wisdom'. If you are unsure please speak to me ASAP.

As previously briefed, SO1 legal has already reviewed our training material and considers that it does not infringe anything that it should not, and is therefore within UK law. We must stick rigidly to these standards at all times, as not to do so will bring us into the shitty problem area. Bottom line is that we are currently legal and not even at the brink of the shit pit. Lets stay there without getting paranoid about what we teach.

Please read the attachments and ensure you understand exactly what they mean.

Any comments to me as usual.

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