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Kiowa Radio Traffic

(b)(1)1.4a: 2010 aircraft 566 en-route to FOB local responding to a TIC reporting 2-3 technical trucks with heavy weapons, 35-50 Taliban maneuvering on their position suggests the Taliban think they can overrun friendly forces responding at this time.

1-17 CAV: Current location for those guys is 3764 7189 all grid coordinates are 41QS.

(b)(1)1.4a: 41QS3734 6634 and the individual in the trucks at 41QS 3764 7189

1-17 CAV: Roger that's a good copy and 1.4a is located approximately 5 kilometers south of that location.

(b)(1)1.4a: Do you want us to start tracking those individuals.

(b)(1)1.4a: Main objective trying not to burn the target, trying to let the AAF consolidate on our location. (Inaudible).

(b)(1)1.4a: copies understand though that we are good to be at this location.

(b)(1)1.4a: Roger request you press west at this time.

(b)(1)1.4a: understands.

Unknown: The trucks split up.

(b)(1)1.4a: Males of the military age type, but we also have suggesting those individuals are intending on link up with another force of AAF from the Pey-e-Kotel area and come to our target and apply (Break) Ground Force Commander intent is to destroy those vehicles and all the personnel with them.

(b)(1)1.4a: Roger copies the and PID of weapons understand the GFC intent is to engage those vehicles.

(b)(1)1.4a: That's affirmative and we have been pursuing and observing these vehicle for approximately the last 3 hours so we have not lost contact with them we have seen numerous linkups along the way and PID'd weapons at that time.
Multiple Radio Traffics

(b)(1).4a: Of the objective area didn’t want to spook the locals wanted to get them in the...... (BROKEN and Wind MASKED TRAFFIC)

(b)(1).4a: Understand the GFC intent is to keep us away from the objective are confirm objective area is that your location or the location of the SUVs

(b)(1).4a: Objective area is my location as flagged, if you have that grid if not I can pass it to you so we want to keep you south and or west just out of ear shot so those people in this area don’t know you are here.

(b)(1).4a: We are currently approximately 3.5K moving to the south moving around to the south west of the Hilux location and attempting to get them in sight.

(b)(1).4a: Good copy and I will contact predator to see if I can get an updated description. (broken) followed by the two it’s a white colored Hilux followed by two darker colored SUV’s.

(b)(1).4a: Roger

(b)(1).4a: Say again

(b)(1).4a: Roger that is your target I am going to make contact with GFC to decide how he wants to hit this. My preference is if we decide to do it we will have your two hell fires targeted on the SUVs and have a laser targeted on the Hilux

(b)(1).4a: Copies and be advised we do have three Hell Fires

(b)(1).4a: Roger good copy well that will take care of that (inaudible) Ground Force Commander and get back to you.

(b)(1).4a: (b)(1).4a copies.

(b)(1).4a: Did you contact (b)(1).4a and do you concur that those vehicles are the same ones they have been observing over the last couple hours.

(b)(1).4a: Affirm just spoke to (b)(1).4a and confirm that these are the same vehicles.
(b)(1).4a: Good copy just one last thing I just want to make sure that we do in fact have weapons
PID and we have not lost contact with those vehicles.

(b)(1).4a: (b)(1).4a confirms that they had PID'd at a minimum 3 weapons, 21 MAMs and have
not lost PID they are continuing to observe these vehicles as well

(b)(1).4a: Roger good copy and GFC intent is to destroy those vehicles

(b)(1).4a: Understand GFC intent is to destroy the vehicles based on imminent threat to
ground forces, PID of weapons and (b)(1).4c with tactical maneuver BREAK understand we
are cleared to engage

(b)(1).4a: Roger you are cleared to engage 1 by Hilux, 2 By SUV, 21 MAMs and PID weapons

(b)(1).4a: We will be turning in to engage we will be calling back with a BDA

(b)(1).4a: Where you at

(b)(1).4a: Roger (b)(1).1.4a standing by

(b)(1).4a: You go in turn inbound and I will just follow you in

(b)(1).4a: Turning inbound left side of the road I will be doing left breaks

(b)(1).4a: I will remain on the right side of the road we will try to get a

(b)(1).4a: I am going to be coming down a little bit I don't want to get a fucking roll tip.

(b)(1).4a: You're good to go

(b)(1).4a: We are going to be shooting the lead vehicle.

(b)(1).4a: We are turning inbound with you

(b)(1).4a: Tracking 2.5K at this time I will be looking to engage in about 2K once again I
will engage the lead vehicle you engage the trail vehicle initially and we will follow up on the
middle.

(b)(1).4a: Roger

(b)(1).4a: Let them clear these trees and once they are past them we will hit them Hit me
white field real quick alright I got a visual. Showing 1.9 if you need an "S" turn do so now. I am
going to be doing an S turn over to the right here. Just letting them clear through the trees
they are moving through and once they are in that open area there then we will hit them.
(b)(1).4a: That sounds good
(b)(1).4a: Still got them in sight
(b)(1).4a: Only showing 5.5 seconds to target. 4.6 ok lasers on you can turn inbound. You cool if we shooting on this side of the road
(b)(1).4a: If you got to.
(b)(1).4a: Ok turning inbound
(b)(1).4a: Gotcha turning inbound
(b)(1).4a: Lasers on
(b)(1).4a: Once you have fired keep tracking straight and we will fire right after I am lasing
(b)(1).4a: Yep Engaging, Good Hit we are turning out right. Good Hit
(b)(1).4a: Good Hit second missile lasing for second Breaking Left.
(b)(1).4a: Confirm middle truck is stopped set yourself back up and reengage
(b)(1).4a: Dudes are squirting.
(b)(1).4a: Shoot the other hell fire and then we will deal with the individuals
(b)(1).4a: Trying to keep this in sight you are good to push out if you need to get that second truck...... We need to come back around to the right yep you're going to lose them but we will be able to find them again.
(b)(1).4a: we will be turning inbound
(b)(1).4a: We are on the right side of the road for you no factor.
(b)(1).4a: We are inbound
(b)(1).4a: How far back are they on our shoulder 90, 90, yep you just passed it.
(b)(1).4a: Missile left
(b)(1).4a: Slightly behind the rise in the ground. And got an impact
(b)(1).4a: Have me in sight
(b)(1).4a: Yeah I have you insight if you do a right turn you will see me and as soon as the smoke clears we will probably going to go take care of the squirters.

(b)(1).4a: Roger sounds good I got you in sight you are Eagle.

(b)(1).4a: Got 5 guys heading on the right side of the road we are going to come in with 2 rockets I would like you to follow with 3 if our hits need a second.

(b)(1).4a: Roger sounds good

(b)(1).4a: We’re taking the guys in the left or the right hand side of the road, right side, I don’t see them, okay just look toward the edge of the smoke you’ll see a boulder okay I see the guys by the boulder. Ok. We got three confirmed hits lead vehicle was the first missile from the lead aircraft followed by second missile to the trail vehicle good impact and third missile looks like it landed at or just short of the middle vehicle. Go back up to that trail vehicle you can see fucking dudes right there. Roger trail vehicle looks like we have a number of individuals sitting just outside of it. Trail aircraft believes they saw weapons. We have (b)(1).4a on station he has confirmed these are the vehicles he was watching and confirmed the hits. He also has eyes on these remaining individuals looks like probably 8 total are still moving out of an originally reported 21.

(b)(1).4a: Confirm you tried to obtain additional weapon PID on the squirters.

(b)(1).4a: We believe saw weapons on some of the individuals in the trail vehicle as they got out at this time we do not want to get to close to them we only have a couple rockets left we followed up with a couple of rockets. And so we are not getting to close to them at this point.

(b)(1).4a: Good copy if you have weapons PID you want to reengage with rockets you are cleared to do so.

(b)(1).4a: Affirm

I am comfortable with that trail vehicle only but those guys are dudes and they do have rockets

(b)(1).4a: Affirm we are sitting on Approx 10-15 minutes of playtime at this time still got the area in sight and are continuing to observe with

(b)(1).4a: Roger we are going to be conducting finishing up our and then start patrolling to the south towards the vicinity of Pey-e-Kotel
(b)(1).4a: Affirm we will exactly who they were talking about the mid level and the high level guys so that’s awesome. He did specifically say they expected that they had so many individuals in their area because they were trying to fill that mid range guys so if the (b)(1).4c confirms that he is off the net that is a good sign.

(b)(1).4a: He said the name to us, did he say it to you I thought it started with a “G”

(b)(1).4a: Roger we are just trying to get a little clarification on who the Taliban guys were that you heard on (b)(1).4c

(b)(1).4a: Affirmative a guy named I think it is (b)(6) I will get confirmation from the TERP and a Taliban Commander named (b)(6) that were contacting him and linking up by those vehicles were moving south to link up with some Taliban fighters out of (Pey-e-Kotel) (break) additionally when the Gunship was on station we tracked those individuals coming south down the river valley toward our location along with the (b)(1).4c saying that enemy forces were moving from that are (break) during that time we had PID of weapons and we had the assessment from analyst working with (b)(1).4a that all were male.

(b)(1).4a: Good Copy for (b)(1).4a we should be back out here in 30-40 mikes

(b)(1).4a: Roger good copy and those individuals in the brightly colored garbs did you identify them as female or just by the color of the clothing

(b)(1).4a: Just the clothes they were brightly colored clothes

(b)(1).4a: Roger

(b)(1).4a: Photos and then we are up for whatever you got for us afterward.

(b)(1).4a: You were broken confirm you are going in for BDA and photos

(b)(1).4a: Confirm

(b)(1).4a: Roger

(b)(1).4a: Turn the Flash off.
VEHICLE ONE

Comments: Vehicle strike was a direct hit resulting in 10 to 11 casualties.
VEHICLE ONE

BACK

VIEW OF VEHICLE ONE FROM VEHICLE TWO
VEHICLE TWO

 COMMENTS: Fragmentation of 2.75 inch Zuni rocket found in impact site.
- Impact site was 5m from vehicle.
- Damage was to rear of vehicle, front of vehicle was relatively undamaged.
VEHICLE TWO

Comments: Vehicle was spun from rocket strike.
VEHICLE TWO

POINT OF IMPACT OF ROCKET

WOMEN (3) FROM VEHICLE TWO

VIEW OF VEHICLE TWO FROM VEHICLE THREE
VENILE THREE

POINT OF IMPACT

FRONT

POINT OF IMPACT

LEFT SIDE

Comments: Impact was to the engine block
-Engine block absorbed most of the fragmentation and blast effects resulting in the rear of the vehicle having minimal damage.
-Wounded were massed on the left side of vehicle
Comments: Rear of vehicle sustained minimal fragmentation damage.
Casualties

CASUALTIES FROM VEHICLE ONE

CASUALTIES FROM VEHICLE TWO