

ADVERSE INFORMATION SUMMARY

What he did: Major General (MG) Michael T. Flynn, United States Army.

While serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, CJ-2, International Security Assistance Force, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan, MG Flynn shared United States classified information with various foreign military officers and/or officials in Afghanistan without proper authorization.

The Commander, United States Central Command (CENTCOM), initiated an Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 investigation upon receipt of a complaint from a Navy Intelligence Specialist that MG Flynn inappropriately shared United States classified information with various foreign military officers and/or officials in Afghanistan. The inquiry was conducted by a properly appointed official and was thorough. The AR 15-6 found that some inappropriate sharing of United States classified information with various foreign military officers and/or officials occurred as a result of MG Flynn's guidance and actions. The AR 15-6 further found that the sharing of classified information was not done knowingly and that there was no actual or potential damage to national security as a result of MG Flynn's actions. The AR 15-6 investigation is classified SECRET.

Department of Defense Inspector General (DoDIG) completed an oversight review of the AR 15-6 investigation and concurred with the findings. DoDIG recorded the substantiated allegation that MG Flynn shared United States classified information with various foreign military officers and/or officials in Afghanistan without proper authorization.

What we did:

Army: There has been no action taken against MG Flynn.

OSD: The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) and the General Counsel of the Department of Defense (GC, DoD) reviewed the summary of the incident. The USD(P&R) elected to support the nomination; the GC, DoD, asserted no legal objection to the nomination.

Reasons for Support:

The Department of the Army strongly supports the nomination of MG Flynn as Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Partner Engagement. The Commander, CENTCOM reviewed the AR 15-6 investigation and noted the efforts to properly cleanse the foreign officer's read-books. He further stated that there was no evidence of senior officer misconduct, rather there was keen attention to mission accomplishment in a coalition, combat environment. In light

of the mitigating and extenuating circumstances concerning the adverse information ascribed to MG Flynn, and MG Flynn's exceptional qualifications and dedicated service, his nomination and appointment to lieutenant general is fully supported and is the best interest of the Department of Defense and the United States of America.

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Investigating Agency: United States Central Command (CENTCOM); The Investigations of Senior Official Directorate, Department of Defense Inspector General (DoDIG)

Findings:

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Action Taken: The CENTCOM Commander determined no further action was warranted against MG Flynn.

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