

COUNTER-TERRORISM & SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: COCKPIT RECORDING SYSTEM

Air Support Division (ASD) acquired a new H125 Airbus helicopter with a functioning flight data monitoring system. ASD expects to replace the existing fleet in the next several years with that model. The H125 is equipped with the Appareo Vision 1000 audio and video recording system.

The Vision 1000 is a stand-alone flight data recording device that captures flight data, plus cockpit audio and imagery. This information can be used to review and analyze flight operations, allowing for the identification and mitigation of risk. Should the unthinkable occur, the recorded data is an invaluable tool, giving insight into what happened. Flight data is recorded to an internal memory system as well as a removable SD card and records on a 4-hour loop.

The camera is placed in a fixed position above and behind the crew and centered on the ceiling of the cockpit. The camera's purpose is to capture and record flight data information such as the gauges, limitations, and warnings appearing on the caution warning panel. Its range of view is directed to the panel. The camera's purpose is not to capture images outside the cockpit. The purpose of audio component is to capture ambient noise such as engine and rotor noise. The audio does not capture helmet to helmet communications between crew members. The audio is not connected to the intercom system and does not record these conversations.

The Department intends to meet and confer with the League to better understand the scope and use of this system. During this time, absent a mishap or safety related incident, the Department does not intend to access the recordings for purposes beyond flight data, such as a review of employee actions.

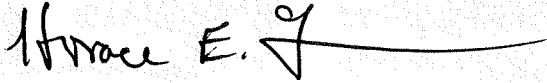
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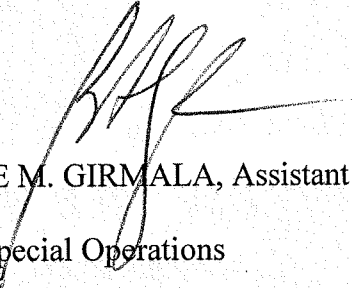
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