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Van: Verzonden: Aan: Onderwerp: Wiebes, Mark (M.Y.) woensdag 7 september 2016 17:45 Baeten, Michel (M.P.A.C.) Fw: Eagles as counter-UAV measure

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Van: Wiebes, Mark (M.Y.) Verzonden: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:50 AM Aan: ^{10.2.e} Onderwerp: RE: Eagles as counter-UAV measure

Dear Sir,

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Met vriendelijke groet, Kind regards, Mark Wiebes

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Van: 10.2.e Datum: 12 augustus 2016 09:09:13 CEST Aan: Wiebes, Mark (M.Y.) 1029 @politie.nl> Onderwerp: RE: Eagles as counter-UAV measure

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Hi Mr Wiebes,

Hope that everything is well.

Following the previous correspondence which you had with^{10.2.e}, I would like to find out a little bit more on the current updates in terms of the development of the bird unit within the Dutch Police.

Seek your kind assistance to share with me further on the following queries:

- Has the Dutch Police operationalize the bird unit?
- Are there other challenges or problems which the Dutch Police have faced so far, or are currently tackling, apart from animal rights issues?
- Is there any progress on the research into Kevlar protection for the birds?

Will be looking forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks!

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From: Wiebes, Mark (M.Y.) [mailto^{10,2,g} @politie.nl]Sent: Friday, 20 May, 2016 4:52 AMTo: Baeten, Michel (M.P.A.C.); ^{102 e}Subject: RE: Eagles as counter-UAV measure

Dear Sir, I will try to answer your questions:

(1) What is the set-up of the bird unit?

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(2) How many Dutch police officers are trained as birdhandlers? How long is the training period for your officers to be trained as birdhandlers?

(3) What were the pre-requisites for such police officers to be selected as potential birdhandlers?

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(4) How many birds does the Dutch Police currently have? How many operations have they been deployed for and what is the success rate of interceptions?

(5) We understand from GFA that the birds are usually complemented by detection technologies as their strength is interception. What is the detection technology used by the Netherlands Police?

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(6) Any downside to this counter-UAV measure (e.g. protests from animal activists? Birds' talons getting injured from the blades of the drones during training or operations? Supply of bird hatchlings to train more birds?)

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I hope this will answer your questions. However, I encouraging you to feel free to ask more. Kind regards,

Mark Wiebes

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-----Original Message-----From: Baeten, Michel (M.P.A.C.) Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 08:24 AM W. Europe Standard Time To: ^{102e} Cc: Wiebes, Mark (M.Y.) Subject: RE: Eagles as counter-UAV measure

Dear 10.2.e

Thanks very much for your interest in our program.

I have taken the liberty to forward your request to my

colleague Mark Wiebes.

He will be in touch with you soon.

Kind regards,

Michel Baeten

Head of Operations

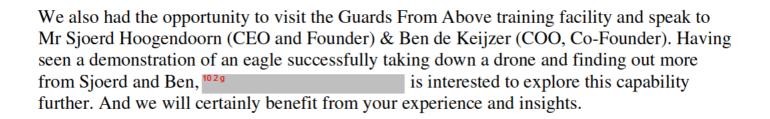
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Verzonden: woensdag 11 mei 2016 14:57		
Aan: Baeten, Michel (M.P.A.C.) ^{10.2.g}	<u>@politie.nl</u> >	
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Good afternoon Mr Baeten, I believe your colleague, ^{102e}, has informed you of my request to understand more of the trials that the Netherlands Police is conducting with Guards From Above (GFA) in the use of eagles to take down hostile drones.



Some of the queries we have:

- (1) What is the set-up of the bird unit?
- (2) How many Dutch police officers are trained as birdhandlers? How long is the training period for your officers to be trained as birdhandlers?

- (3) What were the pre-requisites for such police officers to be selected as potential birdhandlers?
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We may have more queries as we correspond so I seek your understanding and patience.

Thank you.

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