Appendix B
Advising Project Interview

Date/time: ________ Location: ________
Subject #: ________ Interview length: ________

Informed consent: Yes – continue / No – end interview

Place of birth/current resident: ________________________________________________
Duty station/work station: ____________________________________________________
Education level: ____________________________________________________________
Occupation: __________________________________________________________________
Years of advising experience: __________________________________________________________________
Positions/jobs in advising: __________________________________________________________________
Location of advising work: HQRS / Kabul / TAAC / Other: ____________________

Detailed Questions:
1. What is your job specialty/MOS and rank?
2. How long have you been in the military/civilian sector?
3. Have you deployed before; where?
   a. Have you been to Afghanistan; how many times?
4. How many days’ notice did you get prior to this deployment?
5. When did you arrive to your post?
6. Did you receive a hand over turn over? Please describe.
7. What was your source of deployment (JMD, YIS, MODA, CEW, CTR, SFAB, AFPAK, TDY, etc.)?
8. What was your original billet assignment?
9. Are you still serving in your original billet assignment?
10. How long are you deployed to Afghanistan?
11. Are you an advisor by billet?
12. Do you speak Dari or Pashto?
13. Who and where do you advise? What level do you advise at (TAAC, Ministerial)?
14. How often do you advise per week?
15. What are some of your advising responsibilities?
16. What are limitations of your advising efforts?
17. Is your advisee receptive to your advising suggestions?
18. How long did it take for you and your advisee to connect and build a relationship?
19. Is there anything that could have made the duration of building a relationship shorter in time?
20. Did you receive advisory predeployment training prior to deployment? (MODA, JFTC, RSTE, KLT, APFAK, Country Specific Training)
   a. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being the best, 1 being the least) how well did your training prepare you to be an advisor?
   b. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being the best, 1 being the least) how was the quality of your predeployment advisory training?
   c. What improvements could be implemented to enhance the quality of your predeployment advisor training?

21. Did you read any publications on advising prior to deployment? (RS SFA 4.0 Guide, Advising MS TTPs for Adv. Foreign Sec. Forces, CALL Senior Level Advising, etc.)

22. Did you read any publications on Afghanistan prior to deployment? (Books, articles, CALL Newsletter Afghanistan Culture Sep 10, etc.)

23. Did you attend in-country Resolute Support Orientation Training?
   a. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being the best, 1 being the least) how well did the RSO training prepare you for your advisor duties?

24. Did you attend in-country Military Advising Group Orientation sponsored by CSTC-A?
   a. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being the best, 1 being the least) how well did the MAG-O training prepare you for your advisory duties?

25. What improvements could be implemented to enhance the quality of your in-country advisor training?

26. Please describe gaps in predeployment or in-country advisor training that could improve the quality of your advising duties.

27. In your opinion, are there any advisor skills that should be taught to advisors? Please describe.

28. Have you read the RS OPLAN?

29. Please describe the Resolute Support Mission.

30. Please describe the term functional-based security force assistance.

31. Please describe the difference between security force assistance and defense institution building.

32. What problems have you experienced while advising or in the RSM in general?

33. What recommendations do you have for future improvement in advising in Afghanistan?

34. If you could tell the senior general officers about anything in the performance of your advising duties, what would you tell them?

35. Any last comments you wish to share?