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TO: Steve Hadley
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Paper on Prisoners

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We never discussed the attached paper on the "detention of prisoners in Afghanistan." However, attached are some edits.

I have problems with the paper. It references "we." I have no idea who "we" is. If it is the NSC, the NSC is not where decisions like this get made. NSC staff may offer opinions to the departments that have the responsibility, and the NSC may make recommendations. But, the National Security Council staff is not a decision-making body. Nor do I believe the subcommittees of the NSC are decision-making bodies. Therefore, I think using "we" is a device you might want to reconsider.

Also, I notice it mentions the Joint Staff from time to time. The Joint Staff has no role in the command structure. I do not think the NSC should reference the Joint Staff. The Joint Staff does not make recommendations to the NSC, anyway. It makes recommendations to the Chairman, and the Chairman has a military advisory role-the Joint Staff does not.

In any event, I don't know what is going to happen to the paper, but there are some thoughts.

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Paper on Detention of Prisoners

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