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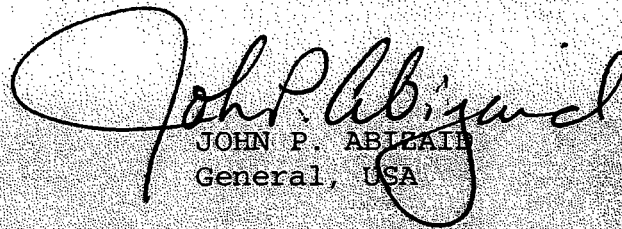
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MEMORANDUM FOR The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Detainee Operations In Iraq

REF: Secretary of Defense memo, 30 APR 04, Subject: Detainee Operations in Iraq

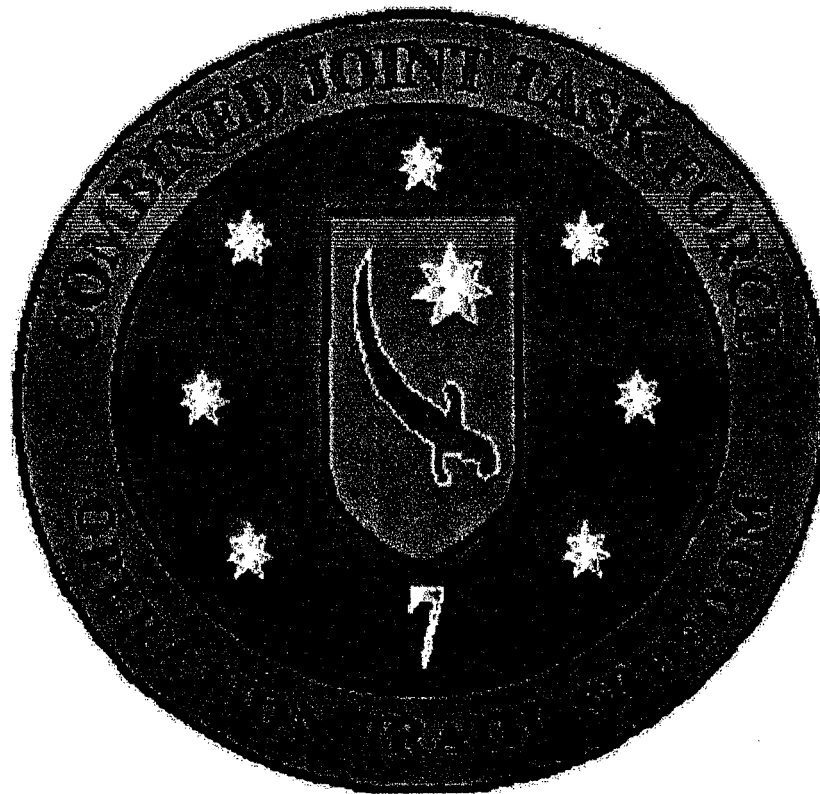
1. (U) As you recall, DEPSECDEF gave us this tasking on 24 March 2004 as a result of earlier conversations. MG Miller was subsequently assigned to CENTCOM and arrived in Baghdad on 15 April. He has the authority for all of the areas you listed in your memorandum as well as directing IO and public information related to detainees and the coordination of international agency and third country government access to detainees as appropriate.
2. (U) I have received the initial assessment by MG Miller and concur with his plan of action. He has identified three main issues which constitute the majority of the work his organization is now concentrating on. These issues consist of ensuring the continuation of a fully functional and resourced process of identifying, classifying, and transferring detainees; the development of a more capable and vigorous release process to include strong judicial efforts; and the creation of a more robust presence of IO embedded in detention missions.
3. (U) MG Miller has the right authorities, has developed clear priorities, is moving rapidly and successfully, and the desired end state is in sight.


JOHN P. ABIZAID
General, USA



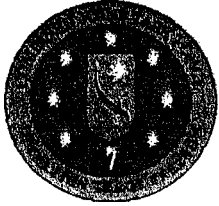


COALITION DETAINEE OPERATIONS UPDATE



28 MAY 2004

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IAW EO 12958, as amended
Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS



THE WAY AHEAD IN DETENTION OPERATIONS

28 May 04 ASSESSMENT:

**JDETAINEES IDENTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED IN THEATER
DETENTION FACILITIES AT ABU GHARAIB AND CAMP BUCCA**

- ✓ **TRANSFER AND RELEASE PROCESS STREAMLINED, MOVING
~ 700 FILES/WEEK FOR DECISION.**
- ✓ **COURT SYTEM – CCCI AND INVESTIGATIVE COURTS WORKING**
- ✓ **INFORMATION OPERATIONS EMBEDDED IN DETENTION
MISSION.**

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**THE WAY AHEAD IN
DETENTION OPERATIONS**


FIRST CUT ASSESSMENT:

- ✓ **DETAINEES IDENTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED**
- ✓ **TRANSFER/ RELEASE PROCESS
JUMPSTARTING JUDICIAL EFFORTS**
- ✓ **INFORMATION OPERATIONS EMBEDDED
IN DETENTION MISSION**

✓ **CURRENTLY OPERATING AND FULLY RESOURCED
OPERATING AT A REDUCED CAPABILITY: STRATEGY OF IMPROVMENT IDENTIFIED**

✓ **NOT MISSION FUNCTIONAL IMPLEMENTING 30 DAY STRATEGY TO IMPROVE**

**MISSION DEFINED, STRATEGY DEVELOPING,
ENDSTATE IN SIGHT**



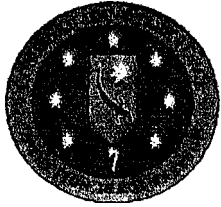
– INTERNAL:

- PROGRAM STARTED INSIDE CAMPS
- RELEASE NOTIFICATION UNITS
- REWARDS PROGRAM IN PLACE

– EXTERNAL:

- OPENED ABU GHRIAB WEEKLY FOR
GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND MEDIA VIEW
- STREAMLED DECISION SYSTEM ON
DETAINEE CUSTODY:

- INTERN FOR TRIAL OR HIGH RISK
- RELEASE




CRITICAL MISSION ELEMENTS. . .

REFOCUSED DETAINEE OPERATIONS:

- ✓ **RESTRUCTURED INTERROGATION EFFORT REFOCUSED, PRODUCE ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE FOR CLOSE FIGHT.**
- ✓ **DETAINEE EXPLOITATION IMPROVING**
- ✓ **DETAINEE ASSESSMENT STREAMLINED**
1709 RELEASED, 1352 INTERNED SINCE
4 May 04
- ✓ **CASES TRIED IN CCCI;**
ADDITIONAL CASES REFERED
- ✓ **INFORMATION OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN DEVELOPED AND WORKING TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING=WEEKLY MEDIA LINKS**
- ✓ **DEVELOPING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ICRC AND IRAQI HUMAN RIGHTS STAFF- CAMP BUCCA, ABU GHRYIB, AND CAMP CROPPER REINSPECTED BY 10 JUNE 04**

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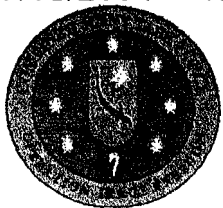
CRITICAL MISSION ELEMENTS. . .

BY 15 JUNE 04 FOCUS DETAINEE OPERATIONS TO:

- ✓ PROVIDE NEAR REALTIME TACTICAL AND OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TO COALITION
- ✓ EXPEDITE DETAINEE EXPLOITATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE
- ✓ RAPID REFERRAL TO CCCI AND IRAQI COMMON COURT SYSTEM
- ✓ COALITION AND IRAQI CIVILIAN SOCIETY INFORMED OF DETAINEE STATUS
- ✓ POSITIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WITH NGOs AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON DETAINEES

... THE TEAM WINNING THE FIGHT EVERYDAY






INTELLIGENCE HOLDS...

JREVIEWED 1074 INTEL HOLDS

(Detainees who are Intel or security risks.)

- 583 CONTINUES INTEL EXPLOITATION
- 491 REMOVED FROM INTEL HOLD FOR RELEASE DETERMINATION

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INTELLIGENCE HOLDS . . .

- ✓ VALIDATE STATWS OF 1076 DETAINEES OF MI HOLDS : (Detainees who are security high risks.)
 - CONTINUE DETENTION FOR INTEL EXPLOITATION
 - INTERNED FOR PROSECUTION IN CCCI
 - TRANSFERRED TO IRAQI CONTROL FOR PROSECUTION
 - CONDITIONAL RELEASE
- ✓ COMPLETE INITIAL REVIEW NLT 15 JUNE 04
- ✓ REVIEW INTEL HOLDS EVERY 60 DAYS

... IDENTIFY, EXPLOIT, RELEASE, OR REFER

✓ STATUS OF DETIANEES INTERNED:

- CCCI PROSECUTIONS
- TRANSFERRED TO IRAQI CONTROL FOR CIVIL PROSECUTION

✓ VALIDATE INTEL HOLDS STATUS EVERY 60 DAYS



... IDENTIFY, EXPLOIT RELEASE, OR REFER 4



DETAINEE REVIEW PRIORITY.... 1251 IN CURRENT POPULATION CONTINUED PRIORITY:

JALL FEMALES (3) AND JUVENILES (41)
✓ **IN CUSTODY THE LONGEST**
JCOMPLETED EXPLOITATION OF 350 DETAINEE WITH UNANSWERED INTEL ISSUES
✓ **MEDICAL CONDITION AND COMPASSIONATE RELEASES COMPLETED BY 15 JUNE 04**

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DETAINEE REVIEW' PRIORITY
1972 IN THE POPULATION BY 30 MAY
PRIORITY:
JALL FEMALES (5) AND JUVENILES (52)
✓ **IN CUSTODY THE LONGEST**
✓ **COMPLETE UNANSWERED INTEL ISSUES**
✓ **MEDICAL CONDITION AND COMPASSIONATE RELEASE**

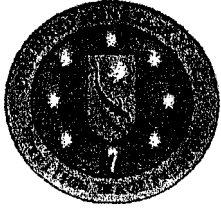
• **DCG-D & CJ2 INTEGRATE ASSESSMENTS AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS**

...COORDINATED EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE THROUGH-PUT



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FEMALE DETAINEES IN COALITION CUSTODY.. .



NAHLA HAFETH SHMED (ISN 25225) DATE OF DETENTION: 09 MAR 04
REASON FOR DETENTION: FINANCIER FOR ACF CELLS; RPG ATTACKS
ASSESSMENT: ON CID HOLD, BOARD MUST RECOMMEND INTERN UNTIL OFF CID HOLD
BOARD RECOMMENDATION: INTERNED



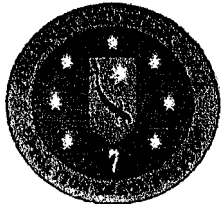
HUDA HAFETH AHMED (ISN 25224) DATE OF DETENTION: 08 FEB 04
REASON FOR DETENTION: PARTICIPATED IN TARGETING A BN HQ'S
MI HOLD FOR POSSIBLE PROSECUTION CID HOLD



BUSHRA MOHAMMED SALEH MAHDI (ISN 28212) DATE OF DETENTION: 09 MAR 04
REASON FOR DETENTION: FINANACING ATTACKS OF COALITION FORCES
MI HOLD FOR INFORMATION ON CRIMES AGAINST THE COALITION CID HOLD

.... DETAINEED FOR FINANCING ATTACKS AGAINST COALITION FORCES, EXPECT REFERRAL TO CCCI





REDUCING DETAINEE FOOTPRINT AT ABU GHARAIB ...

- ✓ **TRANSFER STRATEGY:**
 - 1600 DETAINEES TRANSFERRED TO CAMP BUCCA FOR INTERNMENT
 - ~ 1000 BECAUSE THEY ARE HIGH THREAT DETAINEES
 - ~ 600 FOR DETAINEE SAFETY REASONS

- **MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF ~ 100 DETAINEES TO BUCCA EVERY 2 WEEKS**

- **RECOMMENDATION BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**
 - INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION COMPLETE
 - DETAINEE THREAT LEVEL
 - POSSIBILITY OF TRIAL BY CCCI (WILL REMAIN AT BCCF)
 - LOCAL INFLUENCE AND DETENTION OPERATIONS IO CAMPAIGN
 - HUMANITARIAN/COMPASSIONATE ISSUES

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**REDUCING DETAINEE FOOTPRINT
AT ABU GHARAIB ...**

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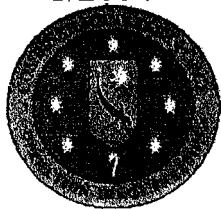
- 500 DETAINEES CURRENTLY TRANSFERRED TO BUCCA NLT 02 MAY 04
- WILL REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL DETAINEES FOR TRANSFER EVERY 14 DAYS
- RECOMMENDATION BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
 - INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION COMPLETE
 - DETAINEE THREAT LEVEL
 - POSSIBILITY OF TRIAL BY CCCI (WILL REMAIN AT BCCF)
 - LOCAL INFLUENCE AND DETENTION OPERATIONS IO CAMPAIGN
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... ENDSTATE: DETAINEES AT BCCF REDUCED TO 1500 - 2000



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INTERNEE RELEASE STRATEGY

28 MAY 04 COMPLETED RELEASES

✓ 1709 RELEASED/ 1148 IN FINAL COORD FOR RELEASE :

- 700 DETAINEES REVIEWED FOR RELEASE EACH WEEK BY STANDING BOARD
- UNIT/AGENCY CONCERNS (7 DAY PERIOD)

✓ PROCEDURES: A BATTLE DRILL

- RELEASED DETAINEE IS TRANSPORTED VIA BUS WITH A JOINT CF AND IPS GUARD
- POSITIVE INFO OPNS IN ALL 5 DIVISION SECTORS
- DETAINEE IS RETURNED TO POINT OF CAPTURE AND PLACED IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF LOCAL POLICE CHIEF
- LOCAL IRAQI OFFICIALS COMPLETE RELEASE PROCESS
- 6 ITERATIONS COMPLETE; BATTLE DRILL WORKS WELL

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INTERNEE RELEASE STRATEGY
COMPLETE RELEASE BY 15 JUNE 04

✓ **1381 APPROVED/ IN FINAL COORD :**

- 679 DETAINEES APPROVED FOR RELEASE
- 702 PENDING UNIT/AGENCY CONCERNS (7 DAY PERIOD)

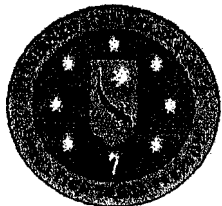
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...GAINING VELOCITY ON DETAINEE REVIEW
...INVOLVING IRAQI POLICE AND LOCAL LEADERS

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LEVERAGING THE CCCI . . .

MISSION: BRING 30 CASES A MONTH BEFORE CCCI

- GAINING VELOCITY IN IRAQI COURTS:

INTRODUCING CASES INTO CCCI SYSTEM AS SOON AFTER INCIDENT AS POSSIBLE (JSLETs AND MSCs LEGAL TEAM FOCUS) 30 DAYS TO INVESTIGATING JUDGE, 60 DAYS TO TRIAL IS WORKING

33 HEARINGS AND TRIALS SCHEDULED IN NEXT 30 DAYS

- ISSUE: BRINGING “OLD” CASES TO TRIAL

– COMPLETING 800 REDEPLOYED WITNESS STATEMENTS

– ENABLERS:

• VTC TESTIMONY FROM REDEPLOYED SOLDIERS BEGINS

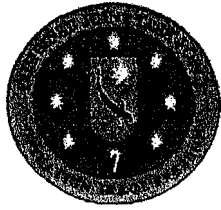
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• BUILDING CCCI COURT AND JUDGE CONFIDENCE



VELOCITY AND CONFIDENCE IN LEGAL SYSTEM



CRIMES AGAINST THE COALITION

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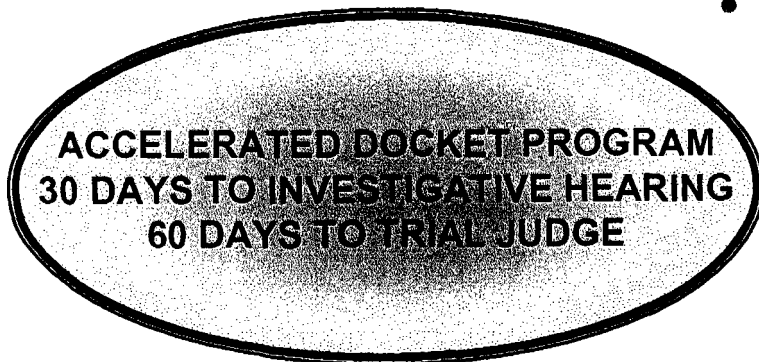


CRIMES AGAINST THE COALITION

- STATUS OF CCCI CASES:
 - CASE FILES REVIEWED: 3214
 - CASES FOR PROSECUTION: 537
 - REDEPLOYED WITNESS CASES: 371
 - CASES PENDING INVESTIGATIVE HEARING OR TRIAL: 41
 - CCCI TRIED CASES: 11
- AVERAGE SENTENCE OF 8.5 YEARS FOR CRIMES AGAINST COALITION

• WEAPON POSSESSION 10 YRS
 CONSPIRACY TO ATTACK CF 5 YPRS
 SMUGGLING 10 YEARS

• A CREDIBLE LEGAL SYSTEM AT WORK



- STATUS OF CCCI CASES:
 - CASE FILES REVIEWED: 3531
 - CASES FOR PROSECUTION: 512
 - REDEPLOYED WITNESS CASES: 371
 - CASES PENDING INVESTIGATIVE HEARING OR TRIAL NEXT 30 DAYS: 34
 - CCCI TRIED CASES: 11
- AVERAGE SENTENCE OF 8.5 YEARS FOR CRIMES AGAINST COALITION

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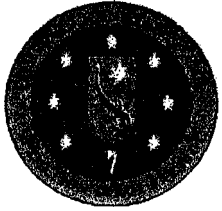


INFORMATION OPERATIONS . . .

DETENTION OPERATIONS IO CAMPAIGN:

- PURPOSE: TO BUILD POPULAR SUPPORT/UNDERSTANDING US AND IRAQI DETENTION AND TRIAL EFFORTS
- METHOD:
 - PUBLISH DETAINEE LISTS TO MSC PMO'S, IPS POLICE CHIEFS AND CMOC'S WEEKLY – 1st product 30 May 04 *
 - HIGHLIGHT IMPROVED DETAINEE ASSESSMENT, REFERRAL AND RELEASE STRATEGIES
 - HIGHLIGHT THE PROTECTION AFFORDED DETAINEES AND LOCAL POPULACE (BCCF FOCUS)
 - DEMONSTRATED RESOLVE OF CCCI, TRIAL RESULTS MADE AVAILABLE TO IRAQI/ARAB MEDIA
 - IRAQI GOVERNING COUNCIL ACCESS TO DETENTION FACILITIES; ACT AS INFORMED LEADERS WHO CAN VALIDATE DETENTION AND COURT EFFORT
- ENDSTATE: IRAQI POPULATION UNDERSTANDS ROLE AND PURPOSE OF CURRENT CF AND IRAQI DETENTION AND LEGAL OPERATIONS

BUILDING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE



SMALL VICTORIES

- ✓ **INTERROGATION & DETENTION STRATEGY SYNCHED**
 - ✓ **REFINED FOCUS TO PRODUCE ACTIONABLE INTEL & DECISION ON DETENTION FOR INTEL EXPLOITATION, INTERNMENT, OR RELEASE**
- ✓ **REDUCED ABU GHRYIB FOR 5,200 TO 3100 DETAINEES**
 - ✓ **RELEASE AND TRANSFER FOR INTERNMENT STREAMLINED**
 - ✓ **- OPENED CAMP REDEMPTION – Will meet ICRC Humane Detention Standards, ICRC inspection 30 May- 6 June 04**
 - ✓ **- CLOSED CAMP VILIGENT, CAMP GANCI CLOSES BY 20 JUNE**
 - ✓ **FAMILY VISITS: INCREASED FROM 30 TO 200 PER DAY – MAJOR IO GAIN**
- ✓ **ESTABLISHED WEEKLY VISIT TO ABU GHARAIB BY CPA COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, COORDINATING PERMANENT ICRC PRESENCE.**



IMPROVING EACH DAY, BUILDING A BRIDGE TO IRAQI LEADERSHIP

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April 30, 2004

TO: Jerry Bremer
Gen John Abizaid

CC: Gen Dick Myers

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld 

SUBJECT: Detainee Operations in Iraq

My sense is that our operations regarding detainees in Iraq could benefit from greater unity of effort. Unifying responsibility for detention operations, law enforcement investigations, and disposition of criminal cases under a single entity should improve integration and efficiency. I propose creation of an organization under CJTR-7 /MNF-I to act as a single point of contact with responsibility for these actions related to detainees in Iraq. I have identified MG Geoff Miller, the former Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo to lead this effort. However, the ISG will retain custody of its high-value detainees even with this appointment.

The range of coordinating authority for the new organization should include coordination of detainee matters with the CPA, the Iraqi Governing Council and other agencies; intelligence aspects related to detainees; improving detention management and information operations; and expediting law enforcement investigations, intelligence exploitation, and disposition of criminal cases.

Commander, USCENTCOM should take immediate steps to establish this new organization and brief me on your implementation plan by May 7, 2004. The CPA should fully support the establishment of this organization and provide direction to CPA staff, including representatives of other USG agencies, to support and assist in this effort as appropriate.

Thanks.



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