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ACTION MEMO

May 25, 2004 9:05 am

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General of the Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Temporary Naval IG Team to Review Detainee Interrogation Techniques

- You should approve the attached revised memorandum establishing a temporary team led by the Naval Inspector General, Vice Admiral Albert "Tom" Church, to review the interrogation techniques authorized and used by DoD personnel in Guantanamo Bay, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Joint Special Operations in the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility, and the Iraqi Survey Group.
- The attached revised memorandum incorporates all of the substance of the most recent draft circulated by the Principal Deputy General Counsel while eliminating unnecessary titles and text that could be perceived as abrogating and/or duplicating my role as "principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in programs and operations of the Department" (IG Act §8(c)(2)).
- In order both (a) to protect the integrity of the IG-type tasks and work products you are charging VADM Church to produce and (b) to avoid any appearances of conflicts of interest vis-a-vis the type of allegations recently levied by members of the U.S. Senate against the DoD General Counsel (see attached Senate Floor Statement), I recommend that you treat this Office of Inspector General as your primary oversight office for the team headed by Vice Admiral Church (of course, in this capacity my staff and I would continue to consult, as appropriate, with your Principal Deputy General Counsel).

RECOMMENDATION: You sign and circulate the attached revised Memorandum establishing the team reviewing Detainee Interrogation Techniques.

Coordination: VADM Tom Church - Provided via e-mail May 25, 2004, 0730 hrs
DoD Principal Deputy GC - Delivered to Mr. Daniel Dell'Orto
May 24, 2004, 1845 hrs

*"No objections"
confirmed 0830*

Attachments: As stated

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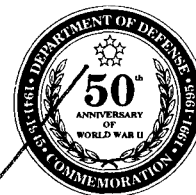


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**MEMORANDUM THRU SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
FOR THE NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**Subject: DETENTION OPERATIONS AND DETAINEE INTERROGATION
TECHNIQUES**

As my representative and in your capacity as the Naval Inspector General, you will have overarching responsibility for monitoring the various reviews and investigations relating to detention operations. Specifically, you will ensure that all areas of concern to the Department of Defense regarding detention operations are being addressed adequately and expeditiously. You will report to me any gaps or seams among those reviews and investigations.

In addition, you are directed immediately to lead a joint team for the purposes of identifying and reporting on all DoD interrogation techniques, including those considered, authorized, prohibited and employed, identified with, or related to, the following Operations

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Iraq Survey Group

Your review should examine whether, and if so, to what extent, interrogation techniques prescribed for use in one command or operation were adopted for use in another command or operation. This effort will help me assess whether there is effective review and oversight of the interrogation techniques employed by our forces.

Although non-DoD entities are responsible for inquiring into their own interrogation techniques, you should inquire into any DoD support to or participation in the interrogation activities of those entities.

You will act as my principal representative to the Independent Panel to Review DoD Detention Operations.

You and your team will have access to all documents, records, personnel and their statements, and all other information you deem relevant. All DoD personnel shall cooperate fully with you and your representatives. As necessary for carrying out the duties of this memorandum, you may seek and obtain assistance from the



Inspector General of the Department of Defense, whose statutory duties include cooperation with the inspection and investigative units of the military departments. The Director of Administration and Management shall provide you necessary personnel, office space, travel support, and other resources as necessary. In addition, you may request DoD Components to detail personnel by name to support you.

You will report *interim findings* directly to me by July 2, 2004, with final findings and a written report to follow as soon thereafter as possible.



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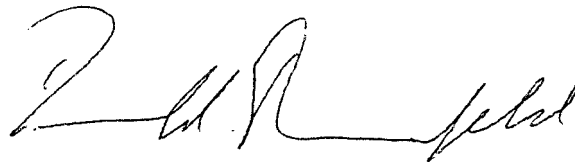
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