



**THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

1200 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1200

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

2005 JUL 29 3:01 4:47

**INFO MEMO**

**HEALTH AFFAIRS**

FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL & READINESS)

FROM: William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, ASD (Health Affairs)

*William Winkenwerder*

SUBJECT: Positive Feedback on Policy for Care and Treatment of Detainees in Custody of U.S. Armed Forces

- We have received positive feedback from leaders in the U.S. medical community regarding our recently announced medical policy statement regarding the care and treatment of detainees in custody of U.S. Armed Forces.
- An example is the attached letter from the American Medical Association.
- Building on the success of the recent Congressional visits to Guantanamo Bay, we are planning a similar trip for a small group of medical leaders from the U.S. civilian medical community, followed shortly after by a roundtable discussion with a broader group to describe the results of the recent Army Surgeon General Report, our policy statements and updates, and DoD's efforts to ensure excellent training for all medical personnel.
- I am optimistic that these combined efforts will have a confirmed positive effect among the broader U.S. medical community and the media regarding DoD's approach to the medical care and treatment of detainees and the role of medical personnel in detainee operations and interrogations.

Attachment:  
As stated

cc:  
USD (P)  
USD (I)  
ASD (LA)  
GC  
TSP to SecDef



Prepared by: Dr. Winkenwerder, ASD (HA), 697-2111, DOCS Open 89432



July 22,2005

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, MBA  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs  
Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1200

Dear Dr. Winkenwerder:

The American Medical Association (AMA) thanks you for your communication of **June 15,2005**, which included a copy of the policy memorandum "Medical Program Principles and Procedures for the Protection and Treatment of Detainees in the Custody of the Armed Forces of the United States" (henceforth, referred to as the Policy Memorandum).

We are encouraged by several of the safeguards articulated in the Policy Memorandum regarding the ethical involvement of physicians in the care of detainees: stated requirements for the humane treatment of detainees; reporting obligations in the face of violations; and renewed commitment to the education and training of physicians with regard *to* applicable policies and procedures. We strongly support these **aspects** of the Policy Memorandum. Other Principles and Procedures, which speak to the separation of patient care from non-treatment activities including interrogation of detainees, and related uses of medical information, however, may need further clarification and consideration.

Noting that the Policy Memorandum indicates that the principles and procedures it contains as well as the experience gained in implementing them will be reviewed in the near future, we wish to reiterate the AMA's offer of assistance in articulating and disseminating clear and appropriate guidelines on the treatment of detainees.

The AMA is committed to maintaining the **integrity** of and the trust in **the** medical profession as a whole. We look forward to an opportunity in **the** near future to **discuss** further the Policy Memorandum and the guidance it provides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Maves". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA  
Executive Vice President, CEO



Certified As Unclassified

January 9 2009

IAW EO 12958, as amended **American Medical Association** 515 North State Street Chicago Illinois 60610

Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS

312 464 5000 www.ama-assn.org