

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, DC 20301



#### **ACTION MEMO**

July 14,2004

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DepSec Action \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Peter Geren, Detainee Task Force

MG Maples, Detainee Task Force

SUBJECT: Establishing the Office of Detainee Affairs

- At the Geren/Maples Detainee meeting on July 1,2004 you agreed with Under Secretary Feith's proposal to establish an office in Policy and assign it responsibility for *detainee affairs*. The attached memorandum for your signature directs establishment of that office.
  - O The Office of Detainee Affairs would have responsibility for coordinating matters related to non-coalition personnel held in detention by DoD (e.g., unlawful combatants, EPWs and security internees under DoD control). The Office would respect the requirement to avoid unlawful command influence in military justice matters.
  - o In addition to his responsibilities for advising you and the Department leadership on detainee policy matters, a DASD for Detainee Affairs would chair a DoD committee (with representatives of USD(P), USD(I), General Counsel, Joint Staff, Army, Navy, Public Affairs, Legislative Affairs, and others as needed) to coordinate all detainee matters within the Department and elevate issues for resolution.
- The Geren/Maples group will maintain primary responsibility for issues, including public and legislative affairs matters, related to past actions and ongoing reviews of DoD activities, whereas the Office of Detainee Affairs will handle current and future policy matters.
  - As discussed at the July 1 meeting, the Office of Detainee Affairs and the Geren/Maples group will work closely together and support each other, until such time as it is appropriate to merge them.

RECOMMENDATION: Secretary of Defense sign correspondence at TAB A.

COORDINATION: TAB B

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### MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: DoD Detainee Organization

I have reviewed the proposed action memorandum and memorandum to be signed by the Secretary of Defense concerning establishing an office in Policy for Detainee Affairs. I concur with the following comments and recommendations.

- The implementing directive should reconcile the authority and responsibility to be exercised by the Office of Detainee Affairs with that of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and the Secretary of the Army as established in DoDD 2310.1, DoD Program for Enemy Prisoners of War and Other Detainees, as well as that of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict as set forth in Under Secretary of Defense for Policy memorandum of January 17,2002.
- The implementing directive should specify the Office of Detainee Affairs' role, if any, with regard to coordinating and interacting with the International Committee of the Red Cross.
- Since the proposal is for the Office of Detainee Affairs to concern itself with "all matters regarding detainees," it must be presumed that this includes the exploitation of detained personnel/EPWs for intelligence purposes. If it is not intended that the office should be involved in this area, it should be so stated in the implementing directive.
- Recommend rephrasing the third paragraph of the proposed SECDEF memo to state "Matters affecting Dol' interests pertaining to detainees held by **U.S.** Government agencies other than Dol' or DoJ shall be coordinated or overseen by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence."

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Acting Secretary of the Army

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

**DEFENSE** 

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ... - DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Sharing Detainee Abuse Investigation Material with the Detainee Task Force

There are numerous ongoing investigations and reviews regarding the treatment and handling of detainees in Department of Defense (DoD) custody around the world.

Some of the investigations and reviews may result in recommendations that military justice and/or administrative actions be taken against service members. To ensure transparency across DoD, I request that you keep the Detainee Task Force fully informed of developments pertaining to detainee treatment and handling. Significant actions you should report include disposition decisions regarding allegations of misconduct or substandard performance, and key rulings of disciplinary and administrative actions. I also request that you keep DoD legal and public affairs offices fully informed.

This memorandum is not intended, and should not be construed, to inhibit in any way the unfettered discretion of commanders at all levels to exercise their independent professional judgment in taking action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or to interfere with the professional actions of other participants in the military justice process

A point of contact for the Detainee Task Force is CAPT Mike Lambert (703-697-0967; Mike.Lambert@o.d.mil).

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#### **ACTION MEMO**

July 6,2004

FOR:

SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES

FROM:

PETE GEREN, DETAINEE TASK FORCE

MG MAPLES, DETAINEE TASK FORCE

SUBJECT: DoD Detainee Organization

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- Attached at TAB A is a draft memorandum for the Secretary of Defense's signature that establishes that office.
- Please review the attached and provide your concurrence on the coordination sheet at TAB B no later than Thursday, July 8,2004.
- My point of contact on this issue is Sarah Nagelmann. She can be contacted at (703) 697-0916 or at sarah.nagelmann2@osd.mil.

Attachments: As stated

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DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Office of Detainee Affairs

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The <u>USD(P)</u> shall establish a committee <u>comprised</u> of representatives of the <u>OSD</u> <u>Principal Staff Assistants and DoD Components with responsibilities in detainee affairs to coordinate actions, share information, and provide advice on detainee matters.</u>

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