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APPROVED INTERROGATION PROGRAM FOR APPROVED WH AND NSC USE ONLY

- On September 17, 2001, President Bush signed an MON giving the CIA the authority to capture and detain Global terrorists and their supporters who pose a continued, serious threat of violence or death to US persons or interests or are planning attacks. Under this covert action authority, CIA has established a highly-compartmented interrogation program for intelligence exploitation once terrorists are captured.
 - Additional covert action authorities were granted to CIA in this MON to help fight the WOT.
 - Previously, CIA could [REDACTED] not detain them [REDACTED] DOD had detention authority prior to 9-11.
 - Previously, CIA interrogation participation was limited to various forms of questioning.

- The capture of a HVT in March of 2002, led to the decision that the CIA would hold the HVT in a "black site."
 - The WH, NSC, DOD, Congress, and even most at CIA who are read into the program do not know the locations of the "black sites."
- The March detention of a HVT, at a CIA "black site," lead to the first joint FBI/CIA interrogation of a CIA detained terrorist. The interrogations were ONLY question and answer sessions, using the traditional FBI format.
 - The HVT refused to cooperate.
 - Traditional CIA interrogation techniques (Q&A) ineffective.
- During the spring and summer of 2002, CIA began to develop its own set of interrogation techniques, with the help of doctors, psychologists, lawyers and others.
 - CIA looked to DOD's SERE Training (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape) for ideas (US military have SERE techniques done to them).

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- Soon after this review process began, the FBI chose to no longer participate with the CIA in this program.
- CIA selected a handful of techniques that the group agreed would be effective and not violate applicable laws, then CIA sought an opinion from DOJ to confirm and ensure none of the techniques violated the US Torture Statute or US obligations under Convention Against Torture.
 - DOJ/OLC issued a TS-classified opinion covering the initial interrogation of the HVD and the techniques selected - the classified Bybee memo.
 - Only after, 1) DOJ gave legal approval, 2) NSC gave policy approval, and 3) interrogators were trained to use the techniques, did CIA authorize use on the detained HVD.
 - Summer, 2004, CIA requested the DOJ/OLC update the classified opinion to encompass additional techniques and programmatic changes; those opinions are pending completion.
- In August '02, CIA used, for the first time, the techniques to interrogate the HVD. They were successful.
- In 2002, Director Tenet asked the IG to review the interrogation program (released report with 10 recommendations in May '04).
 - Tenet asked the IG to update his report due to the length of time it took to produce.
- Currently CIA operates [REDACTED] "black sites" where [REDACTED] HVDs are held and interrogated.
- Detainees are provided with medical, dental, psychiatric, nutritional attention regularly.
 - Doctors on the premises during interrogation.
 - Detainees have been healed of medical ailments, dental decay, given proper nutrition, and in some cases, US doctors have brought detainees back from the brink of death due to wounds received while fighting against the US and our allies.

Program participants are screened and selected for professionalism and competence; program operates using "team concept" for self-checking and oversight.

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