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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

VIA: Associate Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Information Operations Center

Henry A. Crumpton

Chief, National Resources Division

SUBJECT: (TS/[REDACTED]) Operational Review of CIA
Detainee Program

(TS/[REDACTED]) Mission: Per the 3 May 2004 directive from the ADDO, to provide an informal operational assessment of the CIA Detainee Program, with particular focus on the guidelines for detention and interrogation, by 12 May 2004.

(TS/[REDACTED]) Methodology:

- Briefings from CTC/[REDACTED] and C/CTC/RDG and a discussion with three senior CTC managers who played key roles in running the CIA Detainee Program.
- Review of the following documents:
 1. Guidelines on Confinement and Conditions for CIA Detainees
 2. Presidential Approval
 3. Special Review
 4. Office of General Counsel Comments
 5. IG Memo from DCI
 6. 29 July 03 Program Review

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7. Quarterly Reviews
8. HVD Exploitation and Interrogation Program
9. Course Enrollment Forms, Pre-deployment Forms, and partial reference list

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Findings:

1. The CIA Detainee Program is a success, providing unique and invaluable intelligence at the tactical and strategic level for the benefit of policy makers, war fighters, and the CIA's covert action operators. The Program has prevented terrorist attacks and saved lives.

2. From a purely clandestine operational perspective, the regulations and procedures for handling detainees are adequate and clear. Every operational activity has a margin of error and the Program is no exception; however, the response to correct any deviation from the structured Program has been swift, fair, and complete.

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3. The Directorate of Operations (DO) should not be in the business of running prisons or "temporary detention facilities." The DO should focus on its core mission: clandestine intelligence operations. Accordingly, the DO should continue to hunt, capture, and render targets, and then exploit them for intelligence and ops leads once in custody. The management of their incarceration and interrogation, however, should be conducted by appropriately experienced U.S. law enforcement officers because that is their charter and they have the training and experience.

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5. Given the intense interest and controversy surrounding the detainee issue, we strongly believe the CIA should as soon as possible provide a comprehensive update on the Program to the President and the relevant Congressional Oversight members [REDACTED]

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