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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

VIA: Director, Office of Technical Service

FROM: Director, OTS

SUBJECT: (TS) OTS Support to CIA's Interrogation Programs

1. (TS) The Office Of Technical Service began direct support to the CTC Managed Interrogation Program on April 2002 with the initial inter-Agency interrogation of Abu Zubaydah. This support continued through the summer of 2002 where OTS directly supported CTC in the development of enhanced interrogation techniques and seeking the necessary Department of Justice and White House approvals. In July 2002, OTS had two Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) psychologists/interrogation trained IC contractors and one SERE psychologist on staff. In August of 2002, OTS sought and acquired the services of a senior instructor from who has expertise background in interrogation resistance techniques. In the spring of 2003, the IC contractors and the senior instructor were assigned to support CTC/RDG.

2. (TS) OTS directly supported CTC in the interrogation of High Value Targets through Spring 2003. Since Spring 2003, our SERE psychologist provided intermittent direct support to the CTC interrogations. The senior instructor is being directly managed by C/CTC/RDG and is providing training, facility management and direct interrogation support at CTC/RDG black sites worldwide.

3. (TS) Support to CTC - direct support to CTC's interrogation program began in April 2002 when Abu Zubaydah was captured.

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a. Initial Support: Two [redacted] officers, one a SERE certified SERE psychologist and an IC psychologist/interrogator traveled to the [redacted] facility [redacted] From April 2002 through July 2002, these officers provided oversight support to two FBI agents, a CIA [redacted] and a [redacted] in the questioning of Abu Zubaydah.

b. Development of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques: In July 2002, at the direction of C/CTC, [redacted] officers directly supported CTC in the development of more aggressive interrogation techniques needed to acquire information from Abu Zubaydah who continued to use resistance to interrogation techniques against routine questioning. [redacted] supported CTC with providing scientific data, outside expert consultations and expertise in the design of the enhanced interrogation techniques. This support resulted in CTC and CIA General Counsel, with DCI approval, to seek Department of Justice and White House General Counsel approval for the enhanced techniques. These techniques were approved in early August 2002, and Abu Zubaydah's interrogation began. Of particular note, because of the safeguards designed into the techniques and with the qualified medical professionals at the site, DOJ did not view these techniques as torture as no intentional harm was intended.

c. Active Support to CTC's Interrogation Program: Beginning with the DOJ, White House and General Counsel approval, the two IC SERE psychologists/interrogators began to actively interrogate Abu Zubaydah at the [redacted] facility. Other HVT's arrived and in sequence these HVT's were also interrogated. In each case the safeguards in place dictated that only Hqs pre-approved techniques could be used.

d. Training Support: In Fall 2002, OTS acquired the services of a Senior Instructor from [redacted] whose [redacted] was as a SERE instructor. This

officer supported CTC/RDG with the design of two courses, the Interrogators course and a debriefer's course. The officer was also the certifying official for the interrogators course, ensuring the graduates exercised the appropriate interrogation techniques, control and behaviors. Of particular importance is both courses emphasized the legal, regulatory and policy for CIA's interrogation program. As additional CIA officers and contractors were certified as interrogators, the OTS IC's were placed more into a non-interrogation, supporting role.

e. During the late Fall 2002, the [redacted] Instructor traveled to [redacted] to review the conditions of the [redacted] detention and interrogation center. This trip was in response to the Gul Rahman death and, after a thorough review of the facility, the [redacted] instructor, who is a SERE expert, recommended critical changes to the [redacted] facility. This recommendation was given to C/CTC.

f. Phasing out: In the spring of 2003, at the request of C/CTC [redacted] with one exception, OTS phased out of the direct support to the interrogation program. Specifically, the two IC contracts were transferred to CTC/RDG and the IC's tasking came directly from C/CTC/RDG. The [redacted] instructor was surged to CTC/RDG, and although he is still carried on OTS's personnel complement, his daily supervision is from C/CTC/RDG. The exception is the [redacted] officer, who is a SERE psychologist, infrequently supports renditions and provides interrogation support.

4. (TS [redacted] Debriefing Support [redacted] contact with detainee's [redacted] has involved HVDs who are held [redacted] is not aware of any of our [redacted] officers having contact with detainees in other facilities. [redacted] As part of our assessments, [redacted] officers also observed some debriefings. The focus of these efforts tended to be on developing a general picture of the HVD's personalities to provide suggested approaches for

debriefers to take to elicit more information. [redacted] officers did not witness abusive behavior on behalf of the debriefers or [redacted] From [redacted] recent experience [redacted] he observed the detainees being treated in a respectful, humane manner by all personnel present.

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6. (TS [redacted] Debriefing Support to [redacted]: Throughout [redacted] support to CTC's interrogation program, IC's and officers supported the interrogation of HVT's in the [redacted] facility. [redacted] is not aware of OTS providing any interrogation support at [redacted] military facilities.

7. (TS [redacted] Since Spring 2003, OTS has not been in the direct coordination channels with CTC/RDG. With the transfer of OTS's contractor resources to CTC/RDG, [redacted] no longer was in the chain of command of the OTS experts. Although the [redacted] Instructor is still on our personnel complement, the agreement with C/CTC [redacted] is OTS managers were not to be briefed on the compartmented portions of the program. CTC interrogation activities, post Spring 2003, should be referred to C/CTC [redacted]

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