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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

19JUL07

DEATH (II)

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V/ABDAL, AHMAD KHALAF/CIV
 M/W/FNIQ/N//01JAN47/SYRIA
 A/ KHALAF'ABD, AHMAD/
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 A/KHALAF, SHABAHMAD//
 A/MASHADAL, AHMED KHALAF ABDAL//

COMMAND/3D BATTALION, 14TH MARINES (FWD) CAMP AL ASAD IRAQ/81233

MADE AT/24IZ/CAMP AL ASAD IRAQ (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCE(S)

- (A) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/25Feb07 (Contains Exhibits 1-27)
- (B) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/13Mar07
- (C) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/27Apr07 (Contains Exhibit 28)
- (D) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/01Jun07

EXHIBIT(S)

- (29) Final Autopsy Report/06Apr07... (Copy All)
- (30) Certificate of Death/17May07... (Copy All)
- (31) Toxicology Report/17Jan07... (Copy All)
- (32) IA: Results of PMO Records Checks/18Jul07... (Copy All)
- (33) IA: Results of Database Checks/18Jul07... (Copy All)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 03Jan07, at approximately 1810, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Regimental Combat Team 7 (RCT-7), Camp Ripper, Al Asad, Iraq, advised a detainee had died during an interrogation with a Human Exploitation Team (HET) member at the Regional Detention Facility (RDF) aboard Al Asad Air Base. Upon arriving at the Al Asad Air Base Hospital, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) MC, USN, advised V/ABDAL died, in his opinion, due to cardiopulmonary arrest. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated he noted no external injuries to V/ABDAL but did report V/ABDAL may have had ribs broken during Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Interviews were conducted with hospital, fire rescue and RDF Marine personnel who attended to V/ABDAL. Photographic documentation was taken of the death scene and of V/ABDAL at the hospital and Mortuary Affairs. Statements were obtained from the HET interrogator (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, and the Linguist (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), who were present when V/ABDAL collapsed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL never indicated he was in pain or feeling ill during the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that after approximately thirty minutes into the interrogation, V/ABDAL appeared to have fainted. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reached out to steady him the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) laid him on the ground on his left side while (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) went to get help. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) noted V/ABDAL was grinding his teeth at one point in the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL was "snoring" when he collapsed. Two video tapes of the

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interrogation were seized and reviewed with no discrepancies noted from (b)(6) and (b)(6),(b) statements. The final autopsy report from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Dover, DE identified the cause of death as "atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and mitral valve prolapse with annular calcification", and manner of death as "undetermined". This case is pending additional investigative efforts regarding V/ABDAL's manner of death.

NARRATIVE

1. This is a reactive investigation being conducted to document the events surrounding V/ABDAL's death at the Regional Detention Facility (RDF) aboard Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. No statues apply at this time.

2. Subsequent to submission of Reference (D), a copy of the V/ABDAL's final autopsy report, toxicology report, and death certificate were received from Participant (b)(6),(b). The final autopsy report and death certificate list cause of death as "atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and mitral valve prolapse with annular calcification", and manner of death as "undetermined". The toxicology report was negative; Exhibits (29)-(31) pertain.

3. On 17Jul07, Reporting Agent (RA) contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, Al Asad Provost Marshal's Office (PMO), to determine if there were any Al Asad PMO incident reports or journal entries pertinent to this investigation. After a search for relevant documentation, (b)(6),(b)(6),(b) reported no records were found, Exhibit (32) pertains.

4. On 18Jul07, RA contacted the II Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) G-2 Intelligence Section, Camp Al Asad, Iraq to request a check of relevant databases to determine available information regarding V/ABDAL's involvement in insurgent activity. Database checks indicate V/ABDAL was suspected of involvement in insurgent activity, but no other information was available, Exhibit (33) pertains.

5. On 19Jul07 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), 2D Marine Air Wing (II MAW) Forward (FWD) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Task Force MP, Camp Al Asad, Iraq, were briefed on the status of this investigation.

6. Completion of active investigation pending additional efforts regarding V/ABDAL's manner of death.

PARTICIPANT

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Special Agent, NCISHQ, Washington, D.C.

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