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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Procedure 15 Interview of [REDACTED]

On 05 June I conducted a telephonic interview of [REDACTED]. The below statement is what [REDACTED] told me based on the questions I asked her. She is currently reviewing the statement and will send me a signed copy.

As [REDACTED] stated:

I was assigned to Camp Cropper right after 4 July 2003. The units already at Camp Cropper when I arrived were from 519th MI BN and the 325th MI BN. Personnel in charge of MI Operations at Camp Cropper were [REDACTED] (company commander) and [REDACTED] (interrogation operations). At Camp Cropper I didn't receive any Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROEs). I had been deployed to GTMO before and so I knew the IROEs. I sat in on some interrogation with [REDACTED]. We always conducted out interrogation outside in a tent. While at Camp Cropper, I never saw or knew of any detainee abuse, Humiliation of detainees or anything out of the ordinary. On 15 September, I moved to Abu Ghraib. The unit there, 519th MI BN, was not prepared to receive us. When I first arrived at Abu Ghraib, I did not receive any IROE training. We received the training after we moved into the hard site sometime after the mortar attack. The 325th was placed on the night shift from 0800 to 2000 hours. I sat in on interrogations with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Our linguists were [REDACTED]. The interrogation techniques mainly used by the interrogators in my team were the direct approach. [REDACTED] was very detail when interrogating the detainee and used repetitive questioning, [REDACTED] used the sympathetic technique, and [REDACTED] used the direct approach. I never witness or heard any of my team physically abuse or humiliate a detainee. In reference to naked detainees: One time when [REDACTED] and I went to the Hard Site to pick up a detainee to interrogate, we found the detainee naked in the cell. The detainee was identified as a high level official. The detainee was not scared nor hurt, he was embarrassed because all he was a sheet that we provided him for the interrogation, and that there was a female in the cell with him and not having clothes. Detainees would tell us that they were beaten when they were initially arrested and they would show us their bruises. We would ask them if they were in pain and offer to send a medic to check them out. Often times the detainees that were beaten during arrest were quite relieved that they weren't being abused at the prison. One detainee that I recall admitted to lying to us because he thought that he was going to be beaten. We asked the MP (I do not remember his name) to put his clothes back on? I do not know why the detainee was naked. The detainee's clothes were not in the cell, we actually waited about 10-15 minutes for the MPs to find his clothing, after they said that they didn't know which clothes were his because they were all together with other detainees clothing, we just got a sheet for the detainee to cover himself up with for the interrogation. We did leave him with the sheet when the interrogation was over. There

were a few others naked in the cell. I did not discuss this with anyone because it was known that the detainees were in their cells naked. It was a call by the MPs to keep them naked in the cells. This occurred in the night shift when we were still sleeping in the tents. Some of the techniques requiring higher authorization when I first arrived at Abu Ghraib were Sleep deprivation and eating habits. We could use stress positions without the approval of higher. I never sat in on an interrogation where stress position was used. My team did not request/conduct any sleep deprivation or eating habit. After the IROEs were given to us in Late September, we could no longer conduct stress positions without higher approval. My team followed the techniques on FM 34-52. When the IROEs came out in late September, we had to sign them and then they were posted in the Interrogation Control Element (ICE). This was around the time we moved our living area into the buildings. After the mortar attack on 20 September, we were no longer authorized to conduct interrogations at night. On certain occasions we would request to do interrogations in the morning (0300 or 0400 in the morning). Once the Tiger Team Concept was implemented, I was assigned to the Force Protection Team 3. [REDACTED] (97E), [REDACTED] was the section leader and other members were [REDACTED] and the interpreter was [REDACTED]. There was also another individual from the 519th (I do not recall his name). [REDACTED] is who I would pair up with. She used the direct approach, fear up, love of family and on one or two occasions she interrogated a detainee [REDACTED] naked. This occurred in mid October. The technique had to be approved by the section leader and then higher. I do not know who approved it from higher. [REDACTED] was the one who wrote the interrogation plan with the techniques to be used. The day we interrogated the detainee naked, we went to the hard site and requested the detainee from the MP [REDACTED]. The detainee was taken to the shower room to be interrogated. We asked the MP [REDACTED] to strip the detainee naked. Interrogating the detainees naked was authorized only during interrogations in the cell. I wasn't the only analyst [REDACTED] used. When I first arrived, interrogation plans were not really done ahead of time. The analyst would talk to the interrogator and after we told them what we had found out, the interrogator would write down the plan right before going into the booth. This changed once we implemented the Tiger Team. When a plan had to be approved by higher, I do not know who signed off on the plan. I do remember one time I had to take an interrogation plan for signature and [REDACTED] was not around so I gave it to [REDACTED] to sign. I do not remember what techniques were being requested I don't create or write any interrogation reports or plans. I only brought it to [REDACTED] to get it signed because we were on a strict time slot to get into an interrogation. I do not recall who the interrogation plan was specific to, but [REDACTED] reviewed the plan and signed off on it. I then returned it to our team leader [REDACTED]. I can't say for sure that the operations personnel knew of the detainees being interrogated naked, I can only assume since they had to sign the interrogation plan. I departed Abu Ghraib late to early November right when COL PAPPAS was spending the majority of his time at Abu Ghraib. I did walk the hard site every day but I do not remember seeing naked detainees other than at the beginning when I went to the hard site with [REDACTED]. As far as humiliating a detainee, I do not know of any incident other than when they were stripped naked. [REDACTED] would come by and check on us when we were interrogating. [REDACTED] would also come by and check to see if everything was okay. The only

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time that I saw any officers down in the hard site is when they were doing their "tours" to the Red Cross or visiting high ranking personnel. I know we had observer after we built the interrogation booths. I do not know who was there because the booth had a one way mirror. We went off on the IROE [REDACTED] and the ICE leadership gave us, I don't know who directed them to give it to us. In the beginning, a lot of the approvals were verbal (but I can't name specifically who would approve). Later on, they started buckling down on a lot of stuff. I do not know why. After being read the interrogation techniques from the power point slide, I am not sure what technique the naked interrogations fell under. I never sat in on an interrogation where a detainee was told to sit against the wall. I never saw or was aware of any detainee abuse, humiliation, photos of detainees or videos of detainees. I had redeployed by the time CID began their investigation on the abuse. The only CID investigation I remember was the one after the mortar attack. I do not know of any other detainees being interrogated naked. I only heard rumors of it being done. I was told by [REDACTED] that I am not to discuss this with anyone. If I get any e-mails pertaining to the Procedure 15, I will forward them to [REDACTED]

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