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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2004/06/15
3. TIME: [REDACTED]
4. FILE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: [REDACTED]
6. SSN: [REDACTED]
7. GRADE/STATUS: E-4/AD
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: A Company, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

From the end of Aug 03 to 13 Feb 04, I deployed to Abu Ghraib (AG), Iraq with A Company, 519th MI Bn. I am a 97E Interrogator. I did not arrive with the other 519th MI Bn personnel as I was on emergency leave during the initial move into AG. Upon my arrival to AG, I was briefed on the Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE), which established our authorized limits concerning interrogation techniques. On at least two occasions as the IROE changed, I signed a memorandum stating I read, understood, and would follow the IROE. The IROE made it necessary to get authorization to do certain techniques and approaches. I sat in on a couple of interrogations before I conducted interrogations on my own. I was not with the unit in Afghanistan, so I can not cite any differences between the AG IROE and the IROE used in Afghanistan. Certain techniques had have written approval. The mechanism for this approval was the interrogation plan, which had to be done and approved prior to any interrogation. The interrogator would request an approach in the interrogation plan and then submit it to their team leader who would ensure the plan was approved. Over time, the authorization process evolved into requiring special written permission to use special interrogation methods like sleep deprivation. I have had several requests to be interviewed by the New York Times concerning the possible MP abuse of several Iraqi Generals. In approximately Nov 03, I conducted an interrogation of an Iraqi General. Upon my initial meeting with the detainee, it was obvious he had been physically abused. I asked the detainee how he had sustained his injuries and he told me the MP's had beaten him up. He also said there were other Generals who were beaten up at the same time. I checked his information and found that he had been in the facility long enough that the injuries had to have been sustained during his time as a detainee. I reported this information to my higher headquarters as well as included the incident in the interrogation notes. I also conducted another interrogation of an Iraqi General who also appeared to have been physically abused by the MP's. In both cases, the detainees did not know the names of the MP's involved in the abuse. Although I did not interrogate any other abused Iraqi General, there were reportedly three other Generals who claimed to be abused by the MP's. I reported this information to the Criminal Investigative Command (CID) in Jan 04. I have been contacted by the New York Times on several occasions to provide additional information. I have discussed this with my chain of command and have been advised to refer all inquiries concerning AG to the Army Public Affairs Office. In Dec 03 I did witness the authorized use of a guard dog in an interrogation. The dog handler would let the guard dog get in close proximity of the detainee possibly without a muzzle so the dog could bark and frighten the detainee. I suspected they were not muzzled because of the volume of the barking. Although I was not a direct witness as the incident occurred in an interrogation booth, I did hear the dog in the booth with the interrogators and the detainee. I did hear the MP's make general comments from time to time something to the effect of "give me five minutes with the detainee and he will start talking." I believe this type of comment to have been made only for humor value. On at least four occasions I witnessed detainees in the nude. On these occasions I would go to the MP's and request a detainee for interrogation. Upon arriving at their cell, they were naked. On one occasion, the detainee had his clothes in his cell, but did not have them on when I went to interrogate the detainee. [REDACTED] assisted me in this interrogation. After our arrival at the cell, the MP's instructed the detainee to put on his clothes and he was then escorted to the interrogation tent. On three occasions, the MP's had taken the detainee's clothing away and the items were not available. Twice the detainees were given sheets to wear during the interrogations and the other time an orange jump suit was provided. Instead of making the detainees walk across the facility, we conducted the interrogations in the building. One interrogation was conducted in the shower area on the second level and the others were conducted in the in the stairwell on the first floor. The detainees were at times stripped during their inprocessing and subsequent screening. [REDACTED] was the NCOIC of the screening section and may have ordered the detainees to remain stripped as a form of humiliation. It was a practice, especially for MI holds to take their clothes in a possible attempt to renew the "capture shock" of detainees who had been in US custody for an extended period of time or were transferred from other facilities. I did hear rumors that [REDACTED] may have gotten a little too physical with a male apprehended as a possible suspect for the 20 Sep 03 mortar attack which killed four US soldiers and injured several more. Other than the incidents discussed above, I did not witness any abuse or maltreatment of detainees. I never witnessed nor heard of any MI person asking or insinuating that an MP should abuse a detainee. I never witnessed nor heard of any MP seriously offering to abuse a detainee or assist interrogation operations.

10. EXHIBIT

11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: Do you have anything to add to this statement?

A: No.

END OF STATEMENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

WITNESSES

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of June, 2004 at Fort Bragg, NC

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