

23 May 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Procedure 15 Interview of [REDACTED]

On 23 May 2004, MG George R. Fay and [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]. During the interview, [REDACTED] began to incriminate himself and MG Fay stopped the interview and read him his rights for failure to report, failure to protect a detainee and dereliction of duty. [REDACTED] requested a lawyer. He refused to answer any further questions on advice of his counsel.

The following is a statement on what [REDACTED] provided prior to his rights being read:

After reading about and seeing pictures of some of the incidents of possible detainee abuse on the internet [REDACTED] wanted to mention some recollections of matters he observed while assigned at Abu Ghraib.

The first pertains to a picture on the internet of a detainee with a hood over his head handcuffed to a railing on the top floor. (He was not able to identify the detainee in the picture). [REDACTED] observed a similar incident on one occasion when [REDACTED] was in the area to pick up a detainee for interrogation. [REDACTED] observed a detainee hooded and handcuffed to a railing. [REDACTED] asked the MP what it entailed and was informed that since the MPs were short handed they often had to "park" a detainee somewhere if they could not immediately return him to his cell. [REDACTED] did not remember the identity of the detainee or the MP. [REDACTED] did not report this to anyone as the explanation by the MP was plausible and this was a common practice due to the shortage of MPs.

The second matter pertains to a picture on the internet of a MP [REDACTED] standing next to a detainee in a hallway. The detainee (reportedly) had a brown substance spread over his body. [REDACTED] once observed a detainee we commonly referred to as "shitty" because he would often defecate in his cell and throw the feces around, at time throwing it at the MPs. (This particular detainee appeared to act very strangely at times and might have had a mental condition). On this particular occasion at night [REDACTED] saw him sleeping on a mattress on the floor in the hallway, handcuffed and covered with a blanket. [REDACTED] asked the MP what was going on and was informed that the detainee had defecated in the cell, covered himself with feces and thrown feces around the cell and at the MPs. The MPs had to take him to the showers to clean him up and clean his cell - that was shy he was sleeping on a mattress on the floor. Again [REDACTED] did not report this, as similar matters were a common occurrence with this particular detainee. A similar situation could have been the precipitation behind the photo on the internet.

The night of the shooting, [REDACTED] was sent in to help with guarding of the Iraqi Police (IP). My duties were to keep them from talking to one another. [REDACTED] were there as well. When [REDACTED]

arrived to the Hard Site, [redacted] was the senior person on site. The interrogators had been going on for 3-4 hours already. The dogs were being used at the time as well. There was one cell the dog went into. The dog barked but was not close enough to hurt the detainee. [redacted] did not remember who the interrogator was but [redacted] does remember that the interpreter was [redacted]. The dogs were authorized before but by this time, any approval had to go through LTG Sanchez. During this particular incident, there was a sense of urgency to conduct simultaneous interrogations of the police that had been identified as being involved and word circulated around that LTG Sanchez had given blanket approval for somewhat harsher interrogation methods for the police interrogations. [redacted] did not see any written blanket approval and do not remember any one individual specifically telling me that we had a blanket approval - it was just accepted by all of us. During this time, there was an IP who was taken into isolation and into the shower room to keep him away from the other IPs. He was left there for about half an hour. [redacted] was directed to go back in with the IP. When [redacted] got to the cell, the detainee was falling asleep and one of the MPs, [redacted] threw a bucket of water to wake him up. [redacted] asked if this was necessary, he said [redacted] stated that the IP was falling asleep and had to keep him awake. The IP was given a blanket to keep him warm. The third matter also pertained to [redacted]. It occurred after the shooting incident, possibly two to three days after, where in a detainee had a gun in his cell and had it had to be taken by force. There was an informant (one of the detainees) who had tipped MPs to Iraqi police smuggling weapons and other contraband into the detainees so after the shooting incident, the Iraqi police were rounded up and put into cells. As this was done, the informant pointed out which of the police were involved and which were not. In this particular instance, [redacted] was working with a civilian interrogator [redacted]. [redacted] observed [redacted] interrogating one Iraqi policeman and [redacted] alternated between coming into the cell and standing next to the detainee and standing outside the cell. [redacted] apparently using the MP as an intimidation tactic with the detainee and would tell him to answer questions or he would bring [redacted] back into the cell. At one point [redacted] put his hands over the nose and mouth of the policeman, cutting off his air flow and not allowing him to breathe, this lasted for a few seconds. At another point, [redacted] used his collapsible nightstick to push and possibly twist the policeman's arm causing some pain. When [redacted] walked out of the cell at one point he commented to me that he knew how to do this without leaving any marks. When [redacted] made that statement I wondered why he would say such a thing. [redacted] did not report the matter to anyone for two reasons. First, [redacted] was an interrogator who knew the IROEs and [redacted] was a SSG - therefore, both should have known what was allowed and what was not. Second, it was commonly understood that LTG Sanchez had given blanket approval for somewhat harsher interrogation methods (not specified) for use against the Iraqi police as a result of the shooting incident. [redacted] never heard some one tell him this specifically. The interpreter with [redacted] was [redacted] supervisor was [redacted].

The last matter concerns treatment of a detainee who was accused of shooting an Army Colonel in the head (just walked up to him on the street and shot him). The detainee was in an isolation cell and one or two MPs and a male dog handler with a leashed but un-muzzled dog outside the cell. The detainee was handcuffed to the cell door on the

inside and the dog was allowed to jump up at the door and bark and snarl. The dog was on the leash at all times and was not allowed to get close enough to bite the detainee. [REDACTED] did not report this because it did not seem to be abuse. [REDACTED] did not remember the identity of any of the personnel involved.

[REDACTED] mentioned these incidents at this time only as a result of reading and seeing pictures on the internet bringing the matters to mind.

STATEMENT WRITTEN BY: [REDACTED]

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