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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT <small>Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1983 /SSW/</small> <small>To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.</small> <small>Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.</small> <small>Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary.</small>			
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 72nd Military Police Company, 992 Troop Command, Army National Guard			
WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:			
<p>From 23 May 03 to 15 Oct 03, I was deployed to Abu Ghraib (AG) as the 1SG of the 72nd MP Company. My company's mission was to prepare the facility to accept detainees within three days after arrival with a follow-on mission of training Iraqi corrections officers for the eventual transition of AG into Iraqi control. When we arrived at the hard site, we found it to be unusable as it had been ransacked. We built up a portion of the original site and started to receive detainees within four days. Until the end of Jul 03, all detainees at AG were criminal. The main facility was in BIAP. The BIAP facility was overcrowded and AG was originally going to house to overflow. At the end of Aug 03, the 320th MP, arrived at AG. At around the same time, intelligence personnel arrived at AG. There were no interrogations conducted prior to the 205th MI Bde personnel arrived. On occasion, Judge Advocate General (JAG) personnel would come to the facility to interview detainees concerning trial issues. The MI folks arrived and began establishing a location to conduct screening and interrogation operations in preparation of a mission to interrogate suspected SADAAM FETAYEEN members. The criminal detainees were moved to another part of the facility to make way for the security detainees which were going to be interrogated by MI. The MI folks borrowed tents from us to set up the interrogation facility. At one point Camp Vigilant housed about 700 security hold detainees. My company worked more with the MI personnel than the 320th MP's. The MI personnel lived with us and used our mess facilities. In Aug 03, a 320th MP Bn reported to [redacted] that [redacted] and several detainees moved into the sun. I met with [redacted] MCBRIDG and [redacted] after the incident. [redacted] insinuated he had coordinated with me for medical support. This was wrong, as the only thing he asked was the location of the medical tent. Doctor [redacted] examined the detainees, and said a few were dehydrated but there was no permanent damage. For a very short period after the incident, my relationship with [redacted] was strained. There was also a situation where two MI personnel and an interpreter conducted an unauthorized interrogation. The situation was immediately reported to [redacted] and COL PAPPAS who took immediate steps to rectify the situation. At the end of Jul, the criminal prisoners were transferred to Camp Gancey in preparation of a suspected influx of security detainees associated with operation VICTORY BOUNTY. I did witness detainees on adjusted sleep schedules. The schedule for the detainee was posted on the outside of the cell. MI personnel would do most of the waking. The MP's would help out by turning on the lights or banging on the door. At one point, MI personnel would beat on trash cans to wake up the detainee. Once we found out about this, the activity stopped. During the initial set up of the interrogation site, we lent the MI personnel tents and escorted the detainees to and from the interrogation site. The interrogation site consisted of a couple of tents that were open on the sides which allowed personnel to see the conduct of the interrogations. In Sep 03, GEN MILLER visited AG. He spent most of his time with the MI folks, but he had an MP Captain on the team who just explained some of the functions the MP's conducted at GTMO. After the GEN MILLER visit, [redacted] commented that the MP's would end up working for MI. Other than the incidents discussed above, I never witnessed any detainee abuse or maltreatment while at AG. I never witnessed or heard of any MI person asking the MP's to abuse the detainees to help with interrogations. I never witnessed or heard any MP offer to abuse a detainee to help with interrogations. During my time at AG, there were a constant flow of personnel coming through 1A. At the beginning of Oct 03, we started our transition with the 372nd MP Bn. The transition consisted of a walkthrough and a right-seat-ride which lasted approximately one week. One of the immediate changes the 372nd made was to restructure the guard force, cutting back on security personnel at Camp Vigilant which resulted in several detainee escapes within days of their transition of authority. After dealing with the 372nd MP's I had concerns in their ability to successfully conduct the mission at AG. The unit had come directly from a mission in the south and seemed distraught about taking over another mission. I feel their morale was extremely low. Detainees were stripped searched during their unprocessing, but I never witnessed or heard of a detainee being stripped as a form of humiliation. I have seen the pictures and cannot understand how it could happen. The action depicted by the photos clearly fall outside the doctrinally authorized restraining techniques. MP training calls for the restraint (with handcuffs) and the segregation of unruly detainees. It seemed to me that MI was under constant pressure to report. On one occasion, [redacted] made the comment "they were sending someone else to teach us how to do our job," concerning the constant flow of visitors. [redacted] also complained that he had sent up numerous requests through his chain of command requesting rules of engagement of interrogating detainees, which he never received.</p>			
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Q: Do you have anything to add to this statement?

A: No. End of Statement

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I, [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE [REDACTED]. 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.

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 6th day of June, 2004 at Henderson, Nevada

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(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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