

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview of [REDACTED]

1. On 3 June 2004, the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] 97B, Tactical Human Intelligence Team Member; A Company, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Residence: [REDACTED] ETS: 3 October 2005; [REDACTED] The interview provided the following information:

a. Source arrived in AG, Iraq in late July 2003. His job for the first 10 days was to set up the life support area and operations. The team's mission was to interrogate detainees captured in a Coalition raid searching for members of the Fedayeen Saddam. The initial interrogations were largely unproductive. Coalition command kept pressing Source's unit to produce intelligence reporting. Source stated the vast majority of the detainees were not knowledgeable and useless.

b. Source's command were extremely hands-on with interrogation operations. [REDACTED] would frequently interrupt interrogations and provide input. Source liked COL Pappas professionally though Source acknowledged Pappas probably had knowledge of abuse by Other Government Agency (OGA) personnel through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

c. The Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE) were well known by all interrogators on Source's team though Source does not recall whether He signed an acknowledgment statement to that affect. All interrogations that took place once normal operations began were run on a strict interrogation plan that was signed off by the chain of command. Source said originally, the interrogation plans were signed by His team senior interrogator though He did not recall who signed off on them at a higher level. The initial IROE did not have the approval authority spelled out though the subsequent IROE's were very specific; identifying approval authorities up to [REDACTED]. Source also stated the requests to change phases were not always granted and that sleep deprivation and the interrogation schedules were always approved through His chain of command. Source said the policies and procedures followed at AG were very similar to those His unit followed while in Afghanistan.

d. Source neither saw nor heard of the Military Police (MP) in charge of the detainees abusing or mistreating the prisoners while He was there. Source stated the MPs did a cursory job of enforcing interrogation phases such as adjusted sleep and meal schedules. Source did not remember any guard dogs present, used, or requested. Source frequently was presented with nude or partially nude detainees, including some in female undergarments. When asked why, the MPs claimed they ran out of men's underwear. Source also said some detainees in isolation cells would voluntarily disrobe to their underwear due to the heat. When interrogations would take

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place, the detainees would get dressed. There was never any reason for them to be standing in the hall naked.

e. Source was on emergency leave in the US for 12 days over the Thanksgiving Holiday in November 2003. Source departed AG in September 2003.

2. Source refused to execute a DA 2823 Sworn Statement.

3. Point of Contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at Conn 


15-6 Investigating Officer