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Subject: FW: DETAINEE STRATEGY

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From: Ham, Carter BG (MNB-N) CDR
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Sent: Monday, May 03, 2004 8:57 PM
To: ██████████ LTC (MNB-N) Provost Marshal; ██████████ (E-mail)
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> **From:** ██████████ COL CJTF7-CG XO
> **Sent:** Monday, May 03, 2004 9:23 PM
> **To:** Ham, Carter BG (MNB-N) CDR; '██████████@lidgs.5sigcmd.army.smil.mil';
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> **Cc:** Weber, Joseph F MG CJTF7-Chief of Staff; Miller, Geoffrey MG CJTF7 -
> DCG(D)
> **Subject:** DETAINEE STRATEGY

> Sir,
> Below is an update on the way ahead for detainee operations.

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Miller, Geoffrey MG CJTF7 - DCG(D)
> **Sent:** Monday, May 03, 2004 7:53 AM
> **To:** Sanchez, Ricardo LTG CJTF7-VCORPS CDR; Metz, Thomas F LTG -MNC-I CG;
> Weber, Joseph F MG CJTF7-Chief of Staff
> **Cc:** ██████████ COL CJTF7-CG XO
> **Subject:** DETAINEE STRATEGY

> Commanders -

> Wanted to provide you an update on where we are going on detainee
> operations.

> The issues we discovered in our investigations and the media coverage of
> the suspected detainee abuses requires us to clear the air for our leaders
> and soldiers. I want us all to work this and reconfirm to our subordinate
> leaders we are doing what is right. We have scheduled media/press visit
> to Abu Ghayb for 5 May to update all on the changes we have put in place
> and the way ahead for detainee operations.

> Geoff Miller is the lead for all detainee operations - detention,

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> interrogation of detainees, recommendation for referral of detainees to
> the Central Criminal Court of Iraq for trial, and release authority for
> detainees except Black and Grey list detainees. He and the Detainee Task
> Force will focus and integrate this part of the fight for us.

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> Our detainee strategy is based on an integration of interrogations and the
> intelligence exploitation of detainees. We are relooking our efforts at
> Abu Ghayb to ensure we are getting tactical intelligence to your units
> rapidly to help you in the close fight and supporting our operational
> level focus. These interrogations will lead us to a decision on sending
> the detainee to CCCI for trial, retain them in custody due to high threat,
> transfer to Iraqi authority for to the jurisdiction of the Common Court
> of Iraq for trial for civilian crimes, or release back to civil society.
> We will work these areas in parallel so more rapid decisions are made. I
> have given Geoff the release authority for all non-Black and Grey list
> detainees, referral authority to the CCCI, and transfer authority to Iraqi
> legal system for detainees that are classified as committing civil
> criminal offenses. We will move out rapidly in these areas and keep you
> informed.

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> We are in the process of moving out with our detainee review and release
> program. Since February we have reviewed approximately 2300 detainee cases
> and made release decisions on the first 1200. Four hundred will remain in
> detention and about 800 will be transferred for release. Our first
> releases are scheduled for 4 and 14 May and you have received
> notification of those detainees who will be returned to you for release on
> both periods. The system we will use is to inform you of the releases and
> give you an opportunity to provide any additional information that would
> cause us to reconsider the release decision. Work with Geoff on any of
> these issues. For these first releases I have suspended the Review Board
> unit 4 May to address any issues that Commanders bring to us about the
> release of detainees. This follows the philosophy of doing something once
> and doing it right. We will take a 1 or 2 day break each time we schedule
> a release so as to address any release issues from units or agencies. The
> Board will reconvene on 5 May and will move forward to meet the goal of
> completing the about 1800 remaining detainee files in the next 3 weeks.

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> I believe this detainee focus is a force multiplier for us and we will
> continue to make it work better for our Commanders.

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