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 APO AE 09354

REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF

CJTF-180-IG

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, CJTF-180, Bagram, Afghanistan, APO AE 09354

SUBJECT: Inspector General Sensing Session, Bagram Collection Point 12 Feb 04

1. The CJTF-180 IG conducted a sensing session of the 327TH MP Bn as part of an inspection on detainee operations on 12 February 2004. The sensing session consisted of 3 separate groups: Officers, NCOs, and enlisted soldiers. The following paragraphs contain comments from all sessions. These comments are perceptions of soldiers who participated and are not necessarily founded facts.

2. **Sensing Session Group 1 – Junior Enlisted Soldiers.** The first sensing session was for Junior Enlisted Soldiers the questions and responses are as follows:

Question #1 How many people believe that you are required to report acts of poor treatment of prisoners or detainees/PUCs? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers replied that they had to report violations.

Question #2 Do you know who you could report violations of prisoners rights to? All Soldiers knew that they could report violations to their chain of command. Most know that they could report it to SJA, IG, Red Cross or the PMO.

Question #3 Has anyone ever witnessed anyone murder anyone? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers replied No

Question #4 Have you ever seen anyone torture or beat anyone? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers replied No

Question #5 Have you ever seen anyone deprive a PUC of their 5 senses? If so, why and for how long? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers replied Yes. SF brings the PUCs in

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with goggles and we use goggles and headphones for the first 24 hours and during movement out of cells. It is also used for punishment level 10. We put goggles and headphones on them to go to the latrine.

Question #6 Has anyone seen anyone cruelly treat or degrade a PUC? 8 of 9 replied no. One soldier has no involvement with the detainees.

Question #7 How do you treat PUCs or detainees? Good/Fair/Poor? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers felt that we treated detainees Good. They stated that the only time that we didn't was during in processing when we yell and scream at them.

Question #8 How many people know what the 5 S's stand for? Search, Silence, Segregate, Safeguard, and Speed to the rear? Only 4 of 9 soldiers knew the 5 S's.

Question #9 How do you safeguard a PUC against public curiosity? Avoid the media. Keep the PUC where the public can't see him. Restrict access to the facility. Transport PUCs in covered vehicles to repatriate. Sign a nondisclosure agreement. Go to the medical appointment directly with the PUC (ie dentist or doctor).

Question #10 Has anyone ever taken a picture of a PUC? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers replied No. The only time a photo is taken is during inprocessing and by CITF.

Question #11 What would you do if you found a PUC with large sums of money? Confiscate the money and give it to the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) and put it with their property. Supply keeps the property.

Question #12 What is the rule for deadly force against a PUC in the event that they are escaping? 8 of 9 knew that in an attempted escape from a fenced enclosure, a prisoner will not be fired at unless he/she has cleared the outside fence and is making further effort to escape and will be fired on if they do not halt after the third command to halt.

Closing Comments from the soldiers. They did not like the fact that ICRC dictates what they can and can't do. During Eid they gave the Afghanis hot food and didn't want to do it. The soldiers felt that they were here to maintain control. When they were feeding them, they didn't feel that they were any longer guards. They stated that they had a PUC refuse to eat after Eid meal, because that was the new standard.

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3. Sensing Session Group 2 – NCOs. The second sensing session was for NCOs; the questions and responses are as follows:

Question #1 Do you have a unit SOP to take, handle, and care for detainees/PUCs? 11 of 11 NCOs replied yes that they had an SOP.

Question #2 Is mistreatment of a PUC an SIR? 11 of 11 NCOs replied yes and that whoever witnessed it would initiate the SIR and fill out an Observation Report which goes to the chain of command.

Question #3 Did your unit train on Law of War prior to deploying or during deployment? 11 of 11 NCOs replied yes and that 805th MP Co did it here as well.

Question #4 What do you use to track and account for captured personnel? Scheduled counts and unscheduled counts by SOG, Operations, OIC, and NCOIC. Count PUCs 3 times a day. There is also a cell roster showing where they sleep. Random headcounts and in the isolation cell they are looked at every 30 minutes. All movements are called into the SOG. Behind the SOG's desk is a PUC tracking board. PUC is marked with his number. Personal items are also marked. He has an arm band and a PUC picture ID card.

Question #5 How do you account for money taken from captured/detained personnel? Done by supply, they fill out a DA Form 4137. MI looks at captured property and might get a copy of the DA Form 4137.

Question #6 What do you allow a captured/detained person to keep on their person? ID card, bracelet, Koran, blue shoes, books, 2 blankets, red cross messages, eyeglasses, it is up to MI to permit them to keep photos. We don't let them have political photographs.

Question #7 Does your SOP cover the 5s? 9 of 9 said it was not in SOP.

Question #8 How do you prevent physical or mental torture or coercion of the detained person? Go to chain of command or SOG. Classes. Keep your calm personally and your Soldiers will keep their calm.

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Question #9 If a detained person refuses to answer your questioning can threaten the Detainee? Can you insult the Detainee? 11 of 11 NCOs say NO. The problem that they have is prisoners talking and then they use punishment levels.

Question #10 How do you take care of the prisoners basic needs for food, water, clothing, shelter, medical treatment? Everything is provided; unlimited water, every 3 days they give the PUCs a shower.

Question #11 Do you know who you could report violations of prisoners rights to? All Soldiers knew that they could report violations up their chain of command or come to SJA or IG.

Question #12 Has anyone ever witnessed anyone murder anyone? 11 of 11 NCOs say No.

Question #13 Have you ever seen anyone torture or beat anyone? 11 of 11 NCOs say No.

Question #14 Have you ever seen anyone deprive a PUC of their 5 senses? If so, why and for how long? 11 of 11 NCOs replied Yes. During movement out of cells and escorts, loud music and bright lights are also used. It is also used for punishment level 10.

Question #15 Has anyone seen anyone cruelly treat or degrade a PUC? 1 of 11 said the loud music and bright lights.

Question #16 How do you treat PUCs or detainees? Good/Fair/Poor? 8 of 11 NCOs say felt that we treated detainees Good. Those NCOs saying fair believed that the PUCs were not treated any better or worse than prisoners in the United States.

Question #17 How many people know what the 5 S's stand for? Search, Silence, Segregate, Safeguard, and Speed to the rear? 6 of 11 NCOs knew the 5 S's.

Question #18 How do you safeguard a PUC against public curiosity? Keep the PUC out of sight. Restrict access to the facility. Don't take outside the facility.

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Question #19 Has anyone ever taken a picture of a PUC? 9 of 9 junior enlisted soldiers The BN Cdr had taken a photo inside the facility and it became a big issue. The photo was destroyed.

Question #20 What is the rule for deadly force against a PUC in the event that they are escaping? All NCOs knew that deadly force was not authorized within the facility and that they used a whistle. 9 of 9 NCOs knew that they had to yell halt ~~3~~² times.

Closing Comments from the NCOs. They did not like the 6:1 duty schedule. They stated that the younger soldiers snap more often and are experiencing a lot of stress.

4. Sensing Session Group 3 – Officers. The last sensing session was for Officers, the questions and responses are as follows:

Question #1 Do you have a unit SOP to take, handle, and care for detainees/PUCs? 6 of 6 Officers stated that they had an SOP.

Question #2 Is mistreatment of a PUC an SIR? 6 of 6 Officers stated replied yes and that whoever witnessed it would initiate the report.

Question #3 Did your unit train on Law of War prior to deploying or during deployment? 6 of 6 Officers replied yes and that they received supplemental training from SJA prior to going to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Question #4 What do you use to track and account for captured personnel? 4 Different methods in Operations. Tracking board and Cell Roster. TRDS from CJTF180 is sent every day. Accountability roster. Emergency counts as well as scheduled counts and unscheduled counts.

Question #5 How do you account for money taken from captured/detained personnel? We use a special evidence room built in the last 2 months (December 2004). Interpreters are present when PUCs are taken. We photograph the property. There was one incident where capturing unit left PUC property and we thought it was a trash bag.

Question #6 What do you allow a captured/detained person to keep on their person? Glasses, dentures, over the counter medicine. All personal property is confiscated and put in the Personal Property room. We don't let them have family photographs.

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Question #7 Does the commanding officer of the capturing unit ensure that all prisoners of war and retained persons will, at the time of capture, be tagged? Very seldom do they have a capture tag. Kandahar puts a detainee number on their tag. ISAF does a much better job, the number is written on the PUCs clothes. Grid coordinate, locations, photo, and synopsis are all demanded.

Question #8 How do you prevent physical or mental torture or coercion of the detained person? Training, observation, leadership. NCOs are always out there on the floor. There is a sign-in sheet. NCOICs are Sergeants First Class.

Question #9 If a detained person refuses to answer your questioning can threaten the Detainee? Can you insult the Detainee? 6 of 6 Officers say No.

Question #10 How do you take care of the prisoners basic needs for food, water, clothing, shelter, medical treatment? We request water and rations by containers. One week of supplies is a connex. We provide them Halal meals. ICRC makes us provide them afternoon tea and foot bread.

Question #11 Do you know who you could report violations of prisoners rights to? All Officers knew that they could report violations up their chain of command to CPT (b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2 or LTC (b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2 or to SJA.

Question #12 Has anyone ever witnessed anyone murder anyone? 6 of 6 Officers say No.

Question #13 Have you ever seen anyone torture or beat anyone? 6 of 6 Officers say No.

Question #14 Have you ever seen anyone deprive a PUC of their 5 senses? If so, why and for how long? 6 of 6 Officers replied Yes. During movement out of cells; MI Does it during the 1st 24 hours the PUCs are goggled and ear muffed for intelligence value.

Question #15 Has anyone seen anyone cruelly treat or degrade a PUC? 6 of 6 Officers stated No.

Question #16 How do you treat PUCs or detainees? Good/Fair/Poor? 6 of 6 Officers felt that we treated detainees Good.

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Question #17 How many people know what the 5 S's stand for? Search, Silence, Segregate, Safeguard, and Speed to the rear? 6 of 11 NCOs knew the 5 S's.

Question #18 How do you safeguard a PUC against public curiosity?
5 of 6 officers stated that the Bagram Collection Point (BCP) facility tours are excessive.

Question #19 Has anyone ever taken a picture of a PUC? On a GITMO trip a photo was taken but it was ordered to be deleted. The BN Cdr had a group photo taken and the PUCs were all turned around. The photo was destroyed.

Question #20 What would you do if you found a PUC with large sums of money. CITF and MI are all present during in processing. We take pictures of the mone and count it.

Question #21 What is the rule for deadly for against a PUC in the event that they are escaping? All Officers knew that deadly force was not authorized within the facility and that outside the wall they could use deadly force and all knew that they had to yell halt (b)(2) times.

5. Point of contact is the undersigned at DSN (b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2 or

(b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2

(b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2

MAJ, IG
CJTF-180 Inspector General

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