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From: [redacted] (b)(6)-2  
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2004 6:35 AM  
To: [redacted] MAJ PMG (b)(6)-2  
Subject: FW: Discussion on detainee deaths

Attachments: Prison deaths v3.ppt

-----Original Message-----

From: Ryder, Donald J. MG  
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2004 6:31 AM  
To: [redacted] Mr.; [redacted] COL; [redacted] COL CIDC G3 (b)(6)-2  
Subject: FW: Discussion on detainee deaths

Looks like they made no changes or did not get our input.

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From: [redacted] Col OASD(HA) (b)(6)-2  
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 6:56 PM  
To: [redacted] CIV OSD; [redacted] LTC, OSD; [redacted] OASD-PA; [redacted] CIV OASD-PA; Ryder, Donald J MG PMG; [redacted] COL PMG; Lovelace, James J LTG DAS; [redacted] COL CSA; [redacted] DoD OGC (b)(6)-2  
Subject: Discussion on detainee deaths

Sirs: Attached are draft slides for tomorrow morning's 0930 meeting with Mr [redacted] (b)(6)-3

I will bring folders to the meeting.

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Col [redacted] (b)(6)-2



Prison deaths v3.ppt (106 KB)

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# Deaths of Detainees Under US Military Control

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## Purpose

- To clarify the number, cause of death, investigations conducted and disposition of cases of deaths occurring among detainees in US custody

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- Integration and standardization of health information documentation and collection from the services and components, as well as of the assessments and preventive services offered.
- The initiatives and developments that recognize the important status of reserve components, especially during deployments. One could tick off the related policies and public laws, but actual accomplishments would

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## Detainee Deaths in US-Controlled Prisons

As of May 20, 2004

- TOTAL: 59
  - Iraq: 55
  - Afghanistan: 4
  - Guantanamo Bay: 0

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## Iraq

- 55 detainee deaths (all prisons)
  - 21 killed by enemy mortar attack at Abu Gharib
  - 8 died during riots or escape attempts
  - 11 died of natural causes  
(tuberculosis, heart disease, medical conditions)
  - 1 accidental death (heat stroke)
  - 6 died of “unnatural causes”
  - 5 died of “unknown causes”
  - 3 pending medical examiner ruling

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## 6 "Unnatural Causes"

Case #	Circumstances	Autopsy Done?	Investigation / Disposition
A03-51	1 strangulation Found outside isolation unit	Yes	
03-273	1 closed head injury; Died 12 hrs after escape attempt	Yes	
03-504	1 blunt force trauma and choking Died during interrogation	Yes	
03-571	1 blunt force trauma and choking Died during interrogation	Yes	
04-014	1 blunt force trauma and choking Gagged in standing restraint	Yes	
None	1 gunshot wound to abdomen: "Shot without provocation"	No/not reported	

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## 5 "Unknown Causes"

Case #	Circumstances	Autopsy Done 0 of 5	Investigation / Disposition
None	3 reported as heart attack	No/not reported	
None	1 found dead in bed	No/not reported	
None	1 died after falling in hospital (was having chest pain)	No/not reported	

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## 3 Pending Medical Examiner Ruling

Case #	Circumstances	Autopsy Done 3 of 3	Investigation / Disposition
04-309	1 died sleeping after interrogation	Yes; results pending	
04-357	1 suspected heart attack	Yes; results pending	
04-358	1 unknown history	Yes; results pending	

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## Afghanistan

- 4 detainee deaths
  - 3 died of unnatural causes
    - autopsies completed; all ruled by Medical Examiner as homicides
  - 1 died in custody; circumstances unknown
    - no autopsy done

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### 3 "Unnatural Causes"

Case #	Circumstances	Autopsy Done? 3 of 3	Investigation / Disposition
A02-93	1 blunt force injuries found restrained in cell	Yes	
A02-05	1 blunt force to lower extremities	Yes	
A03-144	1 blunt force trauma	Yes	

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## Recommendation #1

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## Recommendation #2

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# Backups

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## References

- DODD 2310.1; DoD Enemy POW Detainee Program
  - Designates Secretary of the Army as the Executive Agent for DoD for the administration of the DoD Enemy Prisoners of War Detainee Program (OPR is ASD/ISA)
- Army Regulation 190.8/OPNAVINST 3461.6/ AFJI 31-304, MCO 3461.1; Enemy Prisoners of War, Retained Personnel, Civilian Internees and Other Detainees
- ASD Health Affairs Memorandum April 10, 2002
  - “DoD Policy on Medical Care for Enemy Persons Under US Control Detained in Conjunction with Operation ENDURING FREEDOM”

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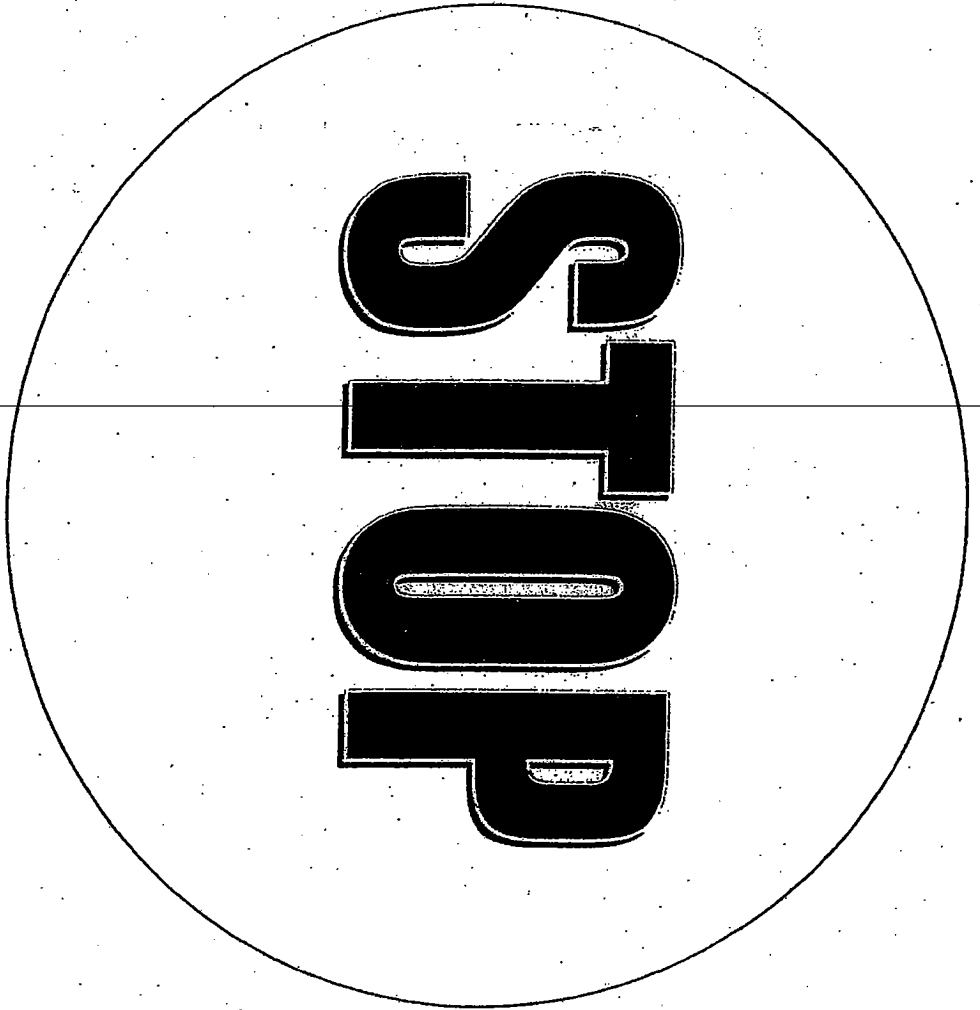
## Forensic Definitions

- **Cause of death:**
  - The disease, injury or abnormality that alone or in combination is responsible for initiating the sequence of functional disturbances that eventually ends in death
- **Manner of death:**
  - A classification of the way in which the cause of death came about with reference to personal causation. It is the way in which the cause of death came about and designates the circumstance under which the cause of death arose. It explains how the cause of death came about. An opinion of the forensic pathologist based on the known facts concerning the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the death, the autopsy findings, and laboratory tests.
  - Accepted manners of death are: Natural, Accident, Suicide, Homicide, and Undetermined.
- **Homicide:**
  - A death that results from the intentional (explicit or implied) or grossly reckless behavior of another person or persons.
  - Homicide is not synonymous with murder (a legal determination) and includes both criminal actions and excusable incidents (i.e. self-defense, law enforcement, combat).
- **Accident:**
  - A death that results inadvertently or where no harm was intended (explicit or implicit).
- **Undetermined manner of death:**
  - Indicates there is insufficient information about the circumstances of the death to make a ruling or when the cause of death is unknown.

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