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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) FOR JOINT TASK FORCE - GUANTANAMO BAY (JTF-GTMO) AND DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT NAVAL BASE GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

REFERENCES. A: SECDEF MSG, DTG 072300Z JAN 02, SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) FOR NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF DETAINEE OPERATIONS IN NAVAL BASE GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF). REF. B: SECDEF MSG, DTG 111124Z JAN 02, SUBJ: SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) ON DETAINEES. REF. C: SECDEF MSG, DTG 221800Z MAR 02, SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR JTF 170 OPERATIONS AT NAVAL BASE GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA; REF. D: SECDEF MSG, DTG 221111Z MAR 02 PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR DETAINEE

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CASUALTIES DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM OPERATIONS; REF. E:

SECDEF MSG, DTG 260144Z APR 02, SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR RELEASE OR TRANSFER OF DETAINEES - OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM; REF. F: SECDEF MSG, DTG 101700Z JUN 02, SUBJ: SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) ON DETAINEES; REF. G: SECDEF MSG, DTG 122123Z AUG 02 SUBJ: SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) ON DETAINEES; REF. H: CJCS MSG, DTG 202335Z AUG 02. SUBJ: EXORD JTF MERGER. REF. I: SECDEF MESSAGE, DTG 061000Z NOV 02, SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN ON DETAINEE RELEASE/TRANSFERS.

1. PURPOSE. THIS PAG AMPLIFIES THE GUIDANCE IN AND SUPERSEDES REFERENCES A THROUGH G.
2. BACKGROUND. THIS PAG ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING ISSUES PERTAINING TO JTF GTMO OPERATIONS: RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION ON DETAINEES; MILITARY UNIT DEPLOYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF JTF GTMO; NEWS MEDIA EMBEDS AND COVERAGE

(INCLUDING DETAILS OF DETAINEE MOVEMENT, DETENTION FACILITIES, INTERROGATION OPERATIONS, MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES, DETAINEE INJURY OR DEATH, AND TRANSFER AND RELEASE); COMBAT CAMERA COVERAGE; NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT AND OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE: ACTIVE. DISCUSSION OF INTERROGATION AND

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INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OPERATIONS IS PROHIBITED.

4. STATEMENT: THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY U.S. SOUTHCOM UPON RECEIPT: (QUOTE) TO STREAMLINE THE DAY-TO-DAY DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, JOINT TASK FORCE 160 AND 170 WERE CONSOLIDATED INTO JOINT TASK FORCE-GTMO ON OCT. 9, 2002.

(PARA)

JTF-GTMO, WHICH REPORTS TO THE U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETENTION, SECURITY AND INTERROGATION OPERATIONS AT THE DETAINEE FACILITY FOR AL QAIDA, TALIBAN OR OTHER ENEMY COMBATANTS THAT COME UNDER DOD CONTROL AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING WAR ON TERRORISM.

(PARA) U.S. ARMY MAJOR GENERAL GEOFFREY D. MILLER HAS BEEN SELECTED TO COMMAND JTF-GTMO. A CHANGE OF COMMAND WAS HELD ON NOV 4, 2002.

(PARA) THE U.S. IS TREATING AND WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT ALL THE INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO HUMANELY, AND, TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH MILITARY NECESSITY, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.

(PARA) SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON NAVAL BASE GUANTANAMO BAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BASE'S WEBSITE AT WWW.NSGTMO.NAVY.MIL (ALL LOWER CASE).

(PARA) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DOD SUPPORT TO THESE OPERATIONS, CONTACT U.S. SOUTHCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS (USSOUTHCOM/PA) AT (305) 437-1202/1213. (END QUOTE)

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5. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Q1. WITH THIS CHANGE, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMANDING THE DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO BAY?

A1. THE U.S. SOUTHCOM COMMANDER HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE, CUBA. JTF-GTMO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETENTION, SECURITY AND INTERROGATION OPERATIONS. U.S. ARMY MAJOR GENERAL GEOFFREY D. MILLER ASSUMED COMMAND OF JTF-GTMO ON NOV. 4, 2002.

Q2. HOW MANY PERSONNEL WILL SERVE WITH JTF-GTMO?

A2. THERE WILL BE LESS THAN 2,000 U.S. PERSONNEL SERVING WITH JTF-GTMO OPERATIONS.

Q3. WHAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION?

A3. THIS IS AN INTER-AGENCY EFFORT INVOLVING SEVERAL FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. (THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ONLY AND IS NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.) FOCUS ON MULTI-AGENCY EFFORT AND DO NOT GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL BECAUSE OF SECURITY AND INTEL CONCERNS.

Q4. IS THE MERGING OF JTF160 AND JTF 170 AN INDICATION THAT THE MILITARY IS NEARER TO CONVENING MILITARY COMMISSIONS AT GTMO? A4. NO. THE DECISION TO MERGE THE TWO JTFS INTO A SINGLE JTF-GTMO IS

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TO GAIN EFFICIENCIES IN PERSONNEL AND LOGISTICS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING MILITARY TRIBUNALS OR COMMISSIONS.

Q5. WHO IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING THE INTERROGATIONS OF THE GTMO DETAINEES, AND MAY WE INTERVIEW THEM OR A REPRESENTATIVE?

A5. REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE CONDUCTING THE INTERROGATIONS. TO AVOID POSSIBLE TERRORIST TARGETING OF U.S. PERSONNEL OR THEIR FAMILIES, THE IDENTITIES OF U.S. PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED. ADDITIONALLY, SUCH INTERVIEWS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR POLICY OF NOT DISCUSSING SPECIFICS OF INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO BAY.

Q6. HOW LONG IS THIS OPERATION GOING TO LAST?

A6. WE WILL CONTINUE THE MISSION AS LONG AS WE ARE DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

Q7. CAN WE SPEAK WITH AN INTERROGATOR?

A7. NO. WE WILL NOT IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL INTERROGATORS OR THEIR AGENCIES. IDENTIFICATION OF INTERROGATORS WOULD INCREASE THE THREAT TO THEM, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FELLOW OPERATORS, AS WELL AS CONTRADICT ESTABLISHED DOD POLICY OF NOT DISCUSSING SPECIFICS OF INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OPERATIONS.

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Q8. WILL YOU INTERROGATE INJURED PRISONERS?

A8. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INTERROGATE ANY AND ALL DETAINEES UNDER U.S. CONTROL. EACH DETAINEE IS PROVIDED EXPERT MEDICAL TREATMENT THROUGHOUT THEIR DETENTION.

Q9. WILL YOU SHARE INTELLIGENCE OBTAINED THROUGH THE INTERROGATION PROCESS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS?

A9. WE WILL SHARE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM. WE WILL NOT COMMENT ON SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE MATTERS AND PROCEDURES.

Q10. WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION ARE YOU SEEKING TO GAIN FROM THE INTERROGATIONS? WILL YOU SHARE SOME OF THAT INFORMATION WITH THE MEDIA?

A10. THE INTERROGATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. WE ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION THAT WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES, OUR PARTNERS, FRIENDS AND ALLIES. THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THESE INTERROGATIONS WILL NOT BE MADE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD, AND WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA.

Q11. WHY CONTINUE TO MOVE THESE PEOPLE TO GUANTANAMO?

A11. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ENEMY COMBATANTS CAPTURED IN CONNECTION

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WITH AN ONGOING ARMED CONFLICT. THEY CONTINUE TO BE ENEMY COMBATANTS UNDER THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT. OUR

DETENTION OF ENEMY COMBATANTS IS LAWFUL AND NECESSARY TO PREVENT THEM FROM RETURNING TO THE BATTLEFIELD OR REENGAGING IN ARMED CONFLICT AGAINST US AND OUR PARTNERS. MOVING THEM TO GUANTANAMO SUPPORTS THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

Q12. WILL THE DETAINEES HAVE ACCESS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS?

A12. CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) PERSONNEL WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO VISIT AND OBSERVE DETAINEES. ONLY ICRC PERSONNEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT/OBSERVE DETAINEES.

Q13. WHAT IS BEING/HAS BEEN DONE WITH INJURED/DECEASED DETAINEES?

A13. NO DETAINEES HAVE DIED WHILE BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO. EVERY DETAINEE IS PROVIDED EXPERT MEDICAL TREATMENT THROUGHOUT THEIR DETENTION. IN THE CASE OF INJURED DETAINEES, THEY WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE NEAREST MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY, WHERE OUR MEDICAL STAFF WILL PROVIDE MEDICAL ATTENTION. IN THE EVENT OF A FATALITY, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH; IF NECESSARY, AN AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED. SINCE DETAINEE OPERATIONS BEGAN, WE HAVE TREATED WOUNDS SUSTAINED IN BATTLE AND HAVE RELIEVED PAIN AND SUFFERING FROM

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PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS. (THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ONLY AND IS NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.) PAO SHOULD SEEK DETAILS FROM MEDICAL STAFF.**

Q14. WILL THE RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA?

A14. WE WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION IF AND WHEN SUCH A SITUATION ARISES.

Q15. WHAT IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH CANNOT BE DETERMINED?

Q15. IF A DETAINEE IS INJURED OR DIES AND THE CAUSE IS NOT KNOWN, U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF INJURY OR DEATH.

Q16. WHAT WILL THEN BE DONE WITH A DECEASED DETAINEE'S BODY?

A16. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INTER THE BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETAINEE'S RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.

Q17. WILL THE DETAINEE'S FAMILY BE ABLE TO SEE THE INJURED/DEAD DETAINEE?

A17. SHOULD A DETAINEE DIE, THE U.S. STATE DEPT. WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY OF THE DECEDENT'S HOME OF RECORD FOR A DETERMINATION OF DETAINEE REMAINS DISPOSITION. VISITS BY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Q18. HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RELEASED ANY DETAINEES?

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A18. MANY INDIVIDUALS DETAINED BY THE U.S. FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN HAVE BEEN RELEASED, SOME OF WHOM WERE DETAINED FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME. AFTER INITIAL SCREENING, A DETERMINATION IS MADE WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE DETAINED LONGER, AND IN SOME CASES, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT CONTINUED DETENTION WAS UNWARRANTED. DOD DOES NOT INTEND TO HOLD ANYONE LONGER THAN NECESSARY.

Q19. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELEASE AND TRANSFER OF A DETAINEE?

A19. A RELEASE OCCURS WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS PERMITTED TO UNCONDITIONALLY DEPART U.S. CONTROL. A TRANSFER OCCURS WHEN THE U.S. TRANSFERS CONTROL OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE PROSECUTION BY THAT GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED DETENTION UNTIL THE END OF CONFLICT BY THAT GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER REASONS, SUCH AS CONTINUED MEDICAL TREATMENT. AS A GENERAL MATTER, IT IS DOD POLICY NOT TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OR IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT.

Q20. HOW MANY DETAINEES ARE CURRENTLY AT GUANTANAMO BAY?

A20. PRESENTLY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 625 DETAINEES AT GTMO. (UPDATE AS APPROPRIATE.)

Q21. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF U.S. NAVAL BASE GUANTANAMO BAY IN DAY-TO-DAY

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JTF-GTMO OPERATIONS?**

A21. U.S. NAVAL BASE PERSONNEL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT TO DETENTION OPERATIONS. MANY OF THESE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS REMAIN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE U.S. NAVY.

COMMUNICATION POINTS

6.1. DETENTION AND INTERROGATION OPERATIONS AT GTMO SUPPORT THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

6.2. GTMO AFFORDS A SECURE FACILITY AND PROVIDES APPROPRIATE SECURITY FOR DETAINEES.

6.3. THE U.S. IS TREATING AND WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO HUMANELY, AND, TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH MILITARY NECESSITY, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.

6.4. DETAINEES AT GTMO POSE A THREAT TO U.S. SECURITY AND WILL REMAIN UNDER U.S. CONTROL AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

6.5. FACILITIES AT GUANTANAMO BAY ARE WELL DEFENDED.

7. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE):

7.1. RELEASE AUTHORITY.

7.1.1. OASD(PA) IS THE SOLE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION

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REGARDING THE TRANSFER, RELEASE OR DEATH OF A DETAINEE. OASD(PA) MAY DELEGATE RELEASE AUTHORITY TO THE APPROPRIATE COMBATANT COMMAND OR DEPLOYED PA STAFF.

7.1.2. U.S. SOUTHCOM IS THE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GTMO.

7.1.3. THE JOINT INFORMATION BUREAU (JIB) ESTABLISHED AT GTMO IS RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DETAINEES AFTER INITIAL RELEASE HAS BEEN MADE BY U.S. SOUTHCOM.

7.1.4. INTELLIGENCE MATTERS (COLLECTION, ANALYZING, SHARING AND RESULTS OF INTERROGATION) CANNOT BE DISCUSSED UNLESS APPROVED BY OASD(PA) IN COORDINATION WITH OASD(SO/LIC) AND SPECIFIC CONCURRENCEIS GIVEN BY U.S. SOUTHCOM.

7.2. DEPLOYMENTS OF U.S. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO JTF-GTMO:

7.2.1. AFTER RECEIPT OF A DEPLOYMENT ORDER, UNITS MAY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED FOR A DEPLOYMENT.

7.2.2. UNITS THAT HAVE RECEIVED A DEPLOYMENT ORDER SHOULD FOCUS MEDIA ATTENTION ON UNIT PREPARATIONS, MISSIONS AND CAPABILITIES. COMMANDERS MAY RELEASE INFORMATION AND INVITE MEDIA COVERAGE.

7.2.3. COMMANDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RELEASE INFORMATION ON AND INVITE MEDIA COVERAGE OF FAMILY SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR U.S. PERSONNEL.

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7.2.4. COORDINATE PRE- AND POST-DEPLOYMENT PA ACTIVITIES WITH U.S. SOUTHCOM. ENSURE U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA AND OASD(PA) ARE APPRAISED OF ALL PA ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO ATTRACT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION.

7.3. EMBEDDED MEDIA.

7.3.1. NO MEDIA EMBARKS/EMBEDS ON DETAINEE FLIGHTS.

7.3.2. COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO EMBED MEDIA WITH DEPLOYING OR DEPLOYED FORCES, INCLUDING SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND GROUND FORCES, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

7.3.3. GENERAL: COMMANDERS MUST SUBMIT THEIR MEDIA EMBED/EMBARK PLANS TO U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA FOR COORDINATION AND APPROVAL.

7.3.4. EXCEPT FOR DETAINEE FLIGHTS, COMMANDERS MAY AUTHORIZE EMBEDDED MEDIA TO TRAVEL WITH UNITS ABOARD MILITARY CONVEYANCES ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE, NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. COMMANDERS WILL SUBMIT APPROPRIATE COUNTRY AND THEATER CLEARANCE REQUESTS TO U.S. SOUTHCOM AND WILL PREPARE INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS, AS REQUIRED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THEIR OWN PASSPORTS AND VISAS AS REQUIRED. MEDIA EMBARKS WILL BE LIMITED BY FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT DEPLOYED LOCATION.

7.3.5. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES EMBEDDING WITH MILITARY UNITS ARE

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EXPECTED TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING AND MAINTAINING THEIR OWN PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GEAR. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAY NOT CARRY PERSONAL WEAPONS. MEDIA MUST OBTAIN ALL

ADVISABLE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR THE REGION. UNITS WILL ENSURE MEDIA RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING REQUIRED FOR THE REGION AND PROVIDE MEALS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED.

7.3.6. EMBEDDED MEDIA WILL BE REQUIRED TO AGREE TO SPECIFIC GROUND RULES ESTABLISHED BY U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA PRIOR TO DEPARTING POINT OF EMBARKATION. ANY VIOLATION OF THE GROUND RULES MAY BE THE BASIS FOR TERMINATING THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE'S EMBEDDED STATUS. CONTACT U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA OFFICE AT (305) 437-1213 FOR MEDIA EMBARK GROUND RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM. PAOS WILL MAINTAIN A COPY OF SIGNED GROUND RULES.

7.4. NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE:

7.4.1. DETAINEE MOVEMENT.

7.4.1.1. NEWS IMAGERY PRODUCTS MAY NOT SHOW THE MOVEMENT OF DETAINEES INTO OR OUT OF THE U.S. SOUTHCOM AOR.

7.4.1.2. NEITHER THE TIMING NOR THE ROUTE WILL BE DISCUSSED.

7.4.1.3. COVERAGE OF DETAINEES IN TRANSIT IS NOT PERMITTED, INCLUDING GROUND AND AIR MOVEMENT BETWEEN DETENTION FACILITIES, OR MOVEMENT

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BETWEEN DETENTION FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION ASSETS (BUSES, FERRIES, PLANES, ETC.).

7.4.1.4. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE OBSERVATION OF DETAINEE FLIGHTS ARRIVING AT GTMO FROM THE DESIGNATED OBSERVATION POINT ON THE LEEWARD SIDE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE U.S. SOUTHCOM COMMANDER OR HIS DESIGNEE. PHOTOGRAPHY (STILL OR VIDEO) OF ARRIVALS OR DEPARTURES IS NOT PERMITTED.

7.4.1.5. DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC SECURITY MEASURES AND METHODS OR DETAILS OF DETAINEE MOVEMENT AT ANY TIME IN TRANSIT IS PROHIBITED FOR SECURITY REASONS.

7.4.1.6. THERE WILL BE NO LIVE REPORTING OF ANY DETAINEE MOVEMENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. NEWS REPORTING OF DETAINEE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FLIGHTS WILL BE EMBARGOED UNTIL DETAINEE MOVEMENT IS COMPLETE.

7.4.1.7. OBSERVATION OF SPECIAL MISSION TRANSFERS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY OASD(PA) IN COORDINATION WITH OASD(SO/LIC). SPECIAL MISSIONS WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY DISCUSSED UNLESS CLEARED BY OASD(PA).

7.4.2. DETENTION FACILITIES

7.4.2.1. INTERVIEWS WITH SENIOR COMMANDERS, SUPPORT STAFF AND

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DETENTION CAMP PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS THE IDENTITY, NATIONALITY, AND LANGUAGE OF THE DETAINEES.

7.4.2.2. PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DETAINEES UNDER U.S. CONTROL BY GEOGRAPHIC OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IS PERMITTED. SPOKESPERSONS MAY USE GENERAL NUMBERS (E.G., APPROXIMATELY 600) TO DESCRIBE TOTAL DETAINEE POPULATION.

7.4.2.3. THE U.S. SOUTHCOM COMMANDER MAY PERMIT MEDIA OBSERVATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES. PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO IMAGERY IS PROHIBITED; OBSERVATION OF DETAINEES IS PROHIBITED.

7.4.3. INTERROGATION OPERATIONS

7.4.3.1 COVERAGE OF DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS OR INTERVIEWS IS PROHIBITED.

7.4.3.2 NEWS MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH DETAINEES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

7.4.3.3 INTERVIEWS WITH SENIOR COMMANDERS AND SUPPORT STAFF ARE PERMITTED AND ENCOURAGED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY AND CAPABILITIES/METHODS OF INTERROGATORS, INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS AND LINGUISTS.

7.4.4. MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES

7.4.4.1. MEDIA COVERAGE AND IMAGERY OF DETAINEE MEDICAL FACILITIES IS

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PERMITTED AND ENCOURAGED.**

7.4.4.2. DETAILS REGARDING CURRENT MEDICAL CAPABILITIES, AND DETAINEE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE MAY BE DISCUSSED AFTER COORDINATION WITH U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA.

7.4.4.3. THERE WILL BE NO PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO IMAGES NOR AUDIO RECORDINGS OF DETAINEES RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT. ONLY INFORMATION APPROVED AND PROVIDED BY OASD (PA) AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT/ U.S. SOUTHCOM WILL BE DISSEMINATED. ALL INFORMATION SHOULD BE COORDINATED

WITH LOCAL MEDICAL, LEGAL AND SECURITY STAFF PRIOR TO RELEASE.

7.4.4.4. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED WHEN AVAILABLE: THE REASON FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE TYPE OF WOUND OR INJURY TREATED, THE TYPE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT PROVIDED, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

7.4.4.5. MEDICAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN DETAINEE CARE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NEWS MEDIA INTERVIEWS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE COMMANDER AND MEDICAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF DETAINEE HEALTH CARE. INTERVIEWS WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOLLOWING MEDIA TRAINING FROM THE ON-SITE PAO.

7.4.5. DETAINEE INJURY OR DEATH:

7.4.5.1. OASD(PA) IS THE SOLE INITIAL RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE INJURY OR DEATH OF A DETAINEE. IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A DETAINEE, THE TIME OF DEATH AND CAUSE OF DEATH, IF KNOWN, WILL BE RELEASED BY OASD(PA) IN COORDINATION WITH OASD(SO/LIC). REPORT ANY SUCH DEATH TO OASD(PA) BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. DEPLOYED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSONNEL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING APPLICABLE CASUALTY INFORMATION TO OASD(PA) THROUGH U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA.

7.4.5.2. DETAINEES WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME.

7.4.5.3. SHOULD A DETAINEE DEATH OCCUR, INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED REGARDING DETAILS OF POST-DEATH EVENTS (I.E., INTERNMENT PROCEDURES, DISPOSITION OF THE BODY, DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS.)

7.4.5.4. DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL APPROPRIATE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS AND CUSTOMS WILL BE PROVIDED TO NEWS MEDIA TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

7.4.6. DETAINEE TRANSFER OR RELEASE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY.

7.4.6.1. OASD(PA) IS THE PRIMARY RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELEASE OR TRANSFER OF DETAINEES. ALL ANSWERS TO SENSITIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESSING, RELEASE, TRANSFER AND TRANSPORTATION OF DETAINEES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH OUSD(P) AND APPROVED BY OASD(PA) PRIOR TO PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION. ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF

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OUSD(P), OASD (PA) MAY DELEGATE RELEASE AUTHORITY TO THE APPROPRIATE COMBATANT COMMAND OR DEPLOYED PA STAFF. COMPONENT OR JTF COMMANDER WILL PREPARE A PROPOSED RESPONSE TO QUERY (RTQ) PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND FORWARDED PROPOSED RTQ TO THE UNIFIED PAO, WHO WILL FORWARD TO OASD(PA) AND OUSD(P) FOR APPROVAL.

7.4.6.2. THERE WILL BE NO OBSERVATION OF, OR LIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF DETAINEE RELEASES OR TRANSFERS, DEPARTING FROM GUANTANAMO, INCLUDING INTERIM STOPS.

7.4.6.3. NEITHER THE TIMING NOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF DETAINEES WHO ARE RELEASED OR TRANSFERRED WILL BE DISCUSSED.

7.5. COMBAT CAMERA: COMBAT CAMERA WILL BE USED TO DOCUMENT ACTIVITIES FOR OFFICIAL AND HISTORICAL PURPOSES ONLY. PARA 7.D.1. OF THIS PAG DOES NOT APPLY TO COMBAT CAMERA. ANY COMBAT CAMERA IMAGERY MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH OASD(PA) TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PARA. 7 BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE. ALL VIDEO AND STILL PRODUCTS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE JOINT COMBAT CAMERA CENTER PRIOR TO OR COINCIDENT WITH RELEASE. SEE [HTTP://DODIMAGERY.AFIS.OSD.MIL/DODIMAGERY/HOME.HTML](http://DODIMAGERY.AFIS.OSD.MIL/DODIMAGERY/HOME.HTML) FOR DETAILS ON SENDING PRODUCTS TO JCCC.

7.6. NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS: CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 AND WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT,

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS PERSONNEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT AND OBSERVE DETAINEES. ONLY ICRC PERSONNEL WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT/OBSERVE DETAINEES. NO OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) WILL HAVE ACCESS TO DETAINEES.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:

8.1. BASED ON THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION, DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO WILL BE TREATED HUMANELY AND, CONSISTENT WITH MILITARY NECESSITY, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.

8.2. EVEN THOUGH DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS, THEY ARE ENEMY COMBATANTS CAPTURED DURING THE ONGOING HOSTILITIES IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

8.3. NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES WILL BE ALLOWED. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH LONGSTANDING U.S. POLICY AND PRACTICE, INCLUDING OPERATION DESERT STORM, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION, WHICH PROHIBIT DETAINED PERSONS FROM BEING SUBJECTED TO PUBLIC CURIOSITY OR HUMILIATING TREATMENT.

8.4. DETAINEES HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED HUMANELY. HUMANE TREATMENT MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THEY WILL BE GIVEN ADEQUATE FOOD, WATER, SHELTER, CLOTHING, MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND THE

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FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION.

8.5. THE POLICY ON LIMITING PHOTOGRAPHY IS IN ACCORD WITH TREATING DETAINEES CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949. THIS IS NOT A CHANGE IN POLICY; IT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH LONG-STANDING U.S. POLICY, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE.

8.6. THE POLICY OF LIMITING THE RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHY OF DETAINEES IS CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 13 OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949. THAT ARTICLE STATES: 'PRISONERS OF WAR MUST AT ALL TIMES BE PROTECTED, PARTICULARLY AGAINST ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION AND AGAINST INSULTS AND PUBLIC CURIOSITY.' WHILE THIS RULE DOES NOT EXPLICITLY FORBID THE TAKING OF PICTURES AND PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS INTERPRETED IT TO MEAN THAT TAKING PICTURES OF INDIVIDUAL DETAINEES AND PUBLISHING THEM IN NEWSPAPERS OR JOURNALS WOULD BE HOLDING THEM UP TO PUBLIC CURIOSITY AND IS THEREFORE FORBIDDEN.

9. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A DETAINEE INJURY OR DEATH.

9.1. IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL REPORTING PROCEDURES BY THE APPROPRIATE COMBATANT COMMANDER, U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA WILL NOTIFY OASD/PA

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WHEN A DETAINEE IS INJURED OR DIES EITHER EN ROUTE OR WHILE AT NAVAL BASE GTMO. OUSD(P) WILL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS AND REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS IF APPROPRIATE.

9.2. AN AUTOPSY MAY BE PERFORMED TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSE OF DEATH. INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED BY OASD(PA) IN COORDINATION WITH OUSD(P).

9.3. THE DOS WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY OF THE DECEDENT'S HOME OF RECORD FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.

9.4. IF DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT U.S. PERSONNEL WILL INTER THE DECEASED, THE REMAINS WILL BE BURIED AT AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION DETERMINED BY EXISTING DEPARTMENT POLICY.

9.5. INTERMENT WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.

10. INTERVIEW GUIDANCE: MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DOCUMENTATION OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES ARE ENCOURAGED. WHEN CONDUCTING MEDIA INTERVIEWS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OPERATION, THE FOLLOWING POINTS APPLY:

10.1. ENSURE THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED BEFORE SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA.

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10.2. CONFINE REMARKS TO MATTERS WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, EXPERTISE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. 'STAY IN YOUR LANE.'

10.3. ALL DISCUSSIONS WITH REPORTERS WILL BE 'ON THE RECORD.'

10.4. MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY USE THEIR FULL NAME AND HOMETOWN IN MEDIA INTERVIEWS, PHOTO CAPTIONS AND THE LIKE. HOWEVER, MILITARY MEMBERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

10.5. EXERCISE CARE TO PROTECT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND PRESERVE OPERATIONAL SECURITY. LOCATIONS OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT, ONGOING OR FUTURE OPERATIONS, AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE) ARE NOT RELEASABLE.

SECURITY AT THE SOURCE WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.

10.6. IF CLASSIFIED OR SENSITIVE INFORMATION IS INADVERTENTLY RELEASED THROUGH PRINT OR PHOTO MEANS, DO NOT CONFISCATE FILM, AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES OR REPORTERS' NOTES. REPORT THE INCIDENT BY THE QUICKEST MEANS POSSIBLE TO THE RESPECTIVE UNIT COMMANDER, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER OR JIB DIRECTOR.

10.7. AVOID SPECULATION (DO NOT ANSWER HYPOTHETICAL OR 'WHAT IF' QUESTIONS).

10.8. REGIONAL POLITICAL AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES MUST ALWAYS BE

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RESPECTED. IF IN DOUBT, THE UNIT COMMANDER OR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR GUIDANCE.

10.9. STRESS THE TEAMWORK INVOLVED IN COMBINING THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF EACH BRANCH OF SERVICE AS APPROPRIATE.

10.10. THE MISSION OF A PARTICULAR UNIT AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON UNCLASSIFIED DATA RELATING TO WEAPONS, AIRCRAFT, SHIPS, ETC. MAY BE DISCUSSED.

10.11. SPECIFIC FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED. PAO'S MAY CONFIRM THE OBVIOUS GENERAL FORCE PROTECTION INITIATIVES (E.G., INCREASED SECURITY PATROLS, ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY BARRIERS, ETC).

10.12. SPECIFIC LOCATIONS OR INFORMATION REGARDING GROUND, SEA AND AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED.

11. TELEPHONE (PHONER) GUIDANCE: COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW TELEPHONIC INTERVIEWS WITH FORCES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GTMO.

12. MEDIA QUERIES OR REQUESTS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS GUIDANCE WILL BE REFERRED TO U.S. SOUTHCOM/PA.

13. POINTS OF CONTACT: OASD(PA) PRESS DESK, DSN 227-5131, CMCL(703)697-5131, E-MAIL NEWSDESK@OSD.MIL. SOUTHCOM PA, DSN:

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