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Subject: Keesler AFB -- Photos of EPWs/Detainees (Part 1 of 3)

Here's the info we discussed earlier today. It concerns the discovery of photos apparently taken during US Army operations in Iraq. In them are what appear to be detainees or EPWs. When our AFOSI detachment at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS, first learned of it, base command officials were concerned three may have been a LOAC violation but after further review

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I've been told that the individual who took the photos and made the CD is a who is currently at Keesler AFB to rehabilitate. He was wounded in Iraq and was sent to Landstuhl and/or Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I understand that Sen. Trent Lott requested that

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so that's why he's at Keesler Medical Center.

On 3 Jun 04, received a copy of the CD made by the soldier. The CD had two files, one of which was a Powerpoint presentation with 49 slides, about 21 MB. Most of the slides were photos of US Army activities, something I would describe as the "the drive to Baghdad" during early phases of the war (OIF). There are many photos of Army vehicles and soldiers, but what caught the attention were the photos of detainees/EPWs. One of the photos had what appeared to be olive complected males, probably of Iraqi or Middle Eastern descent, that are naked. They are outdoors, kneeling on the dirt, have their arms behind their backs, probably secured by flexi-cuffs, and they are being guarded by an armed soldier. These photos do not appear to show any physical abuse, and on the face of it they do not appear to show any LOAC violations, but they are likely in violation of the joint regulations prohibiting photography of EPWs.

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I've upchanneled this info to HQ AFOSI so they're aware of it. I provided the phone numbers and contacts for CID at Ft Rucker and Ft Polk to our detachment at Keesler AFB. They'll make contact with the appropriate CID unit to refer the matter to them. We've assessed that since the subject is an Army soldier, and the photos were taken during Army operations, CID would have operational interest in this matter.

As stated above, the Powerpoint presentation in which the photos were found is large (21 MB; 49 slides total). I obtained it from our detachment at Keesler AFB and then created excerpts here to give you a look at the ones that caused concern. Here are the two photos which caused the most concern when they were first found.

<<Excerpt1 of Presentation1.ppt>>

I'll send you two more e-mails, each with two photos with images of detainees or EPWs.

FYI, I believe this material is unclassified but sensitive, so I'm sending via SIPRNET.

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