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1. (U) Purpose. To answer the Senator's question on whether prisoners in U.S. custody are being stripped of their clothes, forced to wear hoods, required to stand or assume painful positions for hours or days, or subject to other painful or humiliating treatment.

2. ~~(S//NF)~~ Key Points.

- Detainees arriving at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are strip searched as a force protection measure. No detainees are stripped of their clothes nor have they ever been. Hoods are not put on detainees. Detainees are not stood up or made to assume painful positions. Detainees in Guantanamo are treated humanely and are provided excellent medical care.
- A memo on Interrogation and Counter-Resistance Policy from Lt Gen Ricardo Sanchez (CMDR CJTF 7) was promulgated on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. The memo details the types of interrogation techniques that are and are not authorized throughout the AOR.
- CDR USCENTCOM never authorized stripping prisoners of their clothes for discomfort or softening purposes.
- Lt Gen Sanchez's 13 May 2004 memo prohibits the use of sensory deprivation (Hoods). The memo also precludes forcing detainees to stand or assume painful positions or the use of sleep deprivation

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