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Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center
(JIDC)**

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**INTERROGATION
STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES**

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INTRODUCTION

The JIDC is a unique collection element which is truly a joint coalition effort, consisting of active duty military personnel, reserve military personnel, DoD civilian employees, Americans, British, and Australians. Working at JIDC is an extraordinary opportunity to make a historical contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom by questioning high level former Iraqi regime personnel in the documentation of the former regime strategic intent to deceive the United Nations inspection teams and to maintain the capability of reconstituting nuclear, chemical, biological and missile capabilities. The working environment is austere and dangerous, with a constant potential for anti-coalition activity including mortars, rockets, small arms fire, and IEDs. And yet, the personnel deployed to work at JIDC are highly capable, dedicated, and productive.

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INTERROGATION CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Treat detainees humanely.

a. FM 34-52 Intelligence Interrogation contains approved approach techniques and requires interrogation personnel to treat all detainees in a humane manner, in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions.

b. CJTF-7 Policy Letter, SUBJ: Interrogation and Counter-Resistance Policy, dated 12 Oct 2003 outlines the policies of the Theater Commander relative to detainee treatment and handling, and lists the authorized approach techniques allowed in Iraq, and prohibits any approach techniques not listed in the policy letter, without his written approval.

c. Humane treatment consists of providing detainees adequate food, drinking water, clothing, shelter, medical treatment, and the free exercise of religion consistent with the requirements of detention. President's Military Order (U), 13 November 2001.

d. Humane treatment during interrogation operations means no severe physical or mental pain or suffering. Bagging or hooding of any detainee will not be performed ever. See Inn SOP for blindfolding detainees and guests when transporting them on the BIAP to the Inn and returning to the original point of pick-up.

2. Interrogation tools include:

a. Authorized rewards such as extra food, cigarettes, additional exercise, books, reading material (no current magazines or news), movement to a different location when properly notified to the handling MPs. Any reward must be coordinated with the Military Police running the Secure Confinement Facility.

b. An interrogator may not withhold meals, medical care, mail, and basic hygiene items (e.g. soap, toothpaste and toothbrush).

c. **TORTURE** or threats of torture are not authorized under any circumstances.

d. The interrogator will not prompt any member of the detention facility to take any illegal, coercive or harassing action against any detainee.

3. Contact the Staff Judge Advocate for further information concerning the legal basis of detention or interrogation operations.



SUBJECT: JIDC Interrogation Standing Operating Procedures (SOP)

1. References.

- a. FM 34-52 Intelligence Interrogation, 28 Sep 1992
- b. DIAM 58-11 DoD HUMINT Policies and Procedures (U) SECRET/NOFORN, 3 AUG 1998
- c. DIAM 58-12 The DoD HUMINT Management System, 30 Jun 1997
- d. CJTF-7 Interrogation And Counter-Resistance Policy, 12 Oct 2003
- e. Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, 12 Aug 1949
- f. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 12 Aug 1949
- g. AR 190-8 Enemy Prisoners of War, Retained Personnel, Civilian Internees, and Other Detainees, 1 Oct 1997

2. Purpose. To define and standardize operating procedures for all interrogators assigned to the ISG JIDC.

3. Summary. The primary function of the JIDC interrogator is to provide interrogation/debriefing support to all field collection efforts [REDACTED] to update tracking information in the data base, and to write intelligence reports, including: Knowledgeability Briefs (KB), Basic Source Data Reports (BSD), Spot Reports, Intelligence Information Reports (IIR) and Contact Memoranda (CM), as required, in support of the ISG mission and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

4. Scope. This SOP applies to all interrogators and debriefers assigned to the ISG JIDC.

5. Definitions.

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- a. Iraqi National Congress (INC)
- b. Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA)
- c. Iraqi Assistance Center (IAC)
- d. Secure Confinement Facility (SCF)
- e. Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC)
- f. Interrogation Control Element (ICE)
- g. High Value Detainee (HVD)
- h. Combined Media Processing Center (CMPC)

6. Inprocessing. Newly assigned interrogators/debriefers will familiarize themselves with the folders [REDACTED] containing Geneva Conventions, CJTF-7 Policy memo, AR 190-8, FM 34-52, and all SOPs, to include the interrogator tools file. In addition, newly assigned interrogators/debriefers will get instructions on all aspects of interrogator/debriefer methodologies, reporting, procedures, databases, etc. employed by the ISG JIDC.

7. Summary of Responsibilities. JIDC interrogators will be assigned several HVDs and will be responsible for conducting interrogations of the assigned HVDs in order to obtain information of intelligence value related to the ISG mission. In most cases, interrogations will be conducted in Arabic, utilizing a linguist. Upon completion of an interrogation, the interrogator will update the database with the pertinent information about the contact, write any requisite KB, BSD, CM, or Spot Report, and write any IIRs needed reflecting the information obtained. If so assigned, interrogators/debriefers will go on site exploitation missions to question pertinent Iraqi personnel associated with the site, or to downtown collection platforms to screen walk-ins or debrief sources.



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