

The GTMO EC dated 3/25/03

b6 -1

b7C -1

From: [redacted] b6 -1  
To: ERANK BATTLE b7C -1  
Date: Fri, Apr 4, 2003 4:22 PM  
Subject: The GTMO EC dated 3/25/03

Dear Mr. Battle,

[redacted] and I are responding to the email sent to the NCAVC by [redacted] dated 3/27/03. This email contained two ECs written by SSA [redacted] dated 3/25/03. The main EC has been sent to both the Miami Division and Counterterrorism. b6 -1  
b7C -1

Let me preface this Email by saying that although [redacted] is not currently in GTMO, we have discussed the contents of this at length and she shares the same concerns and questions on which I will elucidate shortly. We have sent this Email to every BAU SSA who spent their required time in GTMO because they will be in a position to understand what issues we are addressing. We also understand that there may be those that do not agree in part or in whole with our opinions. However, since we were "in the box" when these ECs came out, the task then of responding to them has fallen squarely on our shoulders. b6 -1  
b7C -1

My time down here will be shortly coming to an end and although [redacted] is gone, she spent the majority of her required 45 days on the ground in GTMO. We feel that our tenure here has now placed us into a much better position from which to provide some insight into the 3/25/03 EC. Our overall concern is directed at the preparation of this EC and the mandates of the GTMO experience spelled out in it without any input from the people on the ground in GTMO or those teams that have been here over the last four months. It is our opinion that the failure to both solicit and incorporate current critical information regarding the dynamics of what, how, and with whom we do this job from those agents best in a position to provide it, is a recipe for failure. We believe that continual assessment and feedback is critical for both defining our mission and ensuring its success. b6 -1  
b7C -1

To our knowledge the last six SSAs to spend time here, including [redacted] and myself, who would have been in a position to provide an accurate assessment of the dynamics and interaction here in GTMO were never solicited to review a draft copy of this EC to assist in its preparation or offer recommended changes. We find this troubling because the EC does not provide an accurate picture of the current dynamics at work here. As far as we can tell, these dynamics have been in play since January. [redacted] b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b5 -1

[redacted]

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -1

We would now like to comment on the 3/25/03 EC [redacted]

[redacted]

b5 -1

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10-29-2004 BY 61579DMH/ECB/48000 GS-0V-4151

DETAINEES-2795

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b5 -1

[Redacted]

b5 -1

[Redacted]

b5 -1

b6 -1

b7C -1

[Redacted] All of the FBI and CITF agents are clustered in two relatively small rooms so making contact for assistance is not a problem. Most requested assistance goes to special projects and the feedback on what has been proposed comes back on a daily basis over periods that can cover several weeks. These FBI and CITF interview teams are already loaded with paperwork [Redacted]

[Redacted]

There are other changes in the EC that could be discussed but I think we have highlighted the main issues. The "GTMO experience" and Camp Delta are works in progress. Things change here on a daily basis. In six months things will look much different than they do now and we wouldn't expect our experiences to be the hallmark for how things will be done in that time frame.

We are reminded every day listening to briefings from the CENTCOM commanders as they constantly assess and reassess "the mission" in order to be victorious in Iraq. Their continually changing war plan and its successful implementation is a result of listening to the people in the field on whom they rely to provide them with the latest information.

With respect to our mission in GTMO, decision making without the input of those SSA's who have been here in the recent past and know the situation sends the wrong message and perpetuates the perception that no one cares what we think

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

b6 -1,2

b7C -1,2

CC:

[Redacted CC]