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Detainee Interviews (Abusive Interrogation Issues)

- In late 2002 and continuing into mid-2003, the Behavioral Analysis Unit raised concerns over interrogation tactics being employed by the U.S. Military. As a result an EC dated 5/30/03, was generated summarizing the FBI's continued objections to the use of SERE (Search, Escape, Resistance and Evasion) techniques to interrogate prisoners. This EC is attached and includes a collection of military documents discussing and authorizing the techniques. We are not aware of the FBI participating directly in any SERE interrogations.
- It should be noted that FBI concerns and objections were documented and presented to Major General Geoffery Miller, who oversaw GTMO operations. MG Miller is now in Iraq serving as the commander in charge of the military jails. MG Miller appeared in the New York Time on 5/5/04 defending "coercive and aggressive" interrogation methods.
- FBI operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and GTMO have each been queried and all have reported back that they do not have any direct knowledge of any abusive interrogation techniques being used. Each location was aware of rumors of abuse which have surfaced as a direct result of pending Military investigations into abusive interrogation techniques.
- The FBI has participated in the interview of 204 individuals in Iraq and 747 in GTMO. Our Afghan operation needs additional time to prepare a list of those interviewed in theater. Attached are the lists from GTMO and Iraq.
- A key word search of the Iraq interviews identified one individual alleging abuse by military personnel. In this instance a woman indicated she was hit with a stick and she wanted to talk only to German officials.
- FBI personnel assigned to the Military Tribunal effort involving GTMO detainees has during the review of discovery material seen, on a few rare occasions, documentation of SERE techniques being noted in interviews conducted by Military personnel. In these instances the material was called to the attention of military's Criminal Investigative Task Force (CITF), and Office Military Commissions (OMC) personnel.

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