

CWG PM-Director

RELEASED IN FULL

**From:** Suchan, Gregory M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2002 4:48 PM  
**To:** (DoD) Watt, Linda; Suchan, Gregory M  
**C:** CWG\_PM-Coordinator; Chesches, Martin; finneyjd@state.smil.mil; CoalitionWG\_PM; PM-AS-Staff-Assistants; Blaschke, Brent E; Bloomfield, Lincoln P Jr; Schmeelk, Peter G; Bell, Randolph M(Main State); Cagan, Debra(Main State Rm 4720); Carragher, James J(Main State Room 3234); Sprow, Gregory B(Main State Room 6913); Larocco, James A(Main State); Gray, Gordon(Main State)  
**Subject:** RE: establishment of jtf-170 at Guantanamo

P35

Linda: Thanks. I haven't seen the ExOrd but I am sure our staff assistants and the task force will get it up soon. As for foreign access (at GTMO, at least), I think the policy is pretty much locked in at senior levels and is unlikely to change without a really good reason. I will have to see what the cable says about the mobile teams -- so far at least, we are talking only about detainees in Afghanistan and Guantanamo and we have a pattern that seems to have achieved some grudging acceptance. Other topics that you mention are part of the broader policy that SWCI is working on, but in which we all have a high degree of interest.

—Original Message—

**From:** Watt, Linda, MS (H) [SMTP:WattL@hq.southcom.smil.mil]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2002 4:00 PM  
**To:** suchangm@state.sgov.gov  
**Cc:** 1TFQ@state.sgov.gov; cheshemi@centcom.smil.mil; finneyjd@state.smil.mil  
**Subject:** establishment of jtf-170 at Guantanamo

greg - i have just reviewed the execute orders from cjcs and cincsouth for the establishment of the new jtf-170 at Guantanamo. these were released over the weekend and provide for the transfer of the operations of the joint interagency interrogation function from the current jtf-160 to the new jtf-170, which will be commanded by mg dunlavey. jtf-170 will also be responsible for the worldwide management of interrogation of suspected terrorists detained in support of us military operations, so this is a significant expansion of the current mandate. supporting law enforcement and potential war crimes proceedings is also part of the mission.

i see a number of state dept equities in play here:

- foreign government access
- consultations w/ host govts on deployments of the "mobile detainee review and screening teams"
- repatriations - who, why, when, where, and how
- coordination with other govts on war crimes policies
- public diplomacy/information ops
- public affairs
- myriad legal questions

the cjcs exord called for a position in the jtf of an "osd special assistant for policy matters". state dept liaison with this person will need to be both formal and informal.

the list above is not meant to be all-inclusive; it is based on my first reading. i suggest that you ask the working group and/or whoever the right people are to take a look at those exords (state was on distribution) to think about what we may need to do to stay in the loop and to make sure foreign policy concerns are dealt with early and often. i will do my best, but think this may get beyond my capacity to cover effectively along with all the other balls that are in the air, especially when a new cinc gets on board and we hit the road even more often that we do now. even helping me to define what will be done at the washington level in existing or new channels vs what i need to worry about down here would be a great help.

all the best,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E LANDFAIR  
 DATE/CASE ID: 05 OCT 2004 200303827

1

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

linda

Linda E. Watt  
Foreign Policy Advisor  
U. S. Southern Command  
(305) 437-1012

<sup>2</sup>  
UNCLASSIFIED

---