

Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL)

From: Miller, Ronald W
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 2:13 PM
To: Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL)(MLA)
Subject: RE: Guantanamo prisoner question

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Only thing DoD will acknowledge is that all detainees at GTMO, regardless of their age, are considered enemy combatants. No one has been given prisoner of war status. DoD will not discuss the other questions, or agree to provide GOM or AI updates. ron

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From: Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL)
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 1:59 PM
To: Miller, Ronald W(S/WCI)
Cc: Valderrama, Diana; Walters, Danika; Sicade, Lynn M
Subject: RE: Guantanamo prisoner question

over to S/WCI...any info?

-----Original Message-----

From: Walters, Danika
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 1:48 PM
To: Sicade, Lynn M; Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL)
Cc: Valderrama, Diana
Subject: Guantanamo prisoner question

Lynn, Chris:

Embassy Mexico City is requesting information on children detained at Guantanamo (see #4 below). Do either of you have current information to answer these questions? dw

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June 03, 2003

To: SECSTATE WASHDC - ROUTINE

Action: WHA

From: AMEMBASSY MEXICO (MEXICO 4515 - ROUTINE)

TAGS: PHUM, MOPS, KTIA, AF

Captions: None

Subject: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REQUEST INFO ON ANY CHILDREN
 DETAINED IN GUANTANAMO

Ref: None

1. This message contains an action request; see para 5.

2. On May 30, POL Minister Counselor met with representatives of the Mexico office of Amnesty International (AI). The AI reps requested information on the status of any children that are being detained at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, as a consequence of the Afghan conflict. It is the particular characteristic of AI that the country offices do not cover the country in which they are located. Thus the

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Mexico office covers the U.S., hence the AI request for information thru the Embassy.

3. AI reps presented the PolMinCouns with a letter addressed to President Bush to be forwarded to him. The letter expresses their concern with the welfare of children under 18 allegedly detained at Guantanamo. The letter also calls for the children, s immediate access to family and legal assistance.

4. AI has petitioned us for responses to the following questions concerning any children detained at Guantanamo:

-the status conferred by the USG on children detained in Guantanamo.

-Requests that the Embassy inform AI of any changes in the children's status.

-the number of children detained in Guantanamo as well as their names, ages, nationalities, and conditions in which they are being held.

-the number of prisoners released from Guantanamo, and info as to if any children were among those released.

-requests the Embassy ensure delivery of AI,s letter to President Bush.

5. AI representatives asserted that DOD officials (Rumsfeld, et al.) have publicly admitted that there are children interned in the detention facilities at Guantanamo.

6. Action requested: Post requests guidance on the appropriate response and information that can be released to AI on the questions above concerning children detained in Guantanamo.

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Additional Addressees:

None

cc:

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Danika X Walters 06/04/2003 01:35:24 PM From DB/Inbox: Danika X Walters

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