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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.

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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. Processing. Newly assigned interrogators/debriefers will familiarize themselves with the folders in the S: drive 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.

8. Collector-Analyst Cooperation. The Iraq Survey Group (ISG) has a Deputy Director, Operations responsible for operational matters, and a Deputy Director, Analysis responsible for analytical matters. Under the Deputy Director, Analysis are several functional teams, each responsible for a functional area, such as: regime strategic intent, nuclear, chemical/biological, delivery systems, procurement, etc. The analysts and subject matter experts (SME) on the functional teams provide Source Directed Requirements and evaluations with follow-on questions to the JIDC for collection. The JIDC collectors and the functional team analysts/SMEs coordinate with each other in order to enhance the collection effort. The interrogator is in charge of the interrogation, but should make use of the availability of the analyst/SME in the planning and preparation phase of the interrogation, and, as appropriate, a readily available expert to assist in the interrogation.

9. Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA). When LEAs, such as CID or FBI, question HVDs, they must come to JIDC for access to the HVD, coordinate with the assigned interrogator, and obtain a chit to be given to the admin person at the SCF. In order to separate intelligence collection from law enforcement or war crimes questioning, the interrogator normally steps out of the interrogation once it begins, so that the law enforcement officer can read the suspect his rights, and so that the interrogator is not a witness to war crimes questioning subject to subpoena to testify in court.

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PROCEDURES

10. HVD Interrogations. All interrogations are based on valid intelligence community standing requirements, including Source Directed Requirements (SDR), evaluations of IIRs with follow-on questions, HUMINT Collection Requirements (HCR), Ad Hoc Requirements (AHR), and Time-Sensitive Collection Requirements (TSCR). Based on these standing requirements, interrogators schedule necessary interrogations of the HVDs assigned to them. Scheduling requires, at least the following steps.

- a. Going to the Interrogation Control Element (ICE) Log Book, on the ICE Scheduling NCO's desk to find the next available interview time. Normally, interviews are scheduled in three blocks of time, one morning, one afternoon, and one early evening. This is required because there is a limited number of interview booths, linguists, and transportation available.
- b. Once registered in the logbook, the ICE scheduling NCO will make an entry in the JIDC database for the interview, and will fill out a chit to be handed to the Secure Confinement Facility (SCF) admin person, at Camp Cropper.
- c. The interrogator must insure that a linguist is assigned for the interview and his/her name annotated in the logbook. Linguists are assigned thru the ICE Scheduling NCO and the JIDC Linguist Coordinator (a senior contract linguist).
- d. At the appointed time for the interview, the interrogator will sign for the keys to a JIDC vehicle, meet up with the linguist, and drive to the SCF, at Camp Cropper.
- e. Once inside the SCF, the interrogator will provide the chit identifying the HVD to be questioned to the admin person, who will assign an interview room, and send an MP for the HVD. Upon completion of the interview, either the interrogator or linguist will notify the admin person that the interview is complete, and the admin person will send an MP to retrieve the HVD.
- f. Upon return to the JIDC, the interrogator will update the logbook and JIDC database with the required information for tracking of the contact.
- g. If no reportable intelligence information was obtained from the interview, the interrogator will write a Contact Memorandum and submit it to the team chief or Operations Officer.
- h. Requisite source administration reports (KB, BSD) and intelligence information reports (Spot Report, IIR) are written by the interrogator, and submitted to the team chief or Operations Officer. If the interrogation was conducted with the assistance of an analyst/SME present in the booth, the interrogator should let the analyst/SME consult in the writing of and/or review the resultant reports. The linguist can also be a participant in writing the report, especially when Arabic names and places are prominent throughout the report.

i. Planning and preparation for the next interview is conducted.

11. Downtown Platforms. If assigned to a downtown platform, the interrogator or debriefer will attend the mission brief. Failure to attend the mission brief could jeopardize the conduct and success of the mission, or result in mission cancellation. The interrogator or debriefer will be transported to the downtown platform venue by the JIDC Security Team. At the site, the collector will conduct the screening of walk-in sources or debrief the scheduled sources, and upon return to JIDC will write the requisite source admin and intelligence information reports in a timely manner.

12. Site Exploitation. If assigned as the debriefer for a site exploitation mission, the interrogator or debriefer will attend any briefings scheduled, and accompany the site exploitation team, performing the interviews of key personnel or Iraqis present, as tasked. Any intelligence information obtained will be written up as appropriate.

13. Functional Team Support. Some functional teams have dedicated JIDC debriefers assigned to support them. Such a debriefer is the "go to person" for interrogation support to the team.

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14. Translations. Whenever documents are obtained, such as letters for/from HVDs, requests from HVDs, homework assignments, etc., they will be submitted via the inbox in the ICE area, and after the linguists have translated the material, it will be recovered from the ICE area, and used as appropriate.

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