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Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] says that he worked in Iraq from 11/11/2003 through 1/15/2004 at Baghdad International Airport, interviews at Camp Cropper and Abu Ghraib Prison, and was involved in an SSE in Fallujah. He also did some Evidence Response Team work at locations in Baghdad, as this was his initial primary assignment as one of the 16-person deployment from the New York office. [redacted] [redacted] never had any concerns about detainee mistreatment by the [redacted] base officer. it was "all very professional." *	[redacted] interview 1 at 01:00-04:00, 06:30-07:20, 11:30-12:04, 19:43-21:30
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] says that the High Value Detainee joint interviews he did in Iraq at Camp Cropper with military personnel were with the detainee's military handler/chief interrogator, he thinks from the 323rd Military Intelligence unit, present. To conduct an interview with such a detainee [redacted] would have to go to that unit's central office at Camp Victory, meet with the military interrogator and indicate what he wanted to talk about, and schedule the interview. Generally, the military interrogator would observe, but at times would assist in directing the detainee in answering questions. However, such involvement was minimal. *	[redacted] interview 1 at 04:00-06:30, 11:30-12:03
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] says that in one of the High Value Detainee joint interviews he did at Camp Cropper, he and his partner [redacted] had one concern about a military interrogator, whom they felt was allowing the detainee to deflect some of their questions, and avoid answering them. [redacted] thought that a relationship	[redacted] interview 1 at 06:30-11:43

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	<p>between the detainee and the military interrogator was the problem. This interfered with the agents efforts to develop themes by asking about something from several different directions and in different ways, and disrupted the flow of the questions. [redacted] and [redacted] then met with the interrogator's supervisor and asked the supervisor to ask the interrogator to stop acting in ways that interfered with their questioning. There were no further issues in that regard after that. [redacted] never had any concerns about detainee mistreatment by the military interrogators. *</p>		b6 Per FBI b7C
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	<p>[redacted] says that Iraq was a new environment outside of the US for Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. He says that the training he received included training on Federal Bureau of Investigation standards of conduct by someone from the NY office's of Chief Division Counsel, including deadly force policy, and due process issues given the absence of an Iraqi constitution. For example, Sensitive Site Exploitations there did not have to be conducted the same way and on the same basis that a search warrant would be executed in the US, including probable cause issues. However, since they are Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, there was an expectation that some of their standard procedures under due process requirements would be followed in order to conduct themselves professionally. He DNR whether he was told to conduct detainee interviews the same way he would interview someone here in the US, but he took away from the briefing that while he did not have to advise detainees of their Miranda rights, he was still expected to act professionally and abide by the same ethical standards. Coercion vs rapport was not specifically covered but he thinks it was understood by all that coercion by Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel was not permitted. *</p>	[redacted] interview I at 13:15-18:49	b6 Per FBI b7C
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	<p>[redacted] says that in his briefing before deployment to Iraq the fact that he would be working in joint interview settings with military interrogators was not discussed per se. However, it was explained that this was a military theater, that the military was in control there, and generally that the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents would be working with the military with respect to detainees.</p>	[redacted] interview I at 18:49-21:00	b6 Per FBI b7C
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu	<p>[redacted] says that once he got to Iraq, it became clear to him that he would be doing much more in terms of detainee interviews than he had expected, and he</p>	[redacted] interview I at 21:00-23:05	

01/15/2004	learned from departing Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel how the military personnel would be involved, and what the process entailed.	
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] says that at Quantico before deployment, Counter Terrorism Division - FBI personnel provided two days of training. One of the people who came in to talk to them was the HQ person who headed the unit with substantive responsibility for the Iraq theater - International Terrorism Operations Section 2. He talked about the investigative operations and what to expect in Iraq itself. He DNR any discussion about working with military interrogators or interviewing detainees who had already been interviewed by military personnel.	[redacted] Interview I at 23:05-24:43
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] says that his response to question 19 says that he did receive some information, about the standards of conduct for the treatment of detainees by non-FBI personnel, from military intelligence personnel. About one month prior to deployment, he and others were required by the military to go to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, for processing re vaccinations, medical records, country briefings, and to be issued gear. Those attending were not only Federal Bureau of Investigation but also contractor personnel. The instruction touched upon a little bit concerning how to work with the military there, what to expect, cultural and environmental do's and don'ts, identification of various military units. However, there was nothing really specific as to the treatment and interrogation of detainees, and nothing concerning the differences between what is allowable conduct for Federal Bureau of Investigation compared to military personnel. He said yes to this question, but he thinks "maybe" is what he should have said. What he learned about the differences between what is allowable conduct for Federal Bureau of Investigation compared to military personnel probably happened once he got to Iraq when preparing for detainee interviews in terms of the tone of the interview. His response to question 24s, that acceptable parameters for military interviewers was not discussed with him by either Federal Bureau of Investigation or non-FBI personnel.	[redacted] Interview I at 24:43-28:15, 32:35-33:15
Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004	[redacted] DNR having any disagreements or disputes with military interrogators concerning techniques to be used with high value detainees. He had a very good working relationship with them, and it was his understanding that the military personnel had already worked with other Federal Bureau of Investigation	[redacted] Interview I at 28:15-30:48

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<p>Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004</p>	<p>personnel, so the system had already been established. *</p> <p>_____ says as to question 25, he believes what is to be reported and how and to whom it should be reported should be clearly stated in writing, as well as how that report will be passed up the chain of command. He has no problem speaking up if he sees something he thinks is wrong, but not everyone is the same.</p>	<p>_____ Interview 1 at 34:00-35:55</p>	<p>b6 Per FBI b7C</p>
<p>Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004</p>	<p>_____ confirms he did not have information about the forms of conduct described in the questionnaire, and says he neither observed nor heard from someone who did the enclosure of a detainee in a sleeping bag to induce feelings of claustrophobia. Everything he encountered was very professional at Camp Cropper, Abu Ghraib Prison, and elsewhere. To the limited extent he saw portions of Abu Ghraib Prison, he saw nothing that could be considered to be mistreatment. He had no occasion to go into the brick and mortar main prison building beyond the mess hall, and never went into the cell block detention areas. *</p>	<p>_____ Interview 1 at 36:00-39:38</p>	<p>b6 Per FBI b7C</p>
<p>Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004</p>	<p>_____ says that he did not observe any interviews done by others. He estimates that he interviewed about 15 different detainees, some multiple times. None of these detainees ever complained to him about their treatment by any US personnel. *</p>	<p>_____ Interview 1 at 41:53-43:10</p>	
<p>Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004</p>	<p>_____ DNR any instructions from Edwin L. Worthington or _____ concerning interaction with the military concerning detainees or reporting requirements.</p>	<p>_____ Interview 1 at 44:10-44:42</p>	<p>b6 Per FBI b7C</p>
<p>Tue 11/11/2003 - Thu 01/15/2004</p>	<p>_____ says that he did not observe any detainee injuries which by their nature suggested detention abuse. During a large-scale set of Sensitive Site Exploitations on Christmas eve and day in the greater Baghdad area, he was working in an in-processing facility where evidence gathered was inventoried and processed, he did see some detainees with nicks and scrapes but nothing that required medical attention. His belief was that these were sustained during capture. There was one detainee at Camp Cropper who had scars from what looked like burns on his arms. A military interrogator explained to _____ that the detainee had been using a burn barrel when US troops arrived at a scene to destroy documents, and had burned himself in that process. *</p>	<p>_____ Interview 1 at 45:15-49:25</p>	<p>b6 Per FBI b7C</p>
<p>Tue 11/11/2003</p>	<p>_____ did no interviews of detainees at night at Abu Ghraib Prison.</p>	<p>_____ Interview</p>	

- Thu 01/15/2004	Starting about 20 to 30 days into his deployment the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not allow its personnel to be at Abu Ghraib Prison after dusk due to security threat information then available. *	I at 49:25-50:23	
01/17/2004	[redacted] says that he was debriefed concerning his Iraq deployment by the New York Office Rapid Deployment Office in the ADIC's conference room a week or two after he got back, and no one from HQ Counter Terrorism Division - FBI participated in that debriefing. They focused on what the deployed agents liked and did not like, and employee support and logistics issues. He DNK whether the results of the meeting were forwarded to anyone in HQ. *	[redacted] Interview I at 39:38-41:44	b6 Per FBI b7C
Fri 10/14/2005	[redacted] says that his EOD date is 3/28/1999, and since he then has worked in the New York Division. He had previously worked as a police officer in Arizona and Minnesota.	[redacted] Interview I at 00:20-01:00, 34:00-34:20	b6 Per FBI b7C
Fri 10/14/2005	[redacted] says he is not aware of any photos or videos depicting what could be considered detainee mistreatment or otherwise inappropriate behavior by US personnel other than what has appeared in the media. *	[redacted] Interview I at 44:55-45:15	
Fri 10/14/2005	[redacted] says that before this interview, no one in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has contacted him asking questions about his work or observations in Iraq. After he returned, he may have fielded some questions from others who were going to be deployed trying to get the lay of the land, so to speak. But no one contacted him as part of any investigation. He was not aware of the Inspections Division - FBI inquiry in May 2004 concerning Abu Ghraib Prison, and was not contacted by anyone in Office of the General Counsel - FBI either. He heard of someone coming to NY and talked to some personnel including SA [redacted] works and sits near [redacted] in New York, and they are friends. [redacted] had for Abu Ghraib Prison the same kind of primary responsibility for detainee interviews that [redacted] had for Camp Cropper. [redacted] DNK why he was not interviewed as part of that inquiry. *	[redacted] Interview I at 50:23-52:40	b6 Per FBI b7C