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[Redacted] (Div13) (FBI)

From: [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 2:29 PM

To: [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI)

Cc: BATTLE, FRANKIE (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI); [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI)

Subject: Issues in Afghanistan

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In the future please adhere to the chain of command. Although the AD, DAD and SC had no problem with your email, we (MLDU) could have saved everyone alot of time handling your request. I realize [Redacted] were out of pocket, if that happens in the future contact [Redacted] or I at anytime or via SIOC after hours. We have been handling these issues often and we have all served in Afghanistan. I realize you just hit the ground and we know the fustration of standing down. As of right now, all Afghan ops are suspended i.e.. SSEs and Interviews and Interrogations, we are working to resolve this issue and hope to be back operational in the next 24 hours. We will notify [Redacted] when the situation changes.
Thank you in advance, [Redacted]

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SSA [Redacted]
CTD/MLDU
Room 5382

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

From: [Redacted] (Div13) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 7:47 AM

To: BALD, GARY M. (Div13) (FBI)

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Subject: Requests immediate clarification to Bagram Mission

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(S) Gentlemen, I apologize for not pushing this up thru the chain of command. Please read this in detail. We advertised that we could support interrogations forward or in the rear and we are now being asked by TF [Redacted] to provide 2 agents forward, short duration as part of a military interrogation team based on MR. Balds previous meeting with [Redacted] Based on guidance received to date this request seems reasonable. These missions are in support of interrogations not SSEs. Due to the urgency of the situation and the two issues I have addressed in this email, I need an answer ASAP. I will reach out per telcall,

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Thanks, [Redacted] ~~SECRET~~

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To: CTD Senior Management

From: SSA [redacted] Bagram Airbase

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(S) Subject: Requests immediate clarification and guidance regarding FBI mission support to TF [redacted] Bagram Airbase

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(S) Bottom line up front, the 4 man team (1 SSA ITOS 1 and 3 Fly Away Team Agents) assigned to TF [redacted] Bagram AFB, requests immediate guidance regarding two matters in Afghanistan.

1. Role as Interrogators

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[redacted] Under the current TF [redacted] task organization, and in accordance with AD Bald's agreement with [redacted] the four above mentioned FBI agents will be incorporated into a group of interrogators that includes eight L3 contract interrogators, most of which are former U.S. Army interrogators fresh from operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The [redacted] is now run by a Marine Major with significant oversight from U.S. Army Senior Officers. The operation is in its infant stages and TF [redacted] is working to formulate a plan on the specific day to day operations at the facility. At the present time, due to the issues at Abu G prison in Iraq, all interrogations have been suspended at the [redacted] until further notice.

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(S) Given the recent events in Iraq at Abu G prison, the Command at TF [redacted] has restricted the use of all Geneva Convention approved stress induced interrogation methods for the time being to include placing

detainees in stress positions, muzzled dogs, sleep depravation, etc. Although these methods have been temporarily placed on hold, they will in all likelihood be activated again in the near future.

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On 5/12/2004, in meetings with senior TF [redacted] leadership, SSA [redacted] clearly advised the senior TF [redacted] Intelligence officer and the OIC of the [redacted] that FBI personnel would not and could not, under any circumstances employ stress methods as described above in the course of their interviews, regardless of their legality under the Geneva Convention. SSA [redacted] explained the skill set FBI agents bring to the table and how the FBI goes about our interview/interrogation process. TF [redacted] leadership listened and concurred with SSA [redacted] statements and are now working to implement a

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Approximately 30 minutes ago, SSA [redacted] was advised that 2 of the 4 FBI agents in our party

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(S) (former Army Rangers SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] have been requested by the senior leadership of TF [redacted] to go forward as a Mobile Interrogation Team (MIT) in support of an upcoming operation within the next 24 hours. b6 b7C

(S) The team of FBI agents assigned to TF [redacted] respectfully and strongly recommend that members of this team be allowed to go forward under specified conditions in order to fully support TF [redacted] in the as FBI interrogators as agreed upon between the AD Bald and [redacted]

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This recommendation is made given the following considerations:

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(S) It is strongly recommended that FBI agents assigned to TF [redacted] be allowed to travel to forward sites after they have been secured (considered safe) during the final consolidation phase on secured objective sites. Just as in domestic FBI investigations, it is imperative for FBI agents to see and analyze their subjects as early as possible upon arrest in order to ascertain the subject's locations, activities, equipment etc. at the crime scene. In order for the agent to be most effective it is necessary therefore; for the agent to see the crime scene. Further, the longer the time the subject is removed from the capture site, prior to his interview, the longer he will have to fabricate his story. It is recommended, therefore, that FBI agents be allowed to travel forward, as part of the follow-on consolidation effort, to assess subjects at target sites, once the sites have been secured (safe) and follow the subject (s) from the location of capture back to the [redacted] location in rear and follow on interview/interrogation operations. b6 b7C

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(S) - Lastly, SSA [redacted] has been queried by numerous members of the leadership of TF [redacted] since arrival at Fort Bragg, N.C. and subsequent deployment to Afghanistan, regarding the capabilities of the 4 agents being assigned to the task force. Based on initial guidance provided at FBIHQ, SSA [redacted] has consistently advised the leadership of TF [redacted] (to include [redacted]) that all 4 agents possess the necessary equipment in order to integrate with specified support military forces, on a limited bases, in forward deployed, short term operations as FBI INVESTIGATORS who possess unique interrogation skills. SSA [redacted] has reiterated that the 4 agents assigned to the TF [redacted] are FBI INVESTIGATORS first and foremost (not tactical operators) who can bring a skill set to both rear and forward area operations that would significantly compliment the overall counterterrorism mission in regard to interrogations. It is requested, therefore, that agents

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(S) assigned to TF Omaha be given the discretion to travel forward to secured objective sites as FBI INTERROGATORS in support of AD Bald's agreement with [redacted] If CTD guidance has changed regarding the mission of agents assigned to TF [redacted] as FBI INTERROGATORS, regarding their activities being restricted to rear areas only, it is respectfully requested that SSA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] be notified immediately in that the leadership of TF [redacted] is expecting 2 Agents to deploy forward in support of upcoming operations as FBI interrogators within the next 24 hours.

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SSA [redacted] can be reached at:

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SSA [redacted] On Scene Commander (Kandahar)

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