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Subject: Re: GITMO

E-mail went down before I could reply. My best guess is that we'd like to have a professional assessment prepared. I don't think that would be a waste of your time.

I'll be back in touch Monday, I hope.

Spike Bowman

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Spike,

Thanks for moving ahead on this. It's my understanding that the Judge Advocate assigned to the CITF has already documented and forwarded these issues up his DOD chain. I have not seen the documents, but our people on the ground say that he hasn't received any written response to his concerns.

You're right that from a behavioral perspective, it is our professional opinion that the DHS interrogation tactics we discussed have been, and will likely continue to be, counterproductive. We have not at our level documented this to DOD; but have raised these issues with GTMO management. We could include our opinion in an FBIHQ document to DOD if that is how this will be addressed. I fully agree that this issue raises larger policy issues that go beyond the behavioral assessment support function that our SSA's here provide at GTMO.

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>>> MARION Bowman 11/15 3:02 PM >>>

I've talked with Ken Wainstein about the issue you pose. I think we need to raise this up a bit as there are significant policy concerns here, including the ability to obtain information. It's Friday afternoon and everyone is getting the end-of-the-week stuff dumped on them so I probably won't be able to get to Mefford until late and probably not D'Amuro at all today but will as soon as possible -- likely Monday.

Meanwhile, let me pose a question to you. You guys are invited to be there for a purpose and the purpose is to help determine how best to get information from the individual detainee. You're telling me, and I agree, that the tactics being employed by DHS (is it only DHS or other military as well?) are dysfunctional. Might it be useful if you were to pen a professional opinion to that effect and provide it to an appropriate military manager? It could be to a GITMO manager or at any level up the food chain (I have lots of military contacts including into JCS) depending on what our guys think is most useful.

Time-wise, I'm concerned because I know there are lots of visitors to the site, including media. And, if memory serves, Red Cross has a permanent apartment there. All it would take would be a short press article about the jack-booted interrogators -- of which FBI is a part -- to irritate our European partners and launch Congressional hearings. My concern is not for individual actions, at least as you've described them to me, but for cumulative ones that demonstrate systemic behavior.

I'd be interested in learning, if anyone hears, of the judge advocate's success or lack thereof in his attempts to dissuade this behavior.

Spike Bowman

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