Talking Points for Telephone Call to

Senator Feinstein January 4, 2005

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Appreciate your letter to me dated December 30, 2004

Calling to assure you that my testimony before the Committee on May 20, 2004 regarding . FBI reports of detainee mistreatment was intended to be <u>forthcoming</u> and I regret any impression that you may have had to the contrary.

As I testified, we were continuing to look into reports from FBI Agents regarding mistreatment of detainees but, at the time of the hearing, my testimony and my responses to questions <u>accurately reflected my knowledge at that time</u>.

At the time of the hearing, I may not have been aware of the specific documents recently released to the ACLU, but I was aware of some of the concerns raised by Agents in some of those documents

- (1) the conduct of a female Marine Sgt.
- (2) the use of duct tape on a detainee
- (3) the handling of Detainee #63

As I testified, the FBI relayed these incidents to DoD Personnel.

I <u>apologize</u> if Committee was left with the impression that reports received from FBI Agents were not serious.

<u>Subsequent to the hearing, we contacted each FBI Agent who had served at GTMO</u> to inquire whether any mistreatment of detainees had been observed. Additional information surfaced as a result of that survey and is in the process of being reviewed for referral to DoD.

<u>I will have to defer to the pending OIG investigation into these matters with regard</u> to the other questions contained in your letter.

MISCELLANEOUS -

I <u>apologize</u> that Committee was not advised prior to FOIA release to ACLU. This reflects only a glitch in the process at FBIHQ, not an intentional effort to withhold information from Congress.

<u>Documents</u>: We are currently working with DOJ to provide the Committee with the requested documents.

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