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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

CJSOTF-AP-CO

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Service Members in CJSOTF-AP

SUBJECT: Command Emphasis on Proper Detainee Treatment

1. Our primary mission is to find hostile forces, and then capture or kill them. This applies to every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine in CJSOTF-AP. However, our work does not end there. When we capture detainees, we must aggressively exploit them for battlefield intelligence.
2. But there are limits: We must treat all detainees properly. I want to emphasize the following:
  - a. Saddam's regime tortured people - Americans will not. Do not sink to Saddam's level.
  - b. You may not interrogate detainees "at all costs." Use only approved interrogation techniques, and treat all detainees as Prisoners of War (POWs) under the Geneva Convention.
  - c. Treat all detainees humanely. Give them essential food, water, sleep and medical care.
  - d. International law states that "no physical or mental torture, nor any other form of coercion, may be inflicted on POWs to secure ... information of any kind.... POWs who refuse to answer may not be threatened, insulted, or exposed to unpleasant ... treatment of any kind."
  - e. POWs must always "be protected, particularly against acts of violence or intimidation."
  - f. Protect yourself from accusations of torture. Document injuries that occur during an arrest, and document the detainee's condition when you turn him over to a detention facility.
3. Commanders must immediately re-emphasize these points down to the lowest level. Do not let a team conduct a mission, or hold a detainee, unless you are confident they will follow these rules.
4. Service members must immediately report all suspected violations. Commanders must investigate all reports. Violations may be prosecuted under the UCMJ and the Law of War.
5. I do not want to sacrifice intelligence opportunities. We must aggressively interrogate and exploit detainees for intelligence, but we must do it properly. There are many effective and legal techniques for gathering intelligence, and I expect you to use them.

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