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Director's Q&A from NSLB

Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing July 27, 2005

Detainees

These questions come directly from the transcript of the SASC hearing with Craddock, Schmidt and Furlow.

. Q. The two unsubstantiated claims of abuse cited in the Schmidt Furlow report were made by an SA that was not made available to Generals Schmidt and Furlow. Has this been rectified? Was SA interviewed? What was the result?

A. SA interview was requested by DoD in January 2005. DoD was advised that SA was unavailable at that time for medical reasons. DoD made no further requests for SA interview. Following General Schmidt's and Furlow's recent congressional testimony, a second request was received and she was interviewed by DoD and OIG investigators in Boston, MA. The results of this interview have not been shared with the FBI.

Q. In the questioning of Generals Craddock, Schmidt and Furlow we asked about their access to two pertinent unredacted FBI documents provided to the Senate by the FBI; a May 30th 2003 EC and a May 10th 2004 e-mail. When were these documents provided to the DoD investigators and did you provide unredacted copies?

A. The May 30 2003 EC was formally produced in unredacted format to DoD on January 6, 2005. It or its contents were likely shared much before that at the "working level." The May 10, 2004 e-mail was produced by the Task Force to OIG on 11-19-04. It was part of a FOIA release to the ACLU which was made available to DoD in unredacted format. The email described how FBI concerns about aggressive DOD interrogation techniques were so serious that agents in Guantanamo had guidance to stand clear when the techniques were used. The e-mail stated that in weekly meetings of officials from the FBI and the Justice Department's Criminal Division, quote, "We all agreed DOD tactics were going to be an issue in Military Commission cases."

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