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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: ONCE COB AND ALL OTHER STATION "COBALT"
PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH INTERROGATIONS AND/OR "COBALT"
HAVE READ THIS CABLE, PLEASE PROVIDE A CONFIRMATION FOR THE RECORD. ANY
NEWLY ARRIVED STATION PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH INTERROGATIONS
AND/OR SHOULD READ THIS CABLE AND FORWARD A
CONFIRMATION FOR THE RECORD. IT IS SEPARATE TRAFFIC WILL PROVIDE YOU THE DCI GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION OF DETENTION FACILITIES. MANY THANKS.

2. ON 28 JANUARY 2001 THE DCI APPROVED A SET OF "GUIDELINES ON INTERROGATIONS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2001." THESE GUIDELINES SUMMARIZE THE OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL GUIDANCE THAT HAS GUIDED THIS PROCESS FROM ITS INCEPTION, AND PROVIDE A READY REFERENCE FOR ALL AGENCY PERSONNEL WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES. AS ALWAYS, NO STANDS READY TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT THAT MAY BE NEEDED. BEST REGARDS.

1. BEGIN TEXT OF DCI GUIDELINES:

GUIDELINES ON INTERROGATIONS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2001

These guidelines address the conduct of interrogations of persons who are detained pursuant to the authorities set forth in the memorandum of notification of 17 September 2001.

These guidelines complement internal directorate of operations guidance relating to the conduct of interrogations. In the event of any inconsistency between existing guidance and these guidelines, the provisions of these guidelines shall control.

1. PERMISSIBLE INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Unless otherwise approved by headquarters, CIA officers and other personnel acting on behalf of CIA may use only permissible interrogation techniques. Permissible interrogation techniques consist of both (A) standard techniques and (B) enhanced techniques.

Standard techniques are techniques that do not incorporate physical or substantial psychological pressure. The 2 techniques include, but are not limited to, all lawful forms of questioning employed by US law enforcement and military interrogation personnel. Among standard techniques are the use of isolation, sleep deprivation not to exceed 72 hours, reduced caloric intake (so long as the amount is calculated to maintain the general health of the detainee), deprivation of reading
MATERIAL. USE OF LOUD MUSIC OR WHITE NOISE (AT A DECIBEL LEVEL CALCULATED TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE DETAINEE’S HEARING), AND THE USE OF DIAPERS FOR LIMITED PERIODS (GENERALLY NOT TO EXCEED 72 HOURS OR DURING TRANSPORTATION WHERE APPROPRIATE).


2. MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL

APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL SHALL BE EITHER ON SITE OR READILY AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AND TRAVEL TO THE INTERROGATION SITE DURING ALL DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS EMPLOYING STANDARD TECHNIQUES, AND APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL MUST BE ON SITE DURING ALL DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS EMPLOYING ENHANCED TECHNIQUES. IN EACH CASE, THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL SHALL SUSPEND THE INTERROGATION IF THEY DETERMINE THAT SIGNIFICANT AND PROLONGED PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INJURY, PAIN, OR SUFFERING IS LIKELY TO RESULT IF THE INTERROGATION IS NOT SUSPENDED. IN ANY SUCH INSTANCE, THE INTERROGATION TEAM SHALL IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE FACTS TO HEADQUARTERS FOR MANAGEMENT AND LEGAL REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INTERROGATION MAY BE RESUMED.

3. INTERROGATION PERSONNEL

THE DIRECTOR, DCS COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE INTERROGATION OF PERSONS DETAINED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN THE NPA HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY SCREENED (FROM THE MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SECURITY STANDPOINTS), HAVE REVIEWED THESE GUIDELINES, HAVE RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AND HAVE COMPLETED THE ATTACHED ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

4. APPROVALS REQUIRED

WHENEVER PRACTICAL, ADVANCE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF STANDARD TECHNIQUES BY AN INTERROGATION TEAM. IN ALL
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INSTANCES, THEIR USE SHALL BE DOCUMENTED IN CABLE TRAFFIC. PRIOR APPROVAL IN WRITING (E.G., BY WRITTEN MEMORANDUM OR IN CABLE TRAFFIC) FROM THE DIRECTOR, DCI COUNTERTERRORIST CENTER, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CHIEF, CTC LEGAL GROUP, IS REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF ANY ENHANCED TECHNIQUES(ES), AND MAY BE PROVIDED ONLY WHERE DC/TC HAS DETERMINED THAT (A) THE SPECIFIC DETAINEE IS BELIEVED TO POSSESS INFORMATION ABOUT RISKS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OTHER NATIONS, (B) THE USE OF THE ENHANCED TECHNIQUE(S) IS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THAT INFORMATION, (C) APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE USE OF THE ENHANCED TECHNIQUE(S) IS NOT EXPECTED TO PRODUCE "SEVERE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PAIN OR SUFFERING," AND (D) THE PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY THE ENHANCED TECHNIQUE(S) HAVE COMPLETED THE ATTACHED ACKNOWLEDGMENT. NOTHING IN THESE GUIDELINES ALLOWS THE RIGHT TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE.

5. RECORDKEEPING

IN EACH INTERROGATION SESSION IN WHICH AN ENHANCED TECHNIQUE IS EMPLOYED, A CONTEMPORANEOUS RECORD SHALL BE CREATED SETTING FORTH THE NATURE AND DURATION OF EACH SUCH TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED, THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE PRESENT, AND A CITATION TO THE REQUIRED HEADQUARTERS APPROVAL CABLE. THIS INFORMATION, WHICH MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A CABLE, SHALL BE PROVIDED TO HEADQUARTERS.

APPROVED:

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE    29 JANUARY 2003

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