Timeline Regarding Destruction of Abu Zubaydah Videotapes

30 November 2002
OGC attorney reviews the videotapes.

9 January 2003
OGC attorney drafts MFR concluding that the cable traffic accurately described the interrogation methods employed and that the methods conform to the applicable legal and policy guidance.

1 April 2004:

11 May 2004
GC attends meeting at the White House and is told by Addington and Gonzales not to destroy the tapes (NFI).

4 November 2005
At ODDO request, CTC drafts language to be included in a cable from GC requesting DDO approval to destroy the tapes. CTC sends the language to DDO and the ODDO front office, as well as OGC for approval. The plan was for GC to cut and paste the text into a cable and send it to HQs for approval.

5 November 2005
Sends cable requesting approval to destroy the tapes.

8 November 2005
DDO releases cable authorizing the destruction of tapes.

10 November 2005
CTC sends a note to GC saying he has gotten concurrence on the language for the cable. He also says that he understands GC's
going to call [REDACTED] with the language for the cable rather than email it to him.

(TS/REDACTED) receives the note and replies that the exchange with [REDACTED] has already taken place. He phoned the language to [REDACTED] sent the cable. He notes that DDO already approved the destruction of the tapes.

(TS/REDACTED) AGC learns that the tapes were destroyed and contacts DCIA Chief of Staff. AGC notes that DNI and Harriet Miers as recently as a few months ago opposed the idea of destroying the tapes. He states they need to be notified of the destruction as well as others.