I would like to take advantage of your first-hand observations of the AZ interrogations to review them with you. Please see me to discuss the nuances of the interrogations. When will the tapes of the interrogations arrive here? They should all be catalogued and made into official record copies. The CIA has not had such a responsibility for a long time, so we want to make sure we know how to keep "in bounds." We may need to get some guidance to the field. Thank you!
STAFF

TO: IMMEDIATE INFO DIRECTOR.

FROM: DCG INFO.

SLUGS: EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF VIDEOTAPES

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF VIDEOTAPES

REF: A.
B.

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE REVIEW BELOW GUIDANCE.

2. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH [REDACTED]

ON 05 SEPTEMBER 2002, HQS ELEMENTS DISCUSSED THE DISPOSITION OF THE VIDEOTAPES DOCUMENTING INTERROGATION SESSIONS WITH ([ABU ZUBAYDHAH]) THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING STORED AT WITH PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION TO THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN REF A PARAS 2 AND 3 AND REF B PARA 4. AS REFLECTED IN REFS, THE PARTICIPANTS OF THIS MEETING CONCLUDED THAT THE CONTINUED RETENTION OF THESE TAPES, WHICH IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, REPRESENTS A SERIOUS SECURITY RISK FOR OFFICERS RECORDED ON THEM, AND FOR ALL OFFICERS PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS; THEY ALSO RECOGNIZED THE ADDITIONAL CONCERNS DESCRIBED IN REFS, SUCH AS THE DANGER TO ALL AMERICANS SHOULD THE TAPES BE COMPROMISED. IN THIS POSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCE, THERE ALSO EXISTS A CLEAR DANGER THAT THE OFFICERS PICTURED ON THE TAPES COULD BE SUBJECT TO RETRIBUTION FROM AL-QA'IDA ELEMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, THE PARTICIPANTS DETERMINED THAT THE BEST ALTERNATIVE TO ELIMINATE THOSE SECURITY AND ADDITIONAL RISKS IS TO DESTROY THESE TAPES. THE BEST MECHANISM FOR DESTROYING THE TAPES FOLLOWS:

A. DEPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]
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B. POLICY ON USAGE OF TAPES: STARTING IMMEDIATELY, IT IS NOW HQS POLICY THAT RECORD ONE DAY'S WORTH OF SESSIONS ON ONE VIDEOTAPE FOR OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, UTILIZE THE TAPE WITHIN THAT SAME DAY FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEW AND NOTE TAKING, AND RECORD THE NEXT DAY'S SESSIONS ON THE SAME TAPE. THUS, IN EFFECT, THE SINGLE TAPE IN USE WILL CONTAIN ONLY ONE DAY'S WORTH OF INTERROGATION SESSIONS. (A SPECIFIC EXCEPTION TO THIS TIMETABLE MAY BE MADE WHERE REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF A PARTICULAR DAY'S SESSION.)

3. HQS IS CONFIDENT THAT UNDERSTANDS THE REASONING BEHIND ABOVE POLICY FOR THE VIDEOTAPE. THIS WILL ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF OFFICERS AT HQS WILL ADVISE DETAILS OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE SEPARATELY. THANK YOU AND BEST REGARDS.

END OF MESSAGE
[SEPARATOR PAGE]
STAFF

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FROM: DDO INFO

SLUGS: 

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C. STAFF

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4. FILE

END OF MESSAGE

SECRET

SECRET 2705678 OCT 02 STAFF

CITE: 

TO: IMMEDIATE INFO DIRECTOR.

FOR: 

SECRET /ORCON/NOPORN//HR
1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE BELOW AND PARA SIX. REQUEST
REPLY, VIA IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE, THAT YOU HAVE READ AND
UNDERSTAND MY INSTRUCTIONS AS DETAILED BELOW.

2. IT WAS A MISTAKE TO MOVE
TAPES IN LIGHT OF REF C GUIDANCE. I AM PROVIDING YOU WITH THE PRECISE AND
DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE
TAPES. I EXPECT THESE TO BE FOLLOWED WITHOUT DEVIATION.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE TAPES NOW HELD THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED:
A. NO TAPES ARE TO BE DESTROYED UNTIL SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION
IS SENT BY HQS.
B. EACH TAPE IS TO BE LOGGED IN BY TAPE NUMBER AND DATE.
C. AFTER THE
5. I will forward, via separate message, additional instructions concerning...

6. In the event you require additional assistance in the handling of the tapes, I have identified a senior HQS officer I am prepared to immediately deploy to assist in these matters. Please advise.

END OF MESSAGE
[SEPARATOR PAGE]
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END OF MESSAGE

SECRET
TO:  
SLUGS:  
AND DESTRUCTION OF  
SUBJECT: EYESONLY  
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL  
REF: A.  
B.  
C.  
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WORTH OF INTERROGATION SESSIONS. (A SPECIFIC EXCEPTION TO THIS

TIMETABLE MAY BE MADE WHERE REQUIRED IN THE CASE OF A PARTICULAR

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3. HQS is confident that understands the reasoning behind above policy for the videotapes. This will ensure the protection and safety of officers. HQS will advise details of the deployment of the separately. Thank you and best regards.

4.

END OF MESSAGE

CC:
Scott W. Muller
John A. Rizzo

Sent on 20 December 2002 at 09:44:34 AM
Review of Interrogation

Videotapes

1. A review of the videotapes of the interrogations of two al-Qa'ida detainees confirms that the cable traffic accurately describes the interrogation methods employed.

2. The cable traffic accurately describes the interrogation methods confirmed.
SUBJECT: Review of Interrogation Videotapes

5. [TS/]
   I inventoried all the interrogation materials. In addition to the 31 videotapes, the materials included 61 videotapes. a logbook of notes:

7. [TS/]

PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS AND WORK PRODUCT
SUBJECT:  
Review of Interrogation Videotapes

I used a logbook to record notes.

I reviewed every minute of the videotapes in either the "play" or "play/fast forward" mode. My review of the videotapes confirms the cable traffic description that this
There is nothing remarkable about the interrogation and debriefing.

10. I reviewed every minute of the videotapes in the "play" mode.

My review confirms that the cable traffic accurately describes the interrogation methods employed.
13. [TS/□□□□□] In summary, my review of the videotapes confirms that the cable traffic accurately describes the interrogation methods employed.
Subject: FYI — Early Background on Videotapes (Four Cables): EYES ONLY
GUIDANCE ON RETENTION OF VIDEO TAPES OF ABU ZUBAYDAH

1. ACTION REQUIRED: 1) PLEASE DO NOT TAPE OVER OR EDIT
VIDEOS OF ABU ZUBAYDAH'S INTERROGATIONS, 2) PLEASE PRESERVE
ALL VIDEOS.

2. HQS/APPRECIATES REF A COMMENTS AND THANKS FOR WORKING TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN
ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING VIDEO RECORDING OF [(ABU ZUBAYDAH)]'S
INTERROGATION SESSIONS. WE REITERATE REF B GUIDANCE, HOWEVER, AND
ASK THAT RETAIN ALL VIDEOS OF AZ'S INTERROGATIONS, AND
THAT LEAVE THOSE VIDEOS UNEDITED. THOUGH WE RECOGNIZE
THAT THE TAPES MAY BE CUMBERSOME TO STORE, THEY OFFER EVIDENCE OF
AZ'S CONDITION/TREATMENT WHILE IN [REDACTED] CARE THAT MAY BE OF VALUE IN THE FUTURE (APART FROM ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE).

END OF MESSAGE

TOP SECRET
18 June 2003

INTERVIEW REPORT

INTERVIEWEE: [Redacted]

PREPARED BY: [Redacted]

CASE: (U) Review of Interrogations for Counterterrorism Purposes,

(U/A incarcerable) On 17 June 2003, the [Redacted], Office of Inspector General, interviewed [Redacted] in conjunction with a review of Agency practices regarding the interrogation of individuals for counterterrorism purposes. This interview began at 0930 and concluded at [Redacted].
When asked if it was consistent with guidance, I would have to check guidance before.
When the session was complete, the report acknowledged that there was no time or date stamp on the video and that the tapes do not cover the whole period stating "the tapes alone would not give you a complete picture." Nevertheless, compared on the tapes with the description in the cable and "they corresponded." Everything else about the description is accurate. It tends to confirm the cable's viewed "every minute in play mode."

explained that in some cases there was only one-half hour of video recording on a tape, noting that personnel did not just change tapes when they ran to the end of the spool. when a taped interrogation session ended on a videotape, play/fast forward through the remaining static or "blue" screen, to the end of the tape. for many of the tapes, on ½ of the tape "there was nothing." On some tapes it was apparent that the VCR had been turned off and then turned back on right away.

on other tapes, the video quality was poor and on others the tape had been reused (taped over) or not recorded at all. the label on some tapes read "interrogation session," but when viewed there was just snow. did not make note of this in report. estimated that a "half dozen" of the videotapes had been taped over or were "snowy."

9. the audio on some of the tapes was difficult to hear

.. did not
detect any mechanical problems with the tapes checked each one visually to see that it was rewound not aware of any tapes that were broken
14. [redacted] review of the interrogation videotapes saying "all aggressive sessions" were conducted with videotaping, adding, "I'm satisfied I saw tapes of the entire aggressive phase." Everything the cables reported "I can verify. I do verify." Report is accurate and I didn't feel pressured to reach a particular conclusion with respect to the tapes. When asked whether conclusion that the tapes "confirm" the cable traffic was overstated replied that the tapes "tend to confirm what is in the cables," and "do nothing to discredit any of the cables." Added that received no pressure from management to report in a certain way.
DESTRUCTION OF VIDEO TAPE

Located the following correspondence relating to the destruction of the video tapes. (In reverse chronological order)

2005-11-08

Request approval to destroy video tapes - please check and provide to HQS if you have access.

2005-11-08

DDO approves request to destroy video tapes - please check and provide to HQS if you have access.

2003-01-02

Requests approval to destroy video tapes - please check and provide to HQS if you have access.

2003-08-04

Requests HQS' decision regarding video tapes.

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TOP SECRET//SI//ORCON//NOFORN//MR

TJT: 042200Z AUG 03

TO: ____________________________

FROM: ___________________________

SLUGS: __________________________

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF MAGNETIC MEDIA

TOP SECRET//SI//ORCON//NOFORN//MR
TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 2 BELOW.

2. APPRECIATE MAINTAINING CONTROL OF ALL MAGNETIC MEDIA LISTED IN REF. PLEASE FORWARD INVENTORY DOCUMENT TO AND UPON RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF INVENTORY LIST HQS WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR FINAL DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL. PLEASE NOTE THAT INVENTORY LIST SHOULD ONLY CONTAIN LISTING OF MAGNETIC MEDIA FROM PROJECT AND NOT THE VIDEOTAPES IN POSSESSION. THANKS AND REGARDS.

3. FILE:

END OF MESSAGE
TOP SECRET/SI//CRCON/NOFORN//MR

SLUGS: 
SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA
REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR
   DISPOSITION OF HARD DRIVES AND MAGNETIC MEDIA.

2. 

3. FILE: NONE.

CABLETYPE: 

END OF MESSAGE

(04Aug03) EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF MAGNETIC MEDIA
(04Aug03) EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF MAGNETIC MEDIA

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TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR INFO IMMEDIATE

FOR: 

SLUGS: 

SUBJECT: EYES ONLY - DISPOSITION OF MAGNETIC MEDIA

REF: A. 
B. 

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE. FYI ONLY.

2. PER PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, PLEASE PROVIDE WITH A CABLE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AUTHORIZING REF ACTION.

3. FILE: NONE.

CABLETYPE: 

END OF MESSAGE

(09Dec02) EYES ONLY - INVENTORY AND REVIEW OF INTERROGATION VIDEOTAPES

CITE:

TO:

FOR:

TOP SECRET

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ACTION REQUIRED: NONE; FYI ONLY.

2. ON 03 DEC 02, CONDUCTED AN INVENTORY OF ALL VIDEOTAPES AND OTHER RELATED MATERIALS CREATED AT DURING THE INTERROGATIONS OF AL-QA'IDA DETAINEES ZAYN AL-'ABIDIN MUHAMMAD ((HUSAYN)) AKA ABU ((ZUBAYDAH)) AND 'ABD AL-RAHIM AL-((NASHIRI)) AKA MULLAH ((BILAL))

IN SUMMARY, CURRENTLY POSSESSES A TOTAL OF 92 REPEAT 92 TAPES AND THREE OTHER ITEMS (ONE EACH: OFFICER LOGBOOK; PORTFOLIO OF AZ NOTES AND DRAWINGS; AND ENVELOPE NOTES).
3. In accordance with Ref A, completed his review of the videotapes and the related cables in accordance with Ref D itinerary.

4. Inventory of videotapes

(All dates are 2002)

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VIDEOTAPES

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TO:  IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

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FROM: DDO

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Sir, FYI.

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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

FOR:
SLUGS: [redacted]

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FOR: [Redacted]

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Please see three cables in blue with red parenthetical comment to you below as [redacted] owns access to those cables. Please provide [redacted] with a copy of these cables. Thank you.

Subject: ATTENTION: OIG Additional Cables Related to Videotape Destruction

Forwarded by: [redacted] on 12/20/2007 10:41 AM

TOP SECRET//ST//ORCON//NOFORN//MR

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could not find the cable in its searches.

(19Aug03)
To: Dusty Fogg

cc: 

Subject: short backgrounder - part 2

Dusty - ok - on the Zabaydah tapes - I am no longer feeling comfortable. While I understand Jose's 'decision' (and believe the tapes were bad news) I was just told by Rizzo that [redacted] DID NOT concur on the cable - it was never discussed with him (this is perhaps worse news, in that we may have 'improperly' destroyed something). In fact, it is unclear now whether the IG did as well. Cable was apparently drafted by [redacted] and released by Jose; they are only two names on it, so I am told by Rizzo. Either [redacted] lied to Jose about 'clearing' with [redacted] and IG (my bet) or Jose misstated the facts. (It is not without relevance that [redacted] figured prominently in the tapes, as [redacted] was in charge of [redacted] at the time and clearly would want the tapes destroyed.) Rizzo is clearly upset, because he was on the hook to notify Harriet Miers of the status of the tapes because it was she who had asked to be advised before any action was taken. Apparently, Rizzo called Harriet this afternoon and she was livid, which he said was actually unusual for her. Rizzo does not think this is likely to just go away. Rizzo has advised [redacted] of this latest 'wrinkle.' Sounds like we will regroup on Monday.
Dusty - at both the DO update and right after the G-7 the issue of the Abu Zubaydah tapes were discussed. You may recall these concern the tapes which were made during his interrogations at [redacted] and being held by the [redacted] of that country. It was recommended to previous DO management that the tapes be destroyed. This was after the [redacted] had reviewed them and deemed that transcripts were an accurate reflection of what happened and they were no longer needed from their perspective. [redacted] For whatever reason it seems, previous DO asked (nfl) someone (nfl) downtown and as a result got cold feet and did not order them destroyed. Current [redacted] not wanting - smartly - to continue to be custodian of these things was advised to send a cable asking for guidance. He did so. Guidance just sent - cleared by [redacted], DDO and [redacted] - told him to destroy. He did so. Rizzo found out today this had occurred as was upset - apparently because he had not been consulted - not sure if there was another reason. He raised at DO update but was 'calmed' (only slightly) when told [redacted] had approved. Jose raised with Porter and myself and [redacted] after G-7 and explained that he (Jose) felt it was extremely important to destroy the tapes and that if there was any heat he would take it. (PG laughed and said that actually, it would be he, PG, who would take the heat.) PG, however, agreed with the decision. As Jose said, the heat from destroying is nothing compared to what it would be if the tapes ever got into public domain - he said that out of context, they would make us look terrible; it would be 'devastating' to us. All in the room agreed but noted that we needed to find out Rizzis concern and whether it was substantive or just being 'left out.' Jose was going to pursue this. Believe this is end of it, but in case it comes up, you need the background.
Below is the information for the cable granting approval to destroy the video tapes.

DIRECTOR
Document Date: 08 NOV 2005
File Number: [REDACTED] - No clue about this file number, searched in with zero returns.
Subject: EYES ONLY FOR - DDO APPROVAL TO DESTROY VIDEO TAPES
First, and most obvious, Jay Bybee's 1 Aug 2002 memo to John Rizzo stated, in part, "Moreover, you have also orally informed us that although some of these techniques may be used with more than once, that repetition will not be substantial because the techniques generally lose their effectiveness after several repetitions." (p. 2) and again, "You have indicated that these acts will not be used with substantial repetition, so that there is no possibility that severe physical pain could arise from such repetition." (p. 11). The OIG review determined that Abu Zubaydah was subjected to waterboard sessions, consisting of at least 83 separate exposures, assured us that he gave regular updates to DoJ (i.e., John Yoo at OLC) during this time frame, and DoJ was aware of the real numbers, but we were never able to verify this with DoJ, as INV management at the time elected not to interview witnesses outside the building. In addition to the disparity in numbers, the method of water application as recorded on the tapes was at odds with the Bybee opinion.
FYI, Attached is your very fine summary. One note—the attached summary table was subsequently refined.
TO (OIG) staff conducted interrogation review work

that the interrogations, including the application of enhanced interrogation techniques (EITs), were in compliance with applicable statutes and Department of Justice legal opinions. intended to interview all personnel who had assisted related to supporting an interrogation field operation. related to the medical effects of techniques and methods applied. Zubaydah's initial debriefings application of EITs, and his final debriefings. Interviews were
conducted of

waterboard applications

work conducted

included interviewing three

Regarding the interviews conducted reinforced the need to have a consistent approach to the interrogation process. The EIT methods employed, including the waterboard, posed no real threat to the physical well being of the detainees.
Summary of Abu Zubaydah Waterboard Exposures
We have set up a meeting for 1340 hours on Friday 10 Jan to discuss the disposition of the AZ tapes. In advance of that meeting, request CTC draft a short paper for the DCI that will describe our proposed plan of action. The paper will need to lay out our decision to move forward with the destruction of the tapes, and our plan to ensure that both the Hill and NSC will support this decision. If I can have the paper by COB Thurs, I will try to get it to the DCI to read in advance of the meeting. Many thanks!
Timeline Regarding Destruction of Abu Zubaydah Videotapes

30 November 2002: 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.

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: GC attends meeting at the White House and is told by Addington and Gonzales not to destroy the tapes.

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

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

5 November 2005: GC 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 saying he has gotten concurrence on the language for the cable. He also says that he understands as
going to call [REDACTED] with the language for the cable rather than email it to him.

(TS/AGC) 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/AGC) 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.
Interview Questions for

1. Provide background on your assignment to CTC and responsibilities related to interrogations.

2. Provide history of interrogation program from your perspective including legal authorities and approval of use of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques (EIT) including any parameters for EIT use.

3. What interrogation methods were employed?

4. How were the interrogation methods used reviewed and vetted?

5. What was the process for ensuring compliance with the DOJ opinion?

6. What were your impressions of the operation including management of the facility, care of the detainees, and methods used by the interrogators?

7. Were there any...

8. What is the background related to the decision to videotape interrogations?

9. What are your views regarding whether the tapes should be destroyed?

10. What was the rational for transferring responsibility for interrogations from...

11. What interrogation methods were employed?

12. How were the interrogation methods used reviewed and vetted?
13. What was the process for ensuring compliance with the DOJ opinion?

14. What were your impressions of the operation including management of the facility, care of the detainees, and methods used by the interrogators?

15. Are there any?

16. Were you aware that the "Hard Takedown" technique was used?

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19. What interrogation methods were employed?

20. How were the interrogation methods used reviewed and vetted?

21. What was the process for ensuring compliance with the DOJ opinion?

22. What were your impressions of the operation including management of the facility, care of detainees, and methods used by the interrogators?

23. Are there any?

24. Were you aware of the specific EIT used on Nashiri?

25. What were your communications with the interrogation teams as?

26. When did you first become aware of?

27. Provide background
28. What is your working relationship with...

29. What are your responsibilities related to the screening process for people going to the field?

30. What policies and procedures have been provided for interrogations?

31. What controls are in place to prevent future problems?

32. How can the interrogation program be improved?

33. What training is now being provided?
THE CIA INTERROGATION OF ABU ZUBAYDAH

March 2001 - Jan. 2003
CIA Interrogation Techniques: Abu Zubaydah.

(TS) Abu Zubaydah: Terrorist Activities

- Abu Zubaydah was born a Palestinian and now holds Saudi citizenship. He was a senior lieutenant to Bin Laden.

- At the time of his capture in Pakistan, he was heavily involved in al Qa'ida's operational planning, and had previously been an external liaison and logistics coordinator.

- Taking him out of circulation has hurt al-Qa'ida operations in key nodes and helped disrupt a number of ongoing plots.

(//NF) Injuries at Time of Capture

- Abu Zubaydah was hit by two bullets during the arresting operation. A second bullet caused a large wound in his leg.

- Abu Zubaydah was provided adequate and appropriate medical care.

- The medical treatment the Agency provided to Abu Zubaydah saved his life. He should now be considered healthy, other than some leg and knee pain.

(//NF) Highlights from Reporting by Abu Zubaydah

- Information from Abu Zubaydah—who was captured in late March—led to the capture of other operatives, and continues to provide some of our most valuable insights into the inner workings of al-Qa'ida. Over time, he has become more willing to cooperate on many issues, and his extensive familiarity with other al-Qa'ida terrorists and their methodologies daily helps us identify ways to exploit other detainees and to assess the credibility of reporting from a variety of sources.
• Abu Zubaydah identified Jose Padilla and Binyam Muhammad as al-Qa’ida operatives who had plans to detonate a uranium-topped "dirty bomb" in either Washington, DC, or New York City. Both have been captured.

• In addition, Abu Zubaydah identified a senior al Qa’ida operator in [redacted].

• As of mid-December 2002, Abu Zubaydah had been the source of over [redacted] disseminated counter-terrorism intelligence reports.
Interrogation Techniques Used on Abu Zubaydah

- The Agency used both routine and enhanced interrogation techniques against Abu Zubaydah.

- After consulting with the NSC and DOJ, CTC originally approved 24-48 hours of sleep deprivation.
In April 2002, CTC learned that due to a misunderstanding that time frame had been exceeded.

- However, CTC advised that since the process did not have adverse medical effects or result in hallucination (thereby disrupting profoundly Abu Zubaydah's senses or personality) it was within legal parameters.

- After first using routine interrogation techniques, the interrogation team concluded that Abu Zubaydah continued to withhold critical threat information, including the identities of al Qaida operatives in the US, that in order to elicit those identities the use of more aggressive techniques was required and that the use of those techniques would not engender lasting, and severe mental or physical harm.

- Abu Zubaydah has employed a host of resistance techniques. He is the author of a seminal al Qaida manual on resistance to interrogation methods.

- The Agency sought and received Department of Justice approval for the following enhanced techniques.

- Specific interrogation team members may request prior approval from Headquarters to employ any or all of the enhanced techniques.

- Where a specific time period was allowed for a particular technique, a timekeeper was used to ensure that the techniques was only employed within the timeframes authorized.

- Agency employees engaged in the interrogation are complemented by expert personnel who possess extensive experience, gained within the Department of Defense, on the psychological and physical methods of interrogation (SERE) and the resistance techniques employed as countermeasures to such interrogation. These expert medical personnel were present throughout the interrogations.

- It is not and has never been the Agency's intent to permit Abu Zubaydah to die in the course of interrogation and appropriately trained medical
personnel have been on-site in the event an emergency medical situation arises.

- DOJ approval for use of the enhanced techniques in specific instances relies on our representation that those techniques, when applied by appropriately trained personnel, should not produce severe mental or physical pain or suffering.

- Indeed, DOJ concluded that the use of enhanced techniques carefully applied by appropriate personnel pursuant to prior Headquarters approval would not have the "specific intent" to inflict severe mental or physical pain or suffering, and therefore would not violate the law.

- For these reasons, we fully document in advance any decision to employ any enhanced techniques, along with the criteria that have been employed in making those decisions.

- The use of enhanced interrogation techniques proved productive; Abu Zubaydah provided additional useful information.

- Medical evaluations were conducted on Abu Zubaydah before and during the interrogations. In addition, a psychological profile was conducted on him before the interrogations began.
Videotapes. In 2002 an experienced OGC attorney, who had not previously been involved in this matter, reviewed the applicable legal and policy guidance governing the permissible interrogation methods and the cable traffic, and interviewed CTC and personnel knowledgeable about the matter.

The attorney inventoried the interrogation materials—videotapes, logbook, notebook, and psychologist's notes—and reviewed the videotapes.

The attorney concluded that the cable traffic did in fact accurately describe the interrogation methods employed and that the methods conformed to the applicable legal and policy guidance.

After this review, the General Counsel advised the DCI that OGC had no objection to the destruction of the videotapes, but strongly recommended that the new leadership of the committees first be notified about the existence of the tapes and the reasons why the Agency has decided to destroy them.

Guidelines. CTC drafted "Guidelines on Interrogation Standards" and "Guidelines on Confinement Conditions for CIA Detainees". The guidelines are being coordinated. Once approved, all Agency personnel involved in interrogations or detentions will review these guidelines and acknowledge in writing that they have read and understand them.

Training. CIA has established an interrogation program to train interrogators on techniques generally, enhanced techniques specifically, facilities, security, and the approval process.
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AZ was a senior lieutenant to UBL. At the time of his capture in Pakistan he was heavily involved in Al Qaeda's operational planning, and had previously been an external liaison and logistics coordinator.

AZ has corroborated intelligence on key Al Qaeda planners and facilitators, and has provided information on Al Qaeda's CBRN program and on individuals associated with that program. Information from AZ was instrumental in the capture near Chicago of Jose Padilla, a "dirty bomb" plotter, explosives expert, and terrorist trainer at Qandahar. AZ also identified a senior Al Qaeda operator in

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