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Sect. 33(a)(1)

PR 260521Z MAR 03  
FM COMAST  
TO ASNCOMD-MEAO  
CTG 633.1  
CTG 633.2  
CTG 633.3  
CTG 633.4  
INFO MCC AST  
LCAUST  
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SOHQ SYDNEY  
MCC AST OPS  
LHQOPS  
HQAC AIROPS  
ADHQOPS  
COMAST LNO CENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL  
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SUBJ: OF FALCONER - FRAGO 14 TO COMAST EXECUTO 02/03  
A. CDF AUSTRALIA I3P OF 250440Z MAR 03 - CDF EXECUTO 02/03 - CP  
FALCONER AMP 07  
1. SITUATION.  
A. REF A PROVIDED CDF GUIDANCE ON AS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF  
GENEVA CONVENTION III, ARTICLE 27 OF GENEVA CONVENTION IV AND TASKED  
COMAST TO ENSURE COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS.  
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.  
3. EXECUTION.  
A. CDF INTENT. IN ORDER TO FULLY COMPLY WITH AUSTRALIAN  
OBLIGATIONS LAW THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, DEFENCE FILM AND/OR  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES ARE NOT  
TO BE PUBLICLY RELEASED WITHOUT DGMPA APPROVAL. HOWEVER, FORCE IS  
NOT TO BE USED AGAINST JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMEN OR ANY OTHER NON-ADF  
PERSON TO PREVENT THE FILMING OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF PW, CIVILIAN  
DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES.  
B. TASKS. ASNCOMD-MEAO AND CTG ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF GENEVA CONVENTION III, ARTICLE 27 OF GENEVA  
CONVENTION IV AND THE FOLLOWING COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.  
C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.  
(1). DEFENCE FILM AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND  
CIVILIAN INTERNEES ARE NOT TO BE PUBLICLY RELEASED WITHOUT DGMPA  
APPROVAL.  
(2). ADF COMMANDERS AND PERSONNEL ARE TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES IN  
THEIR CUSTODY OR WITHIN ADF FACILITIES OR VESSELS TO BEING FILMED OR  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANY NON-ADF PERSON (JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMAN OR ANY  
OTHER RELEVANT PERSON INVOLVED).  
(3). INCIDENTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED BY TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO PREVENT  
PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES FROM BEING PLACED IN  
PUBLIC VIEW. HOWEVER, IF FILMING IS OR BECOMES INEVITABLE, THEN ADF  
COMMANDERS AND PERSONNEL ARE TO:  
(A) REQUEST JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMEN OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT  
PERSON INVOLVED NOT TO FILM OR PHOTOGRAPH THE FACES OF

) PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES, OR IF THIS HAS OCCURRED THAT THOSE IMAGES NOT BE SHOWN OR TRANSMITTED, OR THAT THE FACES BE BLANKED OUT, AND (B) ADVISE JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMEN OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT PERSON INVOLVED THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUESTS WILL BE A BREACH OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, AND THAT IF A BREACH DOES OCCUR, THEN JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMEN OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT PERSON INVOLVED, AND THEIR ORGANISATION, MAY BE DENIED FURTHER REPORTING RIGHTS.

(4). FORCE IS NOT TO BE USED AGAINST JOURNALISTS, CAMERAMEN OR ANY OTHER NON-ADF PERSON TO PREVENT THE FILMING OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

(5). ADF PERSONNEL ARE NOT TO TAKE PERSONAL IMAGERY OF ANY PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

(6). PW, CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES IN ADF CUSTODY OR WITHIN ADF FACILITIES OR VESSELS ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY THE MEDIA.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. NO CHANGE.

6. POC: Section 41

7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT. ACK VIA SIGNAL TO HQAST.

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