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CJTF-7-SJA

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MEMORANDUM FOR OIC, Abu Ghurayb Special Interrogation Facility, Iraq

SUBJECT: ABU GHURAYB, Saddam Fedayeen Interrogation Facility (SFIF) Detainee Interrogation Policy

1. Memorandum for CJTF-7, C2X OPS dated XX August 2003 (Attachment 1) has been referred to this branch for comment on the interrogation methods outlined in the AGIF Interrogation Policy. The policy substantially complies with the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, and the Interrogation TTPs are drawn from the current US Army interrogation manual, FM 35-42.

2. In the case of Security Internees, the only guidance in Geneva Convention IV (Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War), is that they shall be treated with humanity. The law courts, both domestic and international have been reluctant to define 'humane treatment' in the context of military operations, except in the most extreme cases, such as serious sexual assault, permanent physical impairment, starvation or death. The Interrogation TTPs proposed would appear to fall well short of inhumane treatment or torture, although the duration of Interrogation TTPs need be monitored. An Interrogation TTP, like any physical or psychological duress, will eventually amount to inhumane treatment.

3. In summary, the AGIF Interrogation Policy and TTPs are legally adequate for an Operational level interrogation facility, providing there is a real military imperative for the interrogation, and that the duration of each TTP is does not substantially exceed the time limits described in the TTP matrix. This advice is subject to approval by the CJTF-7 Detainee and Interrogation Board in the next fortnight.

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