

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.
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2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2004/06/04
3. TIME 1700 hours
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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
6. SSN
7. GRADE/STATUS

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
A Company, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade

9. I WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I arrived at Abu Ghraib (AG) with the advanced party at the end of July 2003. I am an interrogator with A Company, 519th MI Bn, 525th MI BDE. My job for the first week or so was to set up tents and computer systems for operations and help establish living quarters. After the camp was set up, my duties shifted to developing and maintaining a database which tracked all detainee interrogations performed by my unit. CW1 [redacted] was very familiar with the database. During my time at AG, I conducted only 5 or 6 interrogations. Initially, the prison was set up into two areas separated by a cinder-block wall. Military Police (MP) managed the detainees on both sides, while our unit interrogated the detainees only in one side of the prison (where fewer detainees were held). Operations and quarters for the Trojan Spirit operators were in tents up until the mortar attack of 20 Sep 2003, after which operations moved into hardened structures and the Trojan spirit operators moved into our living quarters. The Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC) was set up at the end of Sept or early Oct with the arrival of reserve or national guard elements and the 205th MI BDE. The Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE) were very clear and well known by all interrogators. Prior to the IROE's approval by Combined Joint Task Force 7, my unit instructed us to be extremely conservative in interrogation roles and techniques. I signed acknowledgement statements stating I had read and understood the IROE on at least one occasion. [redacted] and CW2 [redacted] had a large role in developing the IROE because of their experience in interrogation operations in Afghanistan. The IROE for Iraq was very similar to the one used in Afghanistan. The Iraq IROE was more detailed and specific than that used in Afghanistan. The IROE required that specific approval had to be obtained for certain more aggressive interrogation techniques. I do not remember specifically which techniques required the approval process. All interrogation plans were submitted to the interrogation team leaders, and if necessary, to CW2 [redacted] or [redacted]. The interrogation plans and interrogation approaches requests were not maintained in the database. After the command elements of the 519th MI Bn left, [redacted] was in charge of the facility [redacted] reported directly to COL PAPPAS who arrived at AG in late Oct or early Nov 2003. After this change in command, and a visit by LTG SANCHEZ, there was much more pressure to produce more reports. There was also a tendency by officers to micromanage our interrogations and an increase in superfluous paperwork. During Oct 2003, I did not notice any differences in the actions of the MPs towards detainees. If anything, the MPs made things easier for the detainees, providing them with catered meals and opportunities to play sports in the facility. I never witnessed nor heard of detainee abuse or mistreatment by MPs. I never witnessed or heard of the use or requested use of guard dogs by MPs or interrogators. Guard dogs were used, unmuzzled, but leashed along with loud music, as an intimidation means during detainee inprocessing in Afghanistan. The dogs were not used during subsequent interrogations. I never witnessed or heard of Military Intelligence (MI) personnel requesting MPs to abuse detainees. I never witnessed or heard of MPs offering to abuse detainees on behalf of MI. I never witnessed or heard of unauthorized photography taking place at AG. We were specifically told that only during screening operations were photographs to be taken of the detainees. We could not and did not take photographs of detainees or their living tents or in the cell blocks where detainees were held. The difference in our operation in Afghanistan and our operation in Iraq was primarily the number of detainees. In Afghanistan, the low number of detainees allowed us to interrogate each detainee at least two to three times and in some cases, up to 70. Also, in Afghanistan, the low number of detainees allowed the MPs to effectively control and prohibit communication between detainees. In Iraq, the large number of detainees combined with the few number of MPs affected their management. The MPs were unable to effectively enforce detainee segregation and silence. At AG, detainees were strip searched and medically screened upon entrance to the facility. Outside this, I never witnessed nor heard of detainees being forced to disrobe. I never witnessed nor heard of detainees wearing female undergarments. I was told that [redacted] the contract interpreter, was a great interpreter. I was acquainted with him and had several discussions with him but never about specific interrogations or detainee operations. I left AG on 16 December 2003.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THIS STATEMENT?
A: NO
END OF STATEMENT

10. EXHIBIT
11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT
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WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE [redacted] HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

[redacted signature]  
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 4th day of June, 2004 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

[redacted signature]  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[redacted name]  
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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