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 BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
 APO AE 09354

REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF

CJTF-180-IG

7 MAR 04

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, CJTF-180, Bagram, Afghanistan, APO AE 09354

SUBJECT: Inspector General Sensing Session, FOB 191, Firebase Chapman, 29 February 2004

1. The CJTF-180 IG conducted a sensing session of the FOB 191 at Chapman as part of an inspection on detainee operations on 29 February 2004. The sensing session consisted of only 1 group of NCOs. The following paragraphs contain comments from this session. These comments are perceptions of soldiers who participated and are not necessarily founded facts.

2. **Sensing Session Group 1 – NCOs.** The only sensing session held was for NCOs. Their questions and responses are as follows:

Question #1 Do you have a unit SOP to take, handle, and care for detainees/PUCs? 12 of 12 NCOs replied yes that they had an SOP, but it was the 191 FOB SOP and it came from higher, that they did not create an SOP.

Question #2 How quickly do you hand over PUCs to MPs?
 The NCOs unanimously replied that the PDR is submitted within the first 72 hours of capture. However, they stated that it might take 2 to 3 weeks to move the PUC. The reason is the lack of ring support and the fact that the FOB escorts the PUC. Rarely do MPs or other soldiers come from the rear to escort a PUC back to a detention facility.

Question #3 Is mistreatment of a PUC an SIR? 12 of 12 NCOs replied yes and that whoever observed it would report it, and that the chain of command would initiate the SIR and the commander FOB 191 would initiate a commander's inquiry.

Question #4 Did your unit train on Law of War prior to deploying or during deployment?

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12 of 12 NCOs replied yes that they had received both the annual briefing and one at the MUIC (mobilization site). They unanimously stated that it was a briefing and that it wasn't hands on training. Their SRC folders were not brought forward to Afghanistan. Their Operations Sergeant Major has the SRC packets.

Question #5 What do you use to track and account for captured personnel? Capture Reports, interrogation notes, custody logs, OPSUM/INTSUMs.

Question #6 How do you account for money taken from captured/detained personnel? Everything goes into a bag. If it is significant we log it. In a dangerous environment we will wait to inventory the belongings until we get back.

Question #7 What do you allow a captured/detained person to keep on their person? A blue PUC uniform, other than that 12 of 12 NCOs stated that they allowed a detained person to keep nothing.

Question #8 Do you tag captured or detained persons or their property? Some NCOs said that they never get tagged, except when they are flying to BAF. The ODA puts a number on their forehead.

Question#9 Does your SOP cover the 5 S's? What do you consider an item of intelligence. 12 of 12 NCOs stated that their SOP did cover the 5 S's. They consider items of intelligence radios, papers, phone numbers, and money in large sums.

Question #10 Does your SOP include the date of capture, grid coordinates of capture, and how the person was captured? All said yes and that they record any injuries that the PUC acquired before he was captured. They make an assessment of the medications that they have on their person. They stated that each PUC usually has a package of medicines on him.

Question #11 How do you prevent physical or mental torture or coercion of the detained person? Don't do it. They stated that they provided professional treatment to the PUCs. In their opinion, the PUCs have a better standard of living than our criminals in jail in the US. They told a story about a PUC that they shot at the front gate and they gave him 10 liters of blood and kept him alive when they could have let him bleed to death for firing upon their firebase.

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Question #12 If a detained person refuses to answer your questioning can threaten the Detainee? Can you insult the Detainee? They stated that they could threaten the PUC that he was going to Cuba. 12 of 12 said they couldn't threaten bodily harm. They can accuse him of lying, but, they don't really know what the interpreter is saying to the PUC or how it translates.

Question #13 How do you take care of prisoners basic needs for food, water, clothing, shelter, and medical treatment? 12 of 12 NCOs replied good. They get 3 hots and a cot. During Ramadan we fed the PUCs at 0300 am because they won't eat in the day.

Question #14 Do you keep detainees near fuel, ammo, or commo equipment? 12 of 12 NCOs replied no, that the enemy could exploit them.

Question #15 Do you believe that you are required to report acts of poor treatment of detainees or PUCs? 12 of 12 said yes.

Question #16 Do you know whom you could report violations of detainees or PUCs rights to? Chain of command, CID, IG, and SJA.

Question #17 Has anyone ever witnessed anyone murder anyone? 12 of 12 NCOs replied No.

Question #18 Have you ever seen anyone torture or beat anyone? 12 of 12 NCOs replied No.

Question #19 Have you ever seen anyone deprive a PUC of their 5 senses? If so, why and for how long. 12 of 12 NCOs replied Yes. They stated that they did this during movement, within the compound, and upon initial capture.

Question #20 Has anyone seen anyone cruelly treat or degrade a PUC? 12 of 12 NCOs replied No.

Question #21 How do you treat PUCs or detainees? Good/Fair/Poor? 12 of 12 felt that we were treating PUCs good.

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Question #22 How do you safeguard a PUC against public curiosity? 12 of 12 felt that we were safeguarding PUCs good. In fact they stated that they were building a new facility so that the Local National workers can't see them. We keep PUCs from hurting themselves. Transport in a closed vehicle, GMVs, or a Pickup truck.

Question #23 Has anyone ever taken a picture of a PUC? Standard photo for intelligence value. To document past injury.

Question #24 What would you do if you found a PUC with large sums of money? We use a PUC kit, flexicuffs, cravat, prisoner tag, screening report, Ziploc bag; basic stuff. (Kerlix wrap). We are not supposed to use sandbags.

Question #25 What is the rule for deadly for against a PUC in the event that they are escaping? 4 of 12 NCOs dead not believe that deadly force was authorized against n escaping prisoner. They stated to use common sense and that within their perimeter they would use the minimum amount of force.

5. Point of contact is the undersigned at DSN (b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2 or (b)(6)-2 & (b)(7)(C)-2

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