

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

COMBINED/JOINT TASK FORCE (CJTF)-180 OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN APO AE 09354

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

CJTF-180-IG

18 FEB 04

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

SUBJECT: Inspector General Sensing Session, Ghecko Forward Collection Point 16 Feb 04

- 1. The CJTF-180 IG conducted a sensing session of ODB320 as part of an inspection on detainee operations on 16 February 2004. The sensing session consisted of only 1 group of 3 NCOs. Everyone else was out conducting operations. These comments are perceptions of soldiers who participated and are not necessarily founded facts.
- 2. **Sensing Session Group 1 NCOs**. The first sensing session was for Noncommissioned Officers.

Question #1 Do you have a unit SOP to take, handle, and care for detainees/PUCs? A: 3 of 3 said yes that they have seen their SOP.

Question #2 How quickly do you hand over PUCs to MPs? A: We haven't done it.

Question #3 Is mistreatment of a PUC an SIR?

A: 3 of 3 replied that mistreatment of a PUC was an SIR and that whoever witnessed it would initiate the SIR.

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

A: 3 of 3 stated yes twice in the last year prior to deployment at Fort Bragg the Group SJA. Training records are kept by the person who administers the training.

Question #5 What do you use to track and account for captured personnel?

A: All are familiar with the system. They have detainee message logs, track the detainees through the computer. They have fingerprints, iris scans. They know how

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much food, water, and number of meals they have to serve. Every 20 minutes they will make a visual check if they had prisoners.

Question #6 How do you account for money taken from captured/detained personnel? Done by supply, they fill out a DA Form 4137.

A: Everything we have we inventory. A warrant officer is the Evidence custodian and the Operations Center has limited access.

Question #7 What do you allow a captured/detained person to keep on their person? A: Goggles and ear muffs.

Question #8 Do you tag captured or detained persons or their property? A: Yes, we use EPW tags.

Question #9 Does your SOP cover the 5s? What do you consider an item of intelligence?

A: Yes. We consider money, documents, and passports as key intelligence items.

Question #10 How do you prevent physical or mental torture or coercion of the detained person?

A: Through training and follow-up on the detainees. We treat them the way we want to be treated. Give him food and water. Don't show him people eating pork.

Question #11 If a detained person refuses to answer your questioning can threaten the Detainee? Can you insult the Detainee?

A: 3 of 3 NCOs replied No, that it was the interrogators purview.

Question #12 How do you take care of the prisoners basic needs for food, water, clothing, shelter, and medical treatment?

A: Whatever we get they get. Water is available at all times. We clean him up and give him the man-dresses. Interpreters will buy him clothes if he has soiled his.

Question #13 Do you believe that you are required to report acts of poor treatment of a detainee or a PUC?

A: 3 of 3 replied yes.

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Question #14 Do you know who you could report violations of prisoners' rights to? A: All Soldiers knew that they could report violations to their chain of command or to IG or SJA.

Question #15 Has anyone ever witnessed anyone murder anyone? A: 3 of 3 NCOs replied No.

Question #16 Have you ever seen anyone torture or beat anyone? 3 of 3 NCOs replied No.

Question #17 Has anyone seen anyone cruelly treat or degrade a PUC? 3 of 3 NCOs replied No.

Question #18 How do you treat PUCs or detainees? Good/Fair/Poor? 3 of 3 NCOs felt that they treated PUCs good. One said better than good. The PUCs are allowed to eat, out of the weather, and are given a blanket.

Question #19 How do you safeguard a PUC against public curiosity? 3 of 3 NCOs felt that they did this good. The location of the facility is isolated from the public and it is a restricted area.

Question #20 What is the rule for deadly force against a PUC in the event that they are escaping? If life is threatened.

3. Point of contact is the undersigned at DSN (b)(6)-2 a (b)(7)(C)-2

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