

<b>DETENTION HOSPITAL GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA</b>	<b>SOP NO: 080</b>
<b>Title: HANDLING OF THE KORAN/QURAN</b>	<b>Page 1 of 2</b> <b>Effective Date: 14 JUN 05</b>
<b>SCOPE: DETENTION HOSPITAL</b>	

**REFERENCE:** (a) Camp Delta SOP  
(b) United States Southern Command News Release dtd 03 Jun 05

**I. BACKGROUND:** The majority of detainees at Camp Delta practice the Muslim religion and therefore use the Koran/Quran as their guide for the Muslim faith. The Koran/Quran, or last revealed word of God, is the primary source of every Muslim's faith and practice. It deals with all subjects that concern the relationship between God and His creatures, wisdom, doctrine, worship, transactions, law, etc. The way Detention Hospital staff interacts with and handles the Koran/Quran is very sensitive, and must be taken seriously.

**II. POLICY:**

- a. Detention Hospital personnel will not touch or handle the Koran.
- b. In the event that the Koran must be moved, and the detainee is unable to accomplish that movement secondary to a medical condition, the Chaplain or Muslim interpreter will be contacted to assist following guidelines outlined in reference (a) and (b).
- c. Ensure that the Koran is not placed in offensive areas such as the floor, near the toilet or sink, near the feet, or dirty /wet areas.
- d. Do not disrespect the Koran. This could potentially lead to a lack of cooperation from the detainees and could provoke a violent reaction from the detainee.

**STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES**  
Detention Hospital  
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