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IMPROVING DETAINEE OPERATIONS AT GUANTANAMO

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GTMO's Purposes

- Long-term holding facility for detention of enemy combatants.
- Intelligence facility for interrogations, and to enable other intelligence and law enforcement efforts.
- Criminal investigative operation designed to lead to:
 prosecution by military tribunal of certain detainees; or
 - cooperation by detainees secured via plea bargains.

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Detainees at GTMO: Present and Future

- Holding enemy combatants from 41 countries (Ages 16 90).
- They are "enemy combatants":
 - captured because they pose a threat to U.S. security;
 - may have information that could help prevent next attack; and
 - may have committed prosecutable war crimes.
- More than half of population assessed to be of medium or high intelligence value, or to be "hardcore" jihadists.
 - Others are considered "low value," but still hostile to U.S.
- Total number of detainees should stabilize, then decrease over time.
 - Number will <u>increase</u> as new enemy combatants are captured, but <u>decrease</u> as combatants are released or transferred to other countries.
- New Effort: JTF-GTMO and Criminal Investigative Task Force now have a dedicated team to identify
 "Low Value" detainees.

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Transfer/Release of Detainees

- New Effort: DoD has established an Interagency Process for transferring detainees.
- Release/transfer cases approved by Deputy Secretary of Defense:



- Additional Transfers Under Consideration:
- 33 cases forwarded by SOUTHCOM. Intelligence exploitation finished. Criminal investigation and threat assessment still ongoing.
- appropriate controls. while ensuring that those detainees posing a continuing threat are kept under Challenge is to release or transfer detainees that pose a low risk to U.S.,

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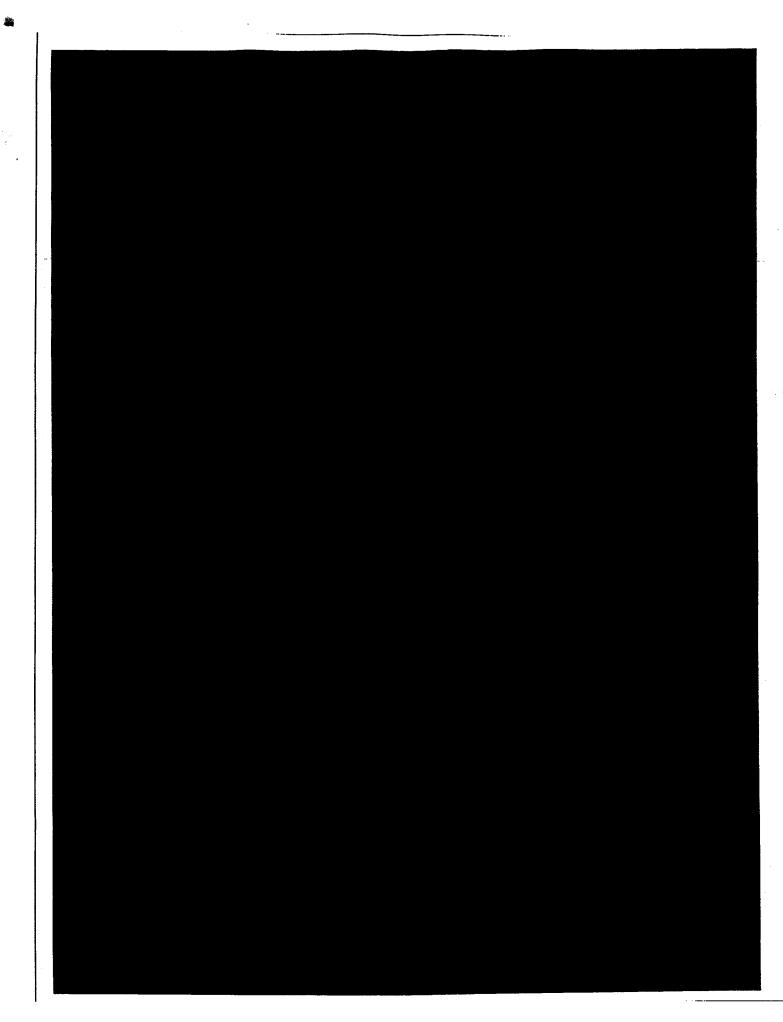
GTMO Facilities: Present and Future

- Developed to safely/securely hold detainee population. Capacity for
- Currently provides only two levels of segregation general population and maximum security.
- New Effort: DoD substantially improving facility.
 - New facilities being constructed.
 - Additional space for enemy combatants.

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Summary of Intelligence Results To Date

- Details about terrorist infrastructure:
 - Training camps

-- Possible WMD sites

- Safe houses

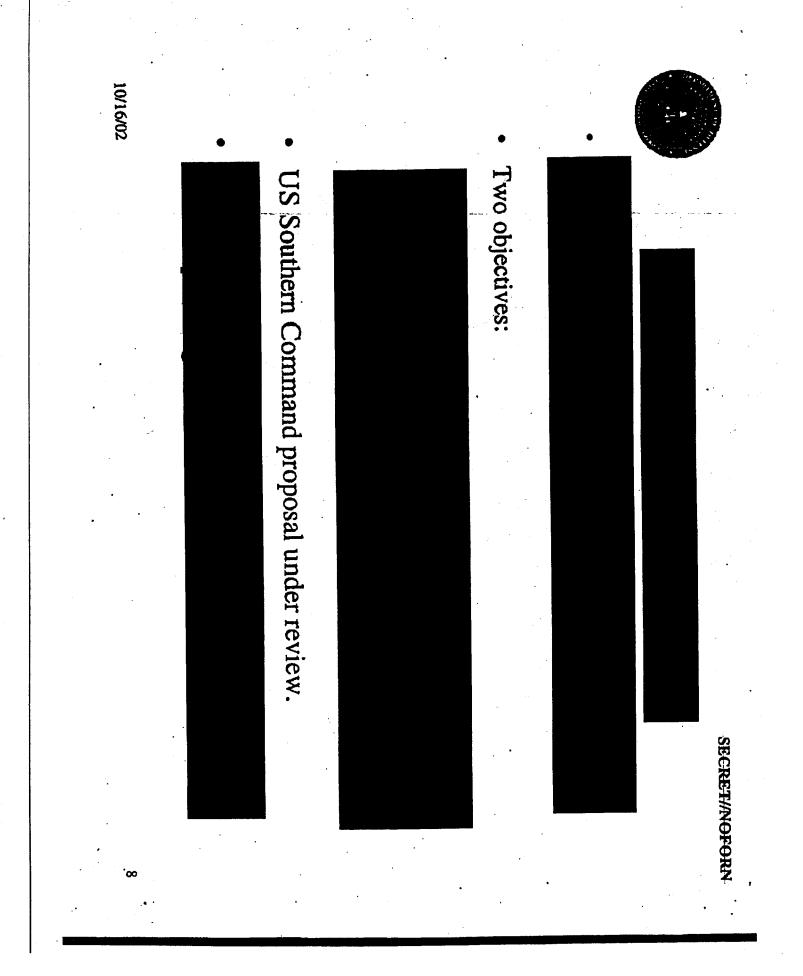
- -- Cave complexes
- Al-Qa'ida's Modus Operandi:
 - Recruitment methods;
 - Tactics, techniques, procedures and equipment;
 - Financing & fund-raising;
 - How cells are set up and propagated;
 - Use of Internet.
- Other key details:
 - Positive identification of Richard Reid, Jose Padilla, and Martin
 - Mubanga;

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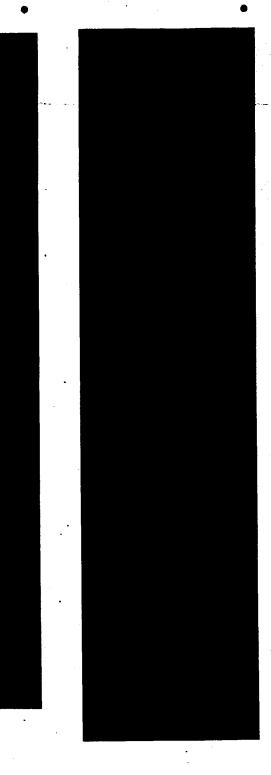
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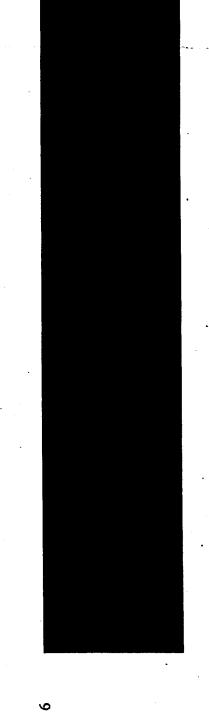




Other Initiatives Already Being Undertaken

- Detainee Policy Group
- DoD created an office staffed by senior civilians and military officers, devoted to oversight and improvement of GTMO effort.





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Initiatives Being Undertaken (cont'd)

- Consolidated GTMO command
 - Previously, 2 JTF's with conflicting mandates ran GTMO -- one to serve as "warden" and other to serve "intelligence" function.
 - DoD has combined JTF's into single operation.
- Interagency Experts Group
 - Chaired by DoD at the Assistant Secretary level.
 - Purpose is to:
 - review case files for potential transfers or releases;
 - coordinate intelligence and law enforcement efforts; and
 - coordinate diplomatic efforts.
- Reintegration initiative (New effort, just started)
 - Purpose is to help select detainees "decompress"/prepare for return to society.

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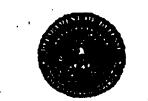
GTMO is an Evolutionary Process

- A "cold start" for DoD. No experience in this type of effort. We are learning as we go.
- Constant process of adjustment and refinement. As shown, when good ideas are proposed by other agencies, DoD is implementing.
- Close relationship with Congressional intelligence committees. Frequent meetings, visits to GTMO.
- Joint Staff-commissioned "External Review" completed in September provided impetus for many important changes.
- In addition to day-to-day oversight, OSD(Policy) will administer a second, "Blue Ribbon" panel review in February to check on progress, and propose additional measures.

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GTMO Tomorrow

- We will provide the facilities needed for U.S. Criminal Investigators to mount successful prosecutions against terrorists.

• But we will keep dangerous people "off the battlefield," and we will prevent captured terrorists from causing further harm to the United States, its allies, and friends.

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