

SWORN STATEMENT

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LOCATION FOB Danger, Tikrit Iraq	DATE 12 Jul 04	TIME	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]		GRADE/STATUS SGM
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS A COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP AIRBORNE, FTCKY 4223			

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WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 10 June 2003, BG Formica visited Tikrit Iraq. The following is a summary of our discussion.

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My battalion, [REDACTED] moved into the Rawaniya Palace Complex Baghdad Iraq on 9 April 2003. Eventually CJSOTF-AP moved in that complex as well. We were there from early April to about the 10th of October and we were relieved by [REDACTED]. By the beginning of May we were the only Special Forces Battalion operating in central and southern Iraq. By late May a Company size element of the [REDACTED] to us which were operating in northern Iraq. The CJSOTF and FOB detainee policy was to do field interrogation, process, and to turn over detainees to Conventional US Forces within 72 hours. Any deviation required CJSOTF approval.

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Our detachments operated throughout Baghdad proper [REDACTED] and up to [REDACTED]. Some of these out lying teams had temporary areas set aside to initially hold detainees due to their remote locations. There were no detachments operating directly out of the Rawaniya Palace Complex. From April 03 until July 03 we had no need for a detention facility.

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The first mission that they did was at the beginning of August. They detained some suspects and it became immediately apparent for the need of a temporary holding facility at RPC. You can't stay on the target and question people in an urban environment. You do the mission, come off the target, process the detainees, and turn them in to Camp Cropper BIAF.

We had a couple of houses that we were not using on the complex, that were outside our main perimeter but inside our own perimeter. We took one of the houses and made it into our questioning room. It was a single house with a wall around it, furniture on the inside. It probably had six rooms downstairs and four rooms upstairs. [REDACTED] team would bring them back there. We would take the prisoners from the detachment [REDACTED]

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The longest anybody stayed was six hours. When we were relieved by [REDACTED] we said this is what we do, and went home. For the most part I cannot recall a single time when we kept anybody [REDACTED]

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Before any team did a mission, they'd submit a CONOP to the battalion. Once the mission went down within four hours they had to submit the five w's, who, what, when, where, why. Within 12 hours they're required to do an OPSUM, to include the status of the prisoners, either turn them in or if they still had them when they were going to turn them in. The rule was 72 hours but I knew we never kept anybody 72 hours and I am pretty sure never over 14 hours.

My duty position was the Battalion Operations Sergeant Major from Oct 02 until April 04.

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I, [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE 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 INFLUENCE.

WITNESSES:
[REDACTED]
FOR. Manager
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 12th day of July, 1954
at FOB Danvers, Iowa

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