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Subject: RE: Treatment of Guantanamo Detainees - Critical Herald Tribune Story, 10/30/02

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Mike -

I've sent out an inquiry to see if guidance (new or recycled) was deployed on this. I'll let you know what I find out and forward you anything that was deployed.

Josh

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Ed/Josh:

The International Herald Tribune carried a story today, sourced to the NYT, concerning the alleged maltreatment of detainees at Guantanamo. I have faxed a copy to both of you.

Three Afghan members apparently are among the first group of detainees being released complained of being "locked for days at a time in sweltering eight-foot-by-eight-foot cells" and being "denied contact with their families." The article states that two of the three released "appeared to be in their 70's."

The story makes an attempt at being balanced by noting that the three Afghans "were not tortured or abused by their American interrogators" and that to date "The men's accounts could not be corroborated."

In any event, the Mission did not receive any phone calls (that I am aware of) from the ICRC, in response to this report. Steve is on leave today and I'm not sure if he has seen this article, though I will try to reach him this afternoon.

We here at the Mission would be interested in knowing whether this issue comes up at the noon press briefing and, even if it doesn't, what proposed talking points you suggest we use when the issue is raised by our Geneva counterparts.

Many thanks. Mike Peay