

Cross has full access to detainees at any time and makes regular visits. They have made many suggestions incorporated by the Gitmo staff. Prisoners receive regular mail and the home nations of all detainees are informed of their whereabouts and status and kept regularly informed by our State Department. Some nations are seeking extradition, some of those request have been approved.

So, should, or should not, Gitmo be closed? – I don't know. Gitmo has become an unfortunate political symbol of an increasingly unpopular war. Some of the information spread in the media is wrong and written or relayed by people who are misinformed. Gitmo is a modern, well-run prison where detainees are well treated, well-fed, and medically cared for - BUT – whatever happens – we must have a method of handling detainees in the war on terrorism – Congress may have to act - this is a different war and old models don't fit. Many of the detainees are dangerous, VERY dangerous, and will kill you, me and others tomorrow if released. They should not be put blithely back on the streets in an emotional quest for justice – as an international community we MUST find a way of handling these people - AND – I fully suspect that if detainees are transferred back to their home countries, or other facilities constructed in far-off lands, they will soon wish they were back at Gitmo.

If someone tells you Gitmo is a gulag – that is nonsense – they haven't been there. Our soldiers, sailors and air men and women at Guantanamo are doing a superb job around very dangerous people in a long and difficult war – you can be proud of them.

Don Shepperd is a CNN Military Analyst

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 11:59 AM
To: 'Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF'
Subject: RE: Great Job...

Most welcome!

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

(b)(6)

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 7:22 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Great Job...

Dear Dallas...

Thank You... Great Job...!!
Best
ANDY Messing

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 11:48 AM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: RE: Trip

SHOOT!...I TYPED THIS EMAIL RESPONSE ON TUESDAY AND FOR SEME RESPONSON FORGOT TO SEND.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.....

I would love to...accept he is off until july 7. id like to suggest you wait until july 5
and meet with major (b)(6) who will be taking over the outreach.

Dallas B. Lawrence
Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of
Defense

(b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:51 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Trip

Shoot. We were so close to beating dorrance to the punch of asking for it.

I am learning that he needs more info sooner than larry did.

So we should start putting in more memos and number them. For instance, a memo on who we
are inviting, a memo at the end of yesterday with status, a memo today with update and a
memo tonight with final.

The morning of the trip just won't work for him. Too bad.

This is more work for us but it will pay off in spades over the long term.

tomorrow I want to meet with speakers bureau folks to look at our database. I need to
figure out a better reporting structure on that too. Want to get this issue off my back
so we can focus on bigger issues. Please tell col barnes to get on my schedule.

Thx
Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:38:30 2006
Subject: RE: Trip

Call went great. Dorrance does not have the final. I asked (b)(6) to have a full schedule
for you before your morning meeting so you can review. I am happy to send Romley the
confirmed list if you like for dorrance. Or have tara send the schedule to him
independent of you.

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Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:34 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Trip

Great. Thanks

Does dorrance have this?

How did the call go today?

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:29:24 2006
Subject: RE: Trip

Participants:

Mr. Joe Reeder, Defense Analyst
Major General Robert H. Scales, USA, Retired Captain Chuck Nash, USN, Retired Captain
Martin L. Strong, USN, Retired Major Andy Messing, USAR, Retired Command Sergeant Major
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From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:21 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Trip

Hi

Who's going to gtmo??

Thx

Ab

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 11:40 AM (b)(6)
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Surrogates

(b)(6)

DOJ is in the lead on this. We will happily schedule our speaker if he is available to be on your call if that is what you like. Or, if you would prefer a solo doj call, we will schedule our folks to call in. please advise soonest as these folks usually need 3 hours notice to get on a call. Thanks!

Dallas B. Lawrence

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 10:05 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Surrogates

(b)(6)

We are still planning on doing our surrogates call but not until the afternoon. Does this mean that you will not be participating in that phone call? We have the DOJ staff scheduling to do a background media call and then the surrogate call immediately following in the afternoon.

They won't be able to do a call before then because the same people we've selected to do these calls will be working on our public statement and talking points with us at noon and until we issue the statement.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 10:00 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Surrogates

hi (b)(6)

we would like to do a mil analyst call on the decision that is imminent. we have asked BG hemingway to be the dod spokesperson on the call, but would like doj to take the lead role. will someone from your office be available around noon to make the call??

please let me know asap and i will be happy to set it up.

thanks

(b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Surrogates

Okay, thanks. I reached out to LCDR Gordon to ask who I should work with so he can disregard. I'll look for his email address and let him know I'm good to go. Tara-will you shoot me your number? Thanks, (b)(6)

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From: Dallas Lawrence (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
CC: (b)(6)
Sent: Tue Jun 27 21:18:56 2006
Subject: Re: Surrogates

(b)(6) I will be in gitmo all day tomorrow. In the event this comes down, please contact (b)(6) on my team and she will make this happen. Thanks.

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Thank you, (b)(6)

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From: Dallas Lawrence (b)(6) [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 4:57 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Surrogates

Hi there. Just for your planning, these folks do not usually turn well on a short fused call. They are all over the world, and usually we need a solid 24 hours to plan, at the least. We will certainly do our best to get as many on the call as possible. Quick reminder, none of them will be available from 2-3pm tomorrow as they will be on a conference call with General Casey.

Thanks!

dl

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Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----
From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 12:41 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Surrogates

Hi Dallas,

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Thanks very much, and I will follow up with call-in information when I receive it.

Take care,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----
From: Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6) [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Surrogates

Sounds good. For your planning, our analysts will be engaged from 130-330 Thursday with general casey

Dallas B. Lawrence

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United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----
From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:14 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA
Subject: Surrogates

Hi Dallas,

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6) [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:21 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Allison.Barber@osd.mil; Tara.Jones@osd.mil
Subject:

Good morning. I understand that DOJ is interested in hosting a call with our group of Retired Military Analysts (talking head types) this Thursday to address the Supreme Court Ruling on GITMO. We would like to propose inviting the following folks to call in and can send the invite out to them electronically once we get the details for the call (time, call in number, who will be the speaker). We can also, if you like, send out a note letting them know of the possibility of a call on Thursday for planning purposes only that does not list who will be the speaker but details the topic (ruling).

Thanks and look forward to working together with your team to bring this together.

Proposed Invitees

Colonel Ken Allard (USA, Retired) MSNBC
Mr. Jed Babbin (AF, Former JAG) American Spectator, national radio
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (USA, Retired) Fox News
Lieutenant General Michael P. DeLong (USMC, Retired) Fox News
General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC
Lieutenant Colonel Tim J. Eads (USA, Retired) Fox News
Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) NBC
Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)
Brigadier General David L. Grange (USA, Retired) CNN

Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (USA, Retired) Fox News
Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) MSNBC
General Jack Keane (USA, Retired) ABC
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired) Fox News
Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) CNN
Dr. Jeff McCausland (Colonel, USA, Retired) - CBS
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney (USAF, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr. (USA, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (USA, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired) - CNN
Mr. Wayne Simmons (USN, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Paul E. Vallyely (USA, Retired) - Fox News
Colonel John Warden (USAF, Retired)
Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired, Fmr ASD)

Dallas B. Lawrence

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(b)(6)

From: JedBabbin@^{(b)(6)}
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 8:22 AM
To: tmcinerney@^{(b)(6)}; nauvalley@^{(b)(6)}; nashct@^{(b)(6)}; Gienstrae77@^{(b)(6)}; BURM41516@^{(b)(6)}; USAGirl1957@^{(b)(6)}; WSSInter@^{(b)(6)}; roberthscales@^{(b)(6)}; wheeler@^{(b)(6)}; twilkerson@^{(b)(6)}; mgroot@^{(b)(6)}
Subject: The Gaza Incursion - Today's RCP

The Israelis' incursion into Gaza is the result of a tactical defeat. The soldier's kidnapping, though a defeat, can and must be turned into a strategic victory by breaking the tie between the Palestinians and Syria.

[RealClearPolitics - Articles - Into Hamastan](#)

Jed Babbin

(b)(6) (home office)
(b)(6) (home fax)
(b)(6) (mobile)

(b)(6)

From: Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 7:41 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(6); LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6); LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6); CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6); CIV, OSD
Subject: RE: DV (ANALYSTS) GTMO TRIP, 28 JUN 06

(b)(6)

Thanks for the SITREP. They run a class act down there, and no reasonable person can come away from GTMO other than impressed.

R/
Cully

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 6:44 AM
To: Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY
Cc: (b)(6); LCDR OSD PA; (b)(6); LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM; (b)(6); Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6); CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6); CIV, OSD
Subject: Re: DV (ANALYSTS) GTMO TRIP, 28 JUN 06

Good Morning Sir! GTMO (Base and JTF-GTMO) hit another home run yesterday! Took off from Andrews at 0708. Patricia Wildermuth and I set the stage with briefings on the way down (Policy and ARB/CSRT), then were greeted on the tarmac by RDML Harris and Skipper Lear, CO, U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay a few minutes after 1000. Mark gave a great historical brief on the ride across the bay!

Arriving at JTF-GTMO's Headquarters on time (1100), RDML Harris and Mr. Frazier Thompson (GTMO's Lead FBI Agent) provided two GREAT briefings, followed by tours of Camp Delta, Detention Hospital, Evidence Locker, Camps 5 & 6, and, I believe, being a little ahead of schedule, they scooted by Camp X-Ray :)

I broke off from the Camp Delta tours to meet the media (5 plus Tim Golden's photographer - no pics allowed, per our media policy) that attended one of our very few participatory boards (presently sitting at a little over 13% for the first 164 boards). The media included Carol Rosenberg (Miami Herald), Tim Golden (New York Times), Carol Williams (Los Angeles Times), Jane Sutton (Reuters) and Stephenson Jacobs (AP).

As always, when you thought the tour couldn't get any better, each DV was provided a autographed (by RDML Harris) pic of GTMO and the group photo, then the Admiral "coined" them. What class!

Beautiful weather, great flight down and back, returning to Andrews at 2000 (debaring at 2015.... Customs Agent was a little late :)

Warmest Regards and V/R, (b)(6)

Today's Trip included:

- Dallas Lawrence (OSD-PA/Lead PA for Trip)
- Col (b)(6) USAF (OMC)
- (b)(6) (OSD-PA)
- (b)(6) (AFPS/E-5)
- Joe Reeder (USD)
- Robert Scales (Fox News/MG, USA Ret)
- Chuck "CAP" Nash (Fox/Beltway News/CAPT, USN Ret)
- Martin Strong (Blackwell/CAPT, USN Ret)
- Andy Messing (NDCF/MAJ, USA Ret)
- Steve Greer (Greer Foundation/CSM, USA Ret)

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
To: 'cully.stimson@'(b)(6)
CC: (b)(6)
(b)(6) LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM
Sent: Tue Jun 27 20:37:54 2006
Subject: Re: Itinerary-DV-GTMO 28JUN06

We'll take good care of them sir! I'll provide you a post-trip report on my return. Warmest Regards and VR (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM
To: 'cully.stimson@'(b)(6)
CC: (b)(6)
Sent: Tue Jun 27 18:44:46 2006
Subject: Re: Itinerary-DV-GTMO 28JUN06

Got it Sir! Thank you for notifying me.

V/R, LT (b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY
To: (b)(6) LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM
Sent: Tue Jun 27 15:05:12 2006
Subject: Re: Itinerary-DV-GTMO 28JUN06

(b)(6)

Please be advised that I will NOT be able to make the trip tomorrow. I just learned that I am needed by the SecDef for an important meeting tomorrow.

So sorry for the last minute notification---I just learned myself.

Cully Stimson

Sent from my wireless gizmo

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LT FAIRECONRON THREE COMM
To: Stimson, Charles D. (Cully), CIV, OSD-POLICY (b)(6) CTR, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:22:05 2006
Subject: Itinerary-DV-GTMO 28JUN06

Sir,

Here is an itinerary for your flight tomorrow with a list of all passengers and map to NAF Andrews. Have a good flight sir. Breakfast and dinner will be served on the aircraft, please bring \$22 to cover these costs. Mr. Lawrence will be collecting the money on the trip.

V/R,

LT (b)(6)

<<Itinerary-DV-GTMO 28JUN06.doc>>

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 9:20 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: GITMO

Huh? I thought hemingway dropped? I still had a binder for cully this morning? Probably my faulty memory.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 28 21:19:04 2006
Subject: Re: GITMO

What?? That's what I forwarded you when you suggested that I invite thayer....

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wed Jun 28 20:03:46 2006
Subject: Re: GITMO

When did cully drop out? I didn't learn until I got to the airplane

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
CC: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 28 16:08:14 2006
Subject: RE: GITMO

here is the exact manifest of everyone on the trip:

Mr. (b)(6) Director, OARDEC
Mr. Dallas Lawrence, Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison Colonel (b)(6)
(b)(6) Assistant Legal Advisor Mr. Joe Reeder, Defense Analyst Ms. (b)(6)
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From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 3:48 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: FW: GITMO

Hi guys

This is the scrutiny I live under everyday. When something changes... even minor, like adding think tankers to a call, or cully dropping off of the trip, you guys have got to let me know.

I know we are all in the habit of winging it and going with the flow. That worked with larry. It doesn't work any more.

Am I correct in letting dallas know that cully is the only change?

Thanks
ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 3:45 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: RE: GITMO

Can I get the final accurate manifest.

Thx

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:55 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
Subject: RE: GITMO

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Participants:

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From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:47 PM
To: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: GITMO

Yep. We just finalized it. Dallas will get it to you asap.

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:40:37 2006
Subject: GITMO

Can I get the final roster for tomorrow's trip.

Thx,

DS

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:17 AM
To: (b)(6) Maj OSD PA
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: Morning report

(b)(6)

I am not sure if our retired military analyst trip to GITMO today is on the outreach report. If it is not, would it be possible to add it? Further, we have been in contact late last night with the DOJ regarding an analyst call with senior DOJ reps regarding the expected GITMO ruling today. Could we add a "tentative" to the outreach as well, something along the lines of:

"Tentative Military Analyst Outreach Call with Senior Department of Justice officials to discuss the expected Supreme Court Ruling on Guantanamo Bay Detainees"

Thanks.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 9:46 PM
To: (b)(6) Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Surrogates

No problem. You can reach me at (b)(2). Happy to help.

(b)(6)

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Cc: Allison Barber (b)(6)
Subject:

Good morning. I understand that DOJ is interested in hosting a call with our group of Retired Military Analysts (talking head types) this Thursday to address the Supreme Court Ruling on GITMO. We would like to propose inviting the following folks to call in and can send the invite out to them electronically once we get the details for the call (time, call in number, who will be the speaker). We can also, if you like, send out a note letting them know of the possibility of a call on Thursday for planning purposes only that does not list who will be the speaker but details the topic (ruling).

Thanks and look forward to working together with your team to bring this together.

Proposed Invitees

Colonel Ken Allard (USA, Retired) MSNBC
Mr. Jed Babbin (AF, Former JAG) American Spectator, national radio
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (USA, Retired) Fox News
Lieutenant General Michael P. DeLong (USMC, Retired) Fox News
General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC
Lieutenant Colonel Tim J. Eads (USA, Retired) Fox News
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Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)
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Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) CNN
Dr. Jeff McCausland (Colonel, USA, Retired) - CBS
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney (USAF, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr. (USA, Retired)
Captain Chuck Nash (USN, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (USA, Retired) - Fox News
Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired) - CNN

Mr. Wayne Simmons (USN, Retired) - Fox News

Major General Paul E. Vallely (USA, Retired) - Fox News

Colonel John Warden (USAF, Retired)

Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired, Fmr ASD)

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United States Department of Defense

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 5:49 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bio request

oh, and food is going to be almost \$30/person. i already let everyone know individually.
thx

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 5:19 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Bio request

When did scales say he was meeting me there? Anyhow, difference from making an exception, and letting all know they have an option. See what I mean?

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 5:00 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bio request

yes, but i couldn't refuse since scales said he was just meeting you there. can't make an exception for one and not all...

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:55 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Bio request

This was what I was talking about. Your email opened the door.

Dallas B. Lawrence

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(b)(7)

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@
(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 12:54 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA

Subject: Re: Bio request

Dear (b)(6)

Steve Greer just talked to me...and we are gonna plan on going out to Andrews by POV (metro option stinks)..we are going to the VIP Lounge at Ops on the Navy side (right ?)...We should get there at 0615 hrs...anyway, I'll be on my cell... (b)(6)

Thank You again

Best
ANDY

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

To: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 8:00 PM

Subject: RE: Bio request

hi i think you should plan on metro or a cab. metro might be tricky, so you may want to check online if they are experiencing delays b/c of the weather... and i have no idea where the kids center used to be, so i'm no help there! south parking is outside of corridors 2 and 3. row 8 is at the bottom of the stairs to corridor 3. if you come up metro and you're looking at the building, walk around to the left. keep going until the second set of stairs.

if coming by cab, have the driver enter south parking and drop you by the set of stairs on the left.

hope you have a great trip. glad you're finally getting to go.

(b)(6)

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@^{(b)(6)}]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 10:14 AM
To: ^{(b)(6)} CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Bio request

Dear ^{(b)(6)}

I'm gonna keep it simple... spend the night in NVA (in Ole Town Alex) then zip to the Pentagon in the morning..... should I take a Metro??... or drive my car (will I be able to park there for the day in South Parking ??) in row 8 south parking ? Is that over by the Flag Pole area where the kids center used to be.. ? If I come by Metro... can I walk over there ? Call me at my Foundation if it is easier to respond... ^{(b)(6)}

My cell is ^{(b)(6)}

What is the uniform... up-scale casual ?

I excited about going...again, Thank You !

Best
ANDY

----- Original Message -----

From: ^{(b)(6)} CIV, OASD-PA
To: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 3:26 PM
Subject: RE: Bio request

hi. if you are certain you can get to the navy side dv lounge at andrews NLT 0630, you may meet the delegation there. b/c of weather i am concerned about folks getting there on time. the shuttle is probably going to leave extra early from the pentagon to make sure they can get there... i've attached directions to the dv side. please send me your cell phone number in case of any problems.

thanks

^{(b)(6)}

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@^{(b)(6)}]

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 7:26 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

Subject: Re: Bio request

Dear (b)(6)

I'll be there... but, since I'm coming from Annapolis (and I don't wanna be a pain)... can I meet you at Ops at Andrews at 0600hrs or whenever/wherever...?..If not... I'll zip over to the Pentagon...

Again, Thank You...

and convey that to Dallas too.

Best
ANDY

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

To: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 2:53 PM

Subject: RE: Bio request

hi. as i'm sure you gathered... you made the trip manifest. sorry it took me a minute to respond. i'm out of my mind this morning!! whew. welcome aboard. we'll be in touch this afternoon with details. you should plan to be at the pentagon at 5:45 tomorrow morning. row 8, south parking is where you will meet the shuttle to andrews.

more to follow, and thanks for your patience! :)

(b)(6)

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@ (b)(6)]

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 6:54 AM

To: (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO

Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA

Subject: Re: Bio request

Dear Commander...

I hope this does the trick....

Best ANDY

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) CDR USSOUTHCOM JTFGTMO

To: ndcf@ (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 2:44 PM

Subject: Bio request

Dear Major Messing,

Thank you for your assistance with the biography. I know Rear Admiral Harris appreciates getting these in advance!

Very respectfully,

(b)(6)

Commander, U.S. Navy
Director of Public Affairs
Joint Task Force - Guantanamo
"Honor Bound to Defend Freedom"

NIPR: (b)(6)

SIPR: (b)(6)

DSN: (b)(2)

Commercial: (b)(2)

(b)(5)

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:51 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Trip

Shoot. We were so close to beating dorrance to the punch of asking for it.

I am learning that he needs more info sooner than larry did.

So we should start putting in more memos and number them. For instance, a memo on who we are inviting, a memo at the end of yesterday with status, a memo today with update and a memo tonight with final.

The morning of the trip just won't work for him. Too bad.

This is more work for us but it will pay off in spades over the long term.

tomorrow I want to meet with speakers bureau folks to look at our database. I need to figure out a better reporting structure on that too. Want to get this issue off my back so we can focus on bigger issues. Please tell col barnes to get on my schedule.

Thx
Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:38:30 2006
Subject: RE: Trip

Call went great. Dorrance does not have the final. I asked (b)(5) to have a full schedule for you before your morning meeting so you can review. I am happy to send (b)(5) the confirmed list if you like for dorrance. Or have (b)(5) send the schedule to him independent of you.

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(b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:34 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Trip

Great. Thanks

Does dorrance have this?

How did the call go today?

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA

Sent: Tue Jun 27 16:29:24 2006
Subject: RE: Trip

Participants:

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(b)(7)(F)

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:21 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Trip

Hi
Who's going to gtmo??

Thx
Ab

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 3:46 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Don Sheppard on GITMO

Here you go...

From: shepdonald (b)(6) [mailto:shepdonald (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 1:29 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Gitmo trip report

Gitmo Trip Report

It was my second trip to Guantanamo, the last being a year ago. A collection of media analysts, (CNN and Fox), radio contributors, lawyers, writers, DoD deputy assistant secretaries, it was another whirlwind adventure - out of the chocks at Andrews AFB as a guest of DoD on Navy mil-air at 7:30 AM; 3:15 en route to Cuba; land at Gitmo Airfield, Navy launch to the windward side, visit the detention facility all day; receive briefs, long water-taxi back to the airfield, wheels up at 5:00 PM and back to Andrews by 8:15 - whew!.

I wish all of America, in fact all of the concerned world, would go because they could draw their own conclusions and stop asking me. The world, at least America, would be proud of Rear Admiral Harry Harris, the Joint Task Force Commander-GTMO and his troops. Thoughtful, articulate, professional, concerned, serious, but with panache, a '78 USNA grad, Harris stayed with us all day giving and participating in the briefings and answering questions, some very hard ones. Army Col. Mike Bumgarner, in charge of detainee operations and 35 years as an MP, was the host of our tour through all the facilities, including individual cells, cellblocks, recreation areas, medical facilities and interrogation ops where we viewed an HVT (high value target) interrogation...and then there were other participants - briefs from the "other" agencies, law enforcement and intelligence. Bumgarner could be a popular county sheriff - he is hometown America - he could get elected anywhere - may happen as he is nearing the end of his career - he cares about his troops and the detainees - even the ones that have threatened to kill him and his family.

We started with briefings over a halal meal at the Camp Delta mess hall. The meal was tasty and one of three composing the 4200 daily calories offered each detainee. Special meals are also offered for vegetarians, diabetics, etc. The food is good.

A professional medical staff with a fully-equipped hospital, including major surgical capabilities, mental health and dental looks after the detainees. The docs and nurses wear "stab vests" as they provide care...hmmm.

The facilities are modern, resembling any modern high security U.S. prison - and expensive - and getting more expensive, new ones being constructed to reduce manpower requirements and provide for an extended stay, or an expanded GWOT.

Some important questions:

Did we drink the government kool-aid? - of course - that was the purpose of the trip, to hear the U.S. government side of the story, the other side is provided daily in the media, some informed, most by those who have never been to Gitmo. A visitor is at the mercy of local officials, but one also has lots of time to argue, inquire, question, disagree, exchange ideas, provide alternate views, suggestions. It is a healthy environment for an intellectual exchange. One has free access to talk to any of the staff.

Did you see any evidence of mistreatment? - of course not, nor would one expect to on an arranged visit, but there is another important reason - no mistreatment is going on. There

may have been some missteps and policy confusions at the old Camp X-ray (long closed), but GITMO has known for a long time that the eyes of the world are on them. There is simply too much supervision, too much professionalism, too much pride to make anything bad intentionally happen. Additionally, all interrogators will tell you that mistreatment is counter-productive. The only thing that works, they insist, is to establish rapport over a long period of time and eventually almost everyone talks, providing small pieces of big puzzles that can eventually amalgamate into a useful portrait.

Why don't we avoid all this controversy and simply declare the detainees as POWs and comply with the Geneva Conventions? - because it isn't that simple - the detainees are not soldiers of a nation state, are not an organized army and are not signatories to international conventions, nor do they comply with the Laws of Armed Conflict. This may require some new legislation. This is a different sort of war in which the old rules and laws are not adequate, many do not apply; thus, we are creating new processes and trying to insure justice and human rights in the process - it is hard, real hard...and incidentally we comply with most of the provisions of the Geneva Convention, the ones that make sense, especially humane treatment. In all previous wars we have detained POWs and released them at the end of the war, and tried those suspected of heinous crimes - the same thing is being attempted in this war.

But you must admit that the prisoners have no "due process" - wrong. One may not like the process (and the Supreme Court will likely rule imminently on its legality), but there is a well-ordered due process, one that was suggested by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who encouraged the U.S. to design mechanisms that comply with Article V of the Geneva Convention. Article V states if there is plausible doubt of a detainee's status - are they, or are they not, enemy combatants - a process must be established to determine that fact. Thus, the administration established the Combat Status Review Tribunals (CSRTs) and Administrative Review Boards (ARBs - yearly case re-examinations) that review all available facts and information to determine: is the detainee an enemy combatant, deserving detention, or not?

Why don't we just apply the U.S. justice system - lawyers, grand juries, charges, trials? - sounds great, but it does not work in war and that has been long recognized. There are about 1,000 foreign terrorists incarcerated in the U.S. justice system. Those people have been arrested and tried for individual acts of terrorism deemed criminal acts, mostly in the U.S. - it fits the way we do business - daily police work in an organized infrastructure. War simply does not fit that mold. The normal investigative processes used in U.S. criminal trials - Miranda rights, chain of custody of evidence, etc. is simply impractical when applied to a combat situation. Crime is from Mars, warfare is from Venus - the two simply don't mate. Those who cry for criminal prosecution under the U.S. justice system should read about the nature of war and how justice has been applied over the years - the two systems are simply designed for entirely different scenarios.

So, why don't we use the military Court Martial system? - the military justice system is the equivalent of the U.S. civil justice system modified for military use. It is an extremely fair system with rights to free counsel, juries of true peers and automatic review; however, the same rules apply to evidence, testimony, etc. as apply in the U.S. civilian justice system - the system is simply inadequate for warfare during which POWs are detained and released after a war, or tried for war crimes under international statutes covering the Laws of Armed Conflict. This is what the U.S. is attempting to do with Gitmo detainees.

Aren't many of the Gitmo detainees just low-level foot soldiers that got swept-up in battle? - some are, some aren't. 759 detainees have been sent to Gitmo. Almost all were detained in Afghanistan or Pakistan. Most were suspected of being high-level or important Al-Qaeda or Taliban, or a significant threat as terrorists, thus their transfer to Gitmo. None have been sent from Iraq. About 460 remain. The remainder have been released (13 have been captured or killed again in the GWOT after release) or transferred back to their home countries or to a third country that has agreed to abide by the international agreements against torture. All detainees have received CSRTs to determine their status and all will receive yearly ARBs (not required by Geneva Conventions) to determine if they should continue to be detained or released.

Many detainees have been there since 2002. Surely we have exhausted their intelligence value? - not so, according to intelligence officials and interrogators. Interrogations continue and important information on national and international cells continue to emerge that have uncovered and prevented significant attacks and taken down dangerous networks, especially in foreign countries. Additionally, many detainees are cooperating. The main weapon of U.S. interrogators is time. The detainees all want to get out. Most figure if they cooperate, they will eventually be released - it is a good guess. As new characters emerge when others are killed or detained in the GWOT (Khalid Sheik Mohammed, al-Zarqawi et.al.) detainees have important information on new emerging leaders - their locations, contacts, funding mechanisms, travel patterns, history - this information is extremely valuable and increasing pressure is being put on the worldwide networks - their bench is not deep. Further, in the fight against IEDs some of the detainees are providing extremely valuable information on designs, trigger mechanisms and tactics - several of the detainees were MAJOR IED and explosive players.

So, what is going to happen to the remaining detainees? - it depends - the Supreme Court must rule. If the administration has its way there will continue to be CSRTs and ARBs. Just like POWs at the end of previous wars, some detainees will be released to go home at the end of the GWOT. Others will be referred to "military commissions" for heinous crimes just as they were in previous wars. And, when will the GWOT end? - beats me, but certainly not yet and the thought of releasing dangerous terrorists dedicated to doing us harm should be chilling.

What about the NYT full-page in yesterday's paper by Amnesty International claiming that detainees have been incarcerated for four years without access to justice, lawyers, due process? - only some of that is true. Some detainees have been in Gitmo for four years, but none have been without justice - the CSRTs and ARBs and military commissions (some started, none completed due to lawyers filing for court-directed stays), if the Supreme Court approves them, serve as justice and the equivalent of grand juries - reasons to believe the detainees are or are not enemy combatants and they will either be referred to and prosecuted by military commissions, or released - watch for the Supreme Court decisions. Some detainees are involved with lawyers and they are provided lawyer-client privileges.

What about the suicides? - we saw where the suicides took place, talked to those who found the victims and those (medical staff) who attempted to revive them. This was a devastating experience for all involved. The staff was truly saddened by the event. There have been over 40 previous attempts prevented. It should be no surprise that amongst a group of people who regularly see suicide as martyrdom (daily events in Iraq, Afghanistan and Israel) there will be more attempts, some likely successful. The Gitmo staff characterizes the suicides as a defiant act of asymmetric warfare, not one of depressed prisoners who have come to the end of their rope. Incidentally, there will also likely be attempts by detainees to kill guards - the detainees regularly threaten the guards and tell them they will kill them and their families when they get out. Expect other bad thing to happen at Gitmo. This is not your run-of-the-mill collection of compliant prisoners.

But what about the prisoner who was being force-fed? - when detainees perform hunger strikes and those actions become dangerous to health, the decision has been made to insert feeding tubes to preserve life - this is the same procedure that has been approved and is used by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and the same standard equipment used in U.S. hospitals. A small 1/8th inch tube is inserted through the nasal cavity, down the throat - the area is lubricated and anesthetized, the procedure not painful. Adm. Harris had the procedure performed on him to test the system.

What about the Red Cross views of Gitmo? - the Red Cross views are confidential and closely-held, but the Red Cross has full access to detainees at any time and makes regular visits. They have made many suggestions incorporated by the Gitmo staff. Prisoners receive regular mail and the home nations of all detainees are informed of their whereabouts and status and kept regularly informed by our State Department. Some nations are seeking extradition, some of those request have been approved.

So, should, or should not, Gitmo be closed? - I don't know. Gitmo has become an unfortunate political symbol of an increasingly unpopular war. Some of the information

spread in the media is wrong and written or relayed by people who are misinformed. Gitmo is a modern, well-run prison where detainees are well treated, well-fed, and medically cared for - BUT - whatever happens - we must have a method of handling detainees in the war on terrorism - Congress may have to act - this is a different war and old models don't fit. Many of the detainees are dangerous, VERY dangerous, and will kill you, me and others tomorrow if released. They should not be put blithely back on the streets in an emotional quest for justice - as an international community we MUST find a way of handling these people - AND - I fully suspect that if detainees are transferred back to their home countries, or other facilities constructed in far-off lands, they will soon wish they were back at Gitmo.

If someone tells you Gitmo is a gulag - that is nonsense - they haven't been there. Our soldiers, sailors and air men and women at Guantanamo are doing a superb job around very dangerous people in a long and difficult war - you can be proud of them.

Don Sheppard is a CNN Military Analyst

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 3:45 PM
To: [REDACTED] CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Don Sheppard on GITMO

He wrote it in his trip report. Dallas, please send to [REDACTED]

Thx

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CIV, OASD-PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Cc: [REDACTED] Ms OSD PA; Latimer, Matthew, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tue Jun 27 14:45:31 2006
Subject: Don Sheppard on GITMO

Allison,

Do you happen to know where Mr. Dorrance Smith got the following quote:

CNN analyst Don Sheppard last week:

"If someone tells you Gitmo is a gulag--that is nonsense--they haven't been there. Our soldiers, sailors and air men are doing a superb job around very dangerous people in a long and difficult war--you can be proud of them."

We can't locate a CNN transcript with this quote. I believe you were with Mr. Smith and perhaps met with Don Sheppard? Did he say that to you folks? Thanks for your help!

(b)(6)

Secretary Rumsfeld's Speechwriting Group

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 1:31 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Trip participants

Participants:

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Ms. (b)(6) Reporter, AFPS

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 1:04 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: manifest for the plane

F. NAME, RANK, SSN OF TRAVELERS:

1. MR. CHARLES STIMSON, DASD DETAINEE Affairs,
2. (b)(6) DIRECTOR, OARDEC,
3. MR. DALLAS LAWRENCE, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND PUBLIC LIAISON,
4. Colonel (b)(6) assistant legal advisor,
5. MR. JOE REEDER, DEFENSE ANALYST
6. (b)(6) special assistant to the dasd
7. (b)(6) reporter, afps
8. MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT H. SCALES, USA, RETIRED
9. CAPTAIN CHUCK NASH, USN, RETIRED
10. CAPTAIN MARTIN L. STRONG, USN, RETIRED
11. MAJOR ANDY MESSING, USAR, RETIRED
12. COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR STEVE GREER, USA, RETIRED

Norah odonell with nbc said no, as did all cnn, abc and msnbc analysts.

We are a go for tomorrow unless we hear otherwise. Steve greer is enroute to dc soon via air

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 5:47 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: peter brookes is in china for the week

no gitmo

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Washington, D.C. 20301

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:46 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: FW: gtno trip

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Fox News Dr. James Jay Carafano (LTC, USA, Retired) General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) NBC Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired) Fox News
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-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:29 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: gtmo trip

Hi, please compoile this for me.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:23 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Fw: gtmo trip

Hi
Can you send me the answers so I can forward to DS

Thx

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Mon Jun 26 15:18:50 2006
Subject: RE: gtmo trip

Who are they ?

What day are there going?

Who turned us down?

Who are some other options?

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:16 PM
To: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
Subject: RE: gtmo trip

Yes, sorry the 4 analysts.. which I just discovered are all from fox.

From: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:15 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: RE: gtmo trip

Which GITMO trip is this about?

With the 4 analysts?

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 3:11 PM
To: Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA
CC: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: gtmo trip

Hi

Right now the only interest we have is from Fox. We have invited cnn and other networks but nobody is interested this week. I am going to postpone the trip unless you want to have others invited. If media attend, I will need bryan or (b) (6) to staff them.

Please advise.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
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Subject: gitmo

Is dorrance going?? (b)(6) ?? i think if dorrance goes cully stimson will want to go.
also, (b)(6) would like to go if there is room for her...

i just called everyone again. so far, these are the analysts i have:
general scales
captain marty strong
steve greer
andy messing
have not heard back from spider marks or chuck nash.

does that sound right to you???

thanks

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Subject: War Profiteers at the Times - Today's Spectator

Those who publish leaks are damaging the country and assisting the enemy. The New York Times is a new kind of war profiteer.

The American Spectator

Jed Babbin

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Subject: unused items of interest

- Washington Times (Saturday) – Eastern Shore waterman makes 16 ft. boat for SECDEF
- Parade Magazine – "Intelligence Report" column say U.S., U.K. unhappy with Austria's sniper rifle sale to Iran
- NY Times – Bob Herbert column on U.S. politics. Iraq
- Newsweek – Jonathan Alter column says Democrats should stand/fight on Iraq
- Time – Retired Army 2-star says flag-burning debate hurts troops
- NY Times – editorial on response plans to N. Korea

Washington Times
June 24, 2006
Pg. 9

Waterman Builds Catboats Good Enough For Rumsfeld

By David Everman, Easton Star Democrat

TILGHMAN ISLAND, Md. -- The waterman who built and sold Donald H. Rumsfeld a sailboat on the Eastern Shore had no clue the potential buyer would be the country's defense secretary.

"He said his name was Don, and I told him he could come out Saturday to look at it," said Maynard Lowery, a longtime Tilghman Island boat builder.

He soon learned the man who called was Mr. Rumsfeld when he arrived in van carrying Secret Service agents, which Mr. Lowery at first assumed were just "Don's" pals.

Mr. Lowery, 86, has been building boats full time since the 1950s, a few years after returning to Tilghman Island after World War II. He served in the Coast Guard, mostly stationed in Norfolk, and was discharged out of Fort McHenry, where he was a chief carpenter.

He said "catboats," such as the 16-footer he sold Mr. Rumsfeld, are time-consuming to build because only 16 inches to 18 inches separate the frames.

There are several variations on the catboat, but the one basic characteristic is the single sail on a mast positioned in the front.

They are usually 16 to 26 feet long and are most suitable for day sailing or camp cruising. Most have a centerboard, though some have a keel.

Mr. Lowery said the boat he sold Mr. Rumsfeld was named "Terrapin," but Mrs. Rumsfeld renamed it

"Snowflake."

"I don't like the name, but I guess it's as good as what the name was," he said.

Mr. Lowery built the boat 10 years ago for a Massachusetts man and was repairing it when the owner called to say he wanted to sell.

Mr. Lowery has built six such boats, including his first in 1980, which he sailed for 10 years before somebody bought it.

"So I built me another one, and some guy came along and bought that," he said. "I became known as a catboat man."

Mr. Lowery started building boats as a child, and got this first lesson from a neighbor, a water police captain known as Jake.

"I went to the store and got an old orange crate," Mr. Lowery recalled. "Jake lived next door, and he said, 'Boy, what you building?'"

Upon learning the young Mr. Lowery was building a boat, Jake volunteered to help.

"He said, 'I'll bring you some lumber,' and he brought me some cypress boards and nails," Mr. Lowery said. "I built an 8-footer called 'Bullet.' Years later, I saw Jake on a hot day when I was working on a boat and I said, 'You got me into this stuff.'"

Parade
June 25, 2006
Pg. 16

Intelligence Report

U.S. Troops Face A Deadly New Weapon

By Lyric Wallwork Winik

When it comes to Iran, there's more to fear than a nuclear bomb. The U.S. and Britain have gone ballistic over Iran's purchase of 800 high-caliber sniper rifles that can penetrate a Humvee or body armor from a mile away and even shoot down a helicopter. Iran says the rifles -- made by Steyr Mannlicher, an Austrian firm -- are for use against drug smugglers, but U.S. officials fear they'll end up being fired at our troops in nearby Iraq. Iran already is implicated in sending deadly bomb components to the Iraqi insurgents battling our forces. Why are the Austrians selling to Iran? Steyr Mannlicher offered this excuse: "Half of Europe is supplying weapons to Iran."

New York Times
June 26, 2006

Playing Politics With Iraq

By Bob Herbert

If hell didn't exist, we'd have to invent it. We'd need a place to send the public officials who are playing politics with the lives of the men and women sent off to fight George W. Bush's calamitous war in Iraq.

The administration and its allies have been mercilessly bashing Democrats who argued that the U.S. should begin developing a timetable for the withdrawal of American forces. Republicans stood up on the Senate floor last week, one after another, to chant like cultists from the Karl Rove playbook: We're tough. You're not. Cut-and-run. Nyah-nyah-nyah!

"Withdrawal is not an option," declared the Senate majority leader, Bill Frist, who sounded like an actor trying on personas that ranged from Barry Goldwater to General Patton. "Surrender," said the bellicose Mr. Frist, "is not a solution."

Any talk about bringing home the troops, in the Senate majority leader's view, was "dangerous, reckless and shameless."

But then on Sunday we learned that the president's own point man in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, had fashioned the very thing that ol' blood-and-guts Frist and his C-Span brigade had ranted against: a withdrawal plan.

Are Karl Rove and his liege lord, the bait-and-switch king, trying to have it both ways? You bet. And that ought to be a crime, because there are real lives at stake.

The first significant cut under General Casey's plan, according to an article by Michael Gordon in yesterday's Times, would occur in September. That, of course, would be perfect timing for Republicans campaigning for re-election in November. How's that for a coincidence?

As Mr. Gordon wrote:

"If executed, the plan could have considerable political significance. The first reductions would take place before this fall's Congressional elections, while even bigger cuts might come before the 2008 presidential election."

The general's proposal does not call for a complete withdrawal of American troops, and it makes clear that any withdrawals are contingent on progress in the war (which is going horribly at the moment) and improvements in the quality of the fledgling Iraqi government and its security forces.

The one thing you can be sure of is that the administration will milk as much political advantage as it can from this vague and open-ended proposal. If the election is looking ugly for the G.O.P., a certain number of troops will find themselves waking up stateside instead of in the desert in September and October.

I wonder whether Americans will ever become fed up with the loathsome politicking, the fear-mongering, the dissembling and the gruesome incompetence of this crowd. From the Bush-Rove perspective, General Casey's plan is not a serious strategic proposal. It's a straw in the political wind.

How many casualties will be enough? More than 2,500 American troops who dutifully answered President Bush's call to wage war in Iraq have already perished, and thousands more are struggling in agony with bodies that have been torn or blown apart and psyches that have been permanently wounded.

Has the war been worth their sacrifice?

How many still have to die before we reach a consensus that we've overpaid for Mr. Bush's mad adventure? Will 5,000 American deaths be enough? Ten thousand?

The killing continued unabated last week. Iraq is a sinkhole of destruction, and if Americans could see it close up, the way we saw New Orleans in the immediate aftermath of Katrina, they would be stupefied.

Americans need to understand that Mr. Bush's invasion of Iraq was a strategic blunder of the highest magnitude. It has resulted in mind-boggling levels of bloodshed, chaos and misery in Iraq, and it certainly hasn't made the U.S. any safer.

We've had enough clownish debates on the Senate floor and elsewhere. We've had enough muscle-flexing in the White House and on Capitol Hill by guys who ran and hid when they were young and their country was at war. And it's time to stop using generals and their forces under fire in the field for cheap partisan political purposes.

The question that needs to be answered, honestly and urgently (and without regard to partisan politics), is how best to extricate overstretched American troops — some of them serving their third or fourth tours — from the flaming quicksand of an unwinnable war.

Newsweek
July 3, 2006

How To Beat 'Cut And Run'

If Rove can successfully con Democrats into ignoring Iraq and reciting their laundry list of other priorities, Republicans win.

By Jonathan Alter

For more than a quarter century, Karl Rove has employed a simple, brilliant, counterintuitive campaign tactic: instead of attacking his opponents at their weakest point, the conventional approach, he attacks their strength. He neutralizes that strength to the point that it begins to look like weakness. When John McCain was winning in 2000 because of his character, Rove attacked his character. When John Kerry was nominated in 2004 because of his Vietnam combat experience, the Republicans Swift-Boated him. This year's midterm elections will turn on whether Rove can somehow transform the Democrats' greatest political asset—the Iraq fiasco—into a liability.

After escaping indictment, Rove is focused again on what he does best: ginning up the slime machine. Anyone who dares criticize President Bush's Iraq policy is a "cut-and-run" Democrat. The White House's object here is not to engage in a real debate about an exit strategy from Iraq; that would require acknowledging some complications, like the fact that Gen. George Casey, commander of the multinational forces in Iraq, believes it's time to start bringing some troops home. The object is instead to either get the Democrats tangled up in Kerryesque complexities on Iraq—or intimidate them into changing the subject to other, less-potent issues for fear of looking like unpatriotic pansies.

These are the stakes: if Rove can successfully con Democrats into ignoring Iraq and reciting their laundry list of other priorities, Republicans win. It's shameful that the minimum wage hasn't been raised in nine years and that thousands of ailing Americans will ultimately die because of Bush's position on stem-cell research. But those issues won't get the Congress back for Democrats. Iraq can.

You would think it would be the GOP running away from the war. Instead, in gamblers' parlance, Republicans

"doubled down" on Iraq. After the good news about Zarqawi's death, they bet that by uniting behind Bush, they would shift the blame to the squabbling Democrats, even though the Democrats have no power at all to change—or even affect—policy on the ground. Rove's notion is that strong and wrong beats meek and weak.

It almost worked. It looked recently as if Democrats were so fearful of being cast as war weenies that they would change the subject. Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid & Co. held a press conference on the Democratic issues for the fall that barely mentioned Iraq. Hillary Clinton tried to focus on a lengthy list of worthy issues that, except for the mistreatment of veterans, had little to do with the war.

Why are Democrats having so much difficulty holding Bush accountable for his myriad failures? I think it's because they've lost touch with the basic merits of accountability, particularly on education, where they let interest-group politics trump tough judgments on performance.

But then, some Senate Democrats got smart for a change. They recognized that the party out of the White House doesn't need a detailed strategy for ending a war, just a general sense of direction. When Dwight Eisenhower ran for president in 1952, his plan wasn't any more specific than "I will go to Korea." When Richard Nixon was asked how he would end the Vietnam War in 1968, he said he had a "secret plan"—and got away with it. So now 80 percent of Senate Democrats are united behind something called the "Levin-Reed Amendment." The details of it (begin withdrawal without a firm timetable for getting out completely; diplomacy with the Sunnis; purging the Iraqi military and police of bad guys) are less important than that they finally came up with something.

Of course parrying "cut and run" with "Levin-Reed" won't suffice. But Sen. Joe Biden's riposte to the GOP's symbolic roll-call votes—"The Republicans are now totally united in a failed policy"—is a start. This isn't rocket science. Unless things improve dramatically on the ground in Iraq, Democrats have a powerful argument: If you believe the Iraq war is a success, vote Republican. If you believe it is a failure, vote Democratic.

Isn't that irresponsible? Not in the slightest. It's only under Bush that criticizing the conduct of a war has been depicted as somehow unpatriotic. Lincoln was lambasted by opponents during the Civil War as was FDR during World War II. To take a lesser example, some of the same Sean Hannitys of the world who slam antiwar critics were blasting Bill Clinton's Bosnia policy in 1999 when U.S. planes were in the air over Belgrade.

We'll see this summer if Democrats begin to get up in the morning, look in the mirror and say, "This isn't about us. It's about them." We'll see if, when Karl Rove wants to talk about Iraq, the Democrats respond with three familiar words: "Bring it on."

Time
July 3, 2006

Forget Flag Burning

Debating a ban during war is a waste of time and sends troops the wrong message

By Maj. Gen. Robert Scales (Ret.)

Some in Congress appear to be taking a sabbatical from the long war on terrorism to introduce a constitutional amendment banning the burning of the flag. The debate over such an amendment may or may not be worth having, but one thing is clear: at a time when the country is at war, now is not the time for such tertiary considerations.

I understand reverence for the flag. It comes naturally to soldiers. We commit our lives to serving intangibles, swearing oaths to a piece of parchment or saluting an expanse of cloth decorated with stars and stripes. We understand symbolism because symbolism is what in large measure compels us to do a job that might result in our demise.

The American flag symbolizes freedom. The Constitution we soldiers are pledged to defend guarantees freedom of expression even when freedom of expression includes the right to deface the flag, however obnoxious that act may be. Of course, I'm old enough to remember flag burning when flag burning was "cool." I was in Hawaii, on R. and R., halfway through my tour in Vietnam. My wife and I were watching television when student war protesters in California--none of whom had the slightest chance of facing violent death in combat--illuminated their campus by torching Old Glory. I was appalled by the sight. A short time later, Walter Cronkite informed the world that my unit, the 101st Airborne, was beginning an offensive in the A Shau Valley. I left for Vietnam the next day to confront an enemy that undoubtedly would have punished those protesters had they burned the North Vietnamese flag in Hanoi.

But that was then. The image of the flag that soldiers see today is different. Instead of flags aflame, we see flags covering coffins of soldiers and Marines returning the hard way from Iraq and Afghanistan. Pushing forward a constitutional amendment is labor-intensive work. I'm concerned how such a diversion during wartime might appear to those who are still serving in harm's way.

Please don't get me wrong. I have many friends in Congress, patriots all. Each one of them has been to Iraq and Afghanistan many times. Although he refuses to advertise the fact, one was wounded there during an inspection tour last year. My concern relates not to the sincerity of Congress but to the perceptions among our young men and women that their overseers are suddenly distracted at a time when attention to their needs has never been more necessary.

Our soldiers want to be assured that Congress is doing all it can to reduce losses in what Lincoln ruefully termed the "terrible arithmetic" of war. They want to know that Congress is doing all it can to give them the weapons they need to maintain the fighting advantage over the enemy. They are concerned that their equipment is wearing out under constant use. They and their families are worried that not enough soldiers are in the pipeline to replace them.

We know from letters and conversations that our young soldiers returning from combat are concerned about the future of their institutions. They want to know who is focused on reshaping our Army and Marine Corps so that both services will be better able to fight the long fight against radical Islam. How will Congress fund the future? Where will the new weapons and equipment come from? They are also worried about more personal issues like housing and health care for themselves and their families.

Dan Brown was my First Sergeant in Vietnam. I was new to war. He had served in two. He gave me a piece of advice then that Congressmen intent on changing the subject should heed: "In combat the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. Otherwise, you die." The main thing today for Congress and the nation should be the war in Iraq. Soldiers are sworn to defend the right to free speech with their lives even if "speech" is expressed in despicable ways. What they want in return is the assurance that our lawmakers will hold their interests dear.

So the message from most of us soldiers is clear: Debate a flag-burning amendment if you wish. But don't create the perception among our young men and women in combat that there are more important issues than their welfare at the moment. Wait a while. At least for their sake, wait until the last flag-draped coffin comes home.

Scales, who commanded two units in Vietnam and was awarded a Silver Star, served 34 years in the Army.

New York Times
June 26, 2006

Really Bad Ideas On Korea

North Korea hasn't yet tested its new long-range missile, but some bizarre ideas have already started flying around Washington about the best way for America to respond — including a proposal by two Democratic defense experts to launch a pre-emptive American attack on the missile. While that isn't likely to inspire greater sobriety in Pyongyang, it has made the Bush administration's less strident preparations for a possible military response look statesmanlike by comparison.

What would be better still would be for the White House to heed yesterday's call by senior Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for direct talks with North Korea on the issue.

Pyongyang is unpredictable. It claims to have nuclear weapons already. And a successful long-range missile test would mark a significant step down a road that might eventually give it the capacity to deliver nuclear weapons as far as the United States. But the danger, for now at least, is scarcely imminent enough to justify a pre-emptive military response. An American overreaction would do more harm than good.

There are many good reasons why North Korea should not test an intercontinental ballistic missile. But it has every legal right to do so. Washington, on the other hand, has no obvious legal right to blow up North Korea's missile on the launching pad. Doing so would forfeit the diplomatic high ground on an issue that in the end will have to be resolved by diplomatic means, and with active Chinese support.

Washington needs to keep two fundamental goals in sight. The first, obviously, is to convince North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons and long-range missile programs. The second is to make sure that neither Pyongyang's feints nor Washington's responses touch off a nuclear arms race in Northeast Asia.

For most of its tenure, the administration has refused to engage in serious nuclear diplomacy with North Korea. The exception came during a brief period last summer when American diplomats were actually allowed to engage in substantive talks, which led fairly quickly to a broad agreement in principle. Progress came to a sharp halt after Washington abruptly imposed unrelated banking sanctions and declared them nonnegotiable. North Korea then responded in a very North Korean way by walking away from the nuclear talks.

This is all very symmetrical, except that time is clearly not on America's side. Now North Korea is renouncing its missile test moratorium, which it had agreed to in the hope of negotiations on that issue.

This gathering crisis is dangerous enough on its own terms. But if mishandled by Washington, it could have potentially disastrous regional consequences, driving a further wedge between Japan and China.

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Subject: Re: Simmons - Someone is finally listening

Wait'll you see tomorrow's column in Spectator Online. King isn't serious. I said on Bill O'Reilly's show on Friday that Sulzberger and Keller should be marched out in handcuffs. By abusing it, NYT and WaPo are destroying the First Amendment.

Jed Babbin

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 [U] RE: mil analyst trip

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Cmdr: (b)(6)

As you can see from the email trail below, it is our understanding that LTC (b)(6) was suppose to have the data to you last night by COB Tampa time. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that you had an email from her. If you have not, can we please have until Monday evening to resolve?

V/R,

Col: (b)(6)

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Is there anything your amazing team cant do? Thank you for such a rapid turnaround.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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Sir, I jut spoke with LTC (b)(6) She will input the data on the correct form and transmit it to MNF-I by COB.

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Folks,

I hope this note finds everyone well this Friday. First, I would like to apologize in advance for the short fused nature of this request. I, and my entire team, know that you all have multiple visits, codets, godets, etc, in addition to fighting a war and these kinds of requests eat away at manpower and time. Thank you for your willingness to "take on yet one more".

Our goal with this trip is to bring in approximately 10 of our most senior and prolific retired military analysts for a two day visit to Iraq to see first hand the status of Iraqi forces, meet if possible with mod and moi leadership, meet with mnfi leadership and leave armed with first hand experiences and briefings on the successes being made in the country. The analysts will be back and on tv in time to provide critical context to future senior dv visits to the aor.

Our proposed manifest is as follows:

Mr. Jed Babbin, former DUSD and AF JAG, radio host and tv commentator

General Wayne Downing, USA, Ret. with MSNBC

Brigadier General David Grange, USA, Ret. with CNN

Colonel Jack Jacobs, USA, Ret with MSNBC

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Major General James "Spider" Marks, USA, Ret. with CNN

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OSD Staff

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Allison Barber

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Major (b)(6)

Understanding the need for speed for approval and Theatre Clearance and Country Clearance, I am hoping we can pull the right folks together to help get this ball rolling this weekend. Proposed dates are as follows:

Arrive Kuwait July 7, transit through customs and overnight Kuwait

July 8-9 full day Iraq

July 10 afternoon departure for Kuwait

Thank you again to everyone who is helping to bring this together. I know from past trips that the media earned from this will be exceptional and will truly help to focus America's attention on the amazing work being done by our military men and women.

All the best,

dl

Dallas B. Lawrence

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Notes on meeting with Gen. Casey

These notes are from an on-the-record Thursday PM meeting with General George Casey, commander of Multi-National Forces, Iraq - in the Pentagon - about 10 media analysts and writers before his press conference accompanied by the SECDEF - it was good to see him again. I had dinner with him on my last trip to Iraq. I like and respect him immensely. He is a statesman as well as warrior and a thoughtful and caring commander. He is still quick to smile and has a sense of humor - I don't know how:

- The overall situation in Iraq
 - o the completion of the government with the appointment of the defense and interior ministers and the national security advisor makes a huge difference. Until that happened, nothing could move forward
 - o the new government was digging out of a deeper hole than the old, but is moving out of the box faster
 - o he is extremely impressed with PM Nouri al-Maliki - dedicated, smart., courageous, decisive
 - o al-Maliki's priorities are unity, security, prosperity
 - o in addition the PM is trying to craft a framework for national reconciliation
 - o the Speaker of the Parliament and one of the VPs, both Sunni, truly want to see this government succeed

- The security environment in Iraq
 - o extremely complex - more so than it has ever been
 - o the insurgency is only one of the major problems
 - o political, economic maneuvering and crime are huge factors in the violence
 - o Zarqawi's death hurt the insurgency, but they are still a viable force
 - o current captured documents show the difficulty and despondency of the insurgents - they see themselves losing, the government getting stronger and time not on their side
 - o a HUGE fight is coming up - how to handle the various militias

- o this will be an Iraqi Army fight (with US help) as the police will not be strong enough, but the police will have to be strong enough to survive when the fight is over – this is a BIG problem
- o the militias are out of control and focused on political advantage, revenge and kidnapping and intimidation for profit – this is no longer about security. Muqtada al-Sadr may have lost control of his own militia
- o this is a dicey political as well as military problem – al-Maliki will use politics as well as force and must be careful not to lose support of any political faction or the population in general
- o the resistance against US occupation is weakening. The Sunni insurgency is beginning to seek an honorable way out and methods to insure relevancy and participation
- o Iran is becoming a serious factor – they are arming, instructing and supplying Shia militias – some of this is coming from Lebanon (Hezbollah) through Syria
- o violence is not widespread. 80% of the serious violence is within 30 miles of Baghdad. 14 of 18 provinces have less than 9 major incidents a month

· Iraqi security forces

- o the Iraqi security forces are coming up to speed rapidly. They will need our help for a long time, but they are increasingly capable of taking the lead – they don't have to be "US good," only "Iraqi good" and the insurgents aren't ten feet tall
- o we will be providing advisors, logistics and quick reaction forces for an extended period
- o the Iraqi forces have 3 divisions, 18 brigades and 69 battalions – six months ago the numbers were 1, 4 and 23 – about 80% are now capable of taking the lead
- o the Iraqis are paying lots of attention to the appointment of commanders above the battalion level
- o police performance is spotty – not bad in the NE and south
- o the Army comes first and must be strong enough to support the police in a region
- o a big problem is restoring confidence of the Sunnis in the Ministry of the Interior (handles the police) – seen as a pro-Shia force
- o the governor of Muthana province in the south has assumed responsibility for security
- o when a provincial governor certifies that the Army and police are capable of providing security in his province – we release that responsibility to him – we retain rights of passage and the right to conduct counter-terrorism with coordination and we continue to provide quick-reaction forces
- o he sees the Sunni insurgency as slowly tapering off next year
- o even though Iraqis will be in the lead, we will support them with transport, med-evac, com, intell and occasional fire support for an extended period
- o expect rapid Iraqi security force progress in 07

- o we are creating a light-infantry, counter-terrorism force initially within the security forces. Later they will become something else in the nature of a more-capable army as they develop a 5-yr. plan
- o the odd-numbered divisions have been recruited as a national army with a mix of Shia, Sunni, Kurd. Even-numbered are more like National Guard – recruited locally and reflecting the ethnic make-up of the province
- o Fallujah is doing “OK”
- o the Fallujah model is being introduced to Ramadi – cordon off, control access, conduct targeted C/T ops. This will take months

The following are my remarks, not Gen. Casey's:

A suggested measure of progress is to watch the Iraqi security forces and how quickly they take over complete provinces – this will permit a gradual withdrawal of American forces – this will be done by not replacing forces that have reached the end of their deployment. Expect some lower level of US forces in 06, accelerating rapidly in 07 – Don Shepperd, CNN Military Analyst

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i believe you have spoken to dave evans in my office about an analyst trip to iraq and afghanistan. i wanted to send you the following list, which is still evolving, but here are the ones working to clear their schedules:

Mr. Jed Babbin, fmr DUSD and AF JAG
General Wayne Downing, USA, Ret. with MSNBC
Brigadier General David Grange, USA, Ret, with CNN
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alternates:

Colonel John Garret, USMC, Ret.
Dr. Jeff McCausland, Colonel, USA, Ret. with CBS
Captain Chuck Nash, USN, Ret. with Fox News
Mr. Bing West, fmr ASD for ISA

OSD escorts:

Allison Barber, DASD for Public Affairs
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TBD

the manifest may shrink, but we will keep it to 12. i hope to have final word on this list asap and then we can submit the country clearance. also, i have reached out to afghanistan to see if we could stop there first. the dates approved by osd for travel are:

july 6, 7 in afghanistan, leaving the 8th for iraq.
arrive iraq late on 8 july. leave iraq 11 july.

please let me know what else you need from me. also, if you have a contact for who i should be working with at the jyb in kuwait re. air travel, that would be helpful.

thanks so much.

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If someone tells you Gitmo is a gulag – that is nonsense – they haven't been there.

Our soldiers, sailors and air men and women at Guantanamo are doing a superb job around very dangerous people in a long and difficult war – you can be proud of them.

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So, should, or should not, Gitmo be closed? – I don't know. Gitmo has become an unfortunate political symbol of an increasingly unpopular war. Some of the information spread in the media is wrong and written or relayed by people who are misinformed. Gitmo is a modern, well-run prison where detainees are well treated, well-fed, and medically cared for - BUT – whatever happens – we must have a method of handling detainees in the war on terrorism – Congress may have to act - this is a different war and old models don't fit. Many of the detainees are dangerous, VERY dangerous, and will kill you, me and others tomorrow if released. They should not be put blithely back on the streets in an emotional quest for justice – as an international community we MUST find a way of handling these people - AND – I fully suspect that if detainees are transferred back to their home countries, or other facilities constructed in far-off lands, they will soon wish they were back at Gitmo.

If someone tells you Gitmo is a gulag – that is nonsense – they haven't been there.

Our soldiers, sailors and air men and women at Guantanamo are doing a superb job around very dangerous people in a long and difficult war – you can be proud of them.

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From: (b)(6) CIV. OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: analysts in gitmo

hi. dallas asked that i send you the names of the analysts who went on wednesday. here they are:

Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired) - Fmr. ASD for International Security Affairs

Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired)

Mr. Wayne Simmons (CIA, Retired)

Judge Andrew P. Napolitano (Fox News)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 12:43 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: FW: Gitmo ?

hi. as i mentioned to you... i know you said dallas and i shouldn't deal with this. hate it that you have to! but, it doesn't look like he's going to give up... i haven't answered him and i wouldn't be surprised if he calls next.

thanks

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From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF [mailto:NDCF@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 8:43 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Fw: Gitmo ?

Dear (b)(6)
Just a thought...

I could have Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN) call over there to Allison or Dallas.... as he is the Chairman of my Foundation and a dear friend(and head of Western Hemisphere on Foreign Relations)... your thoughts ?

Best
ANDY

P.S. Two days ago I was on Fox defending the idea that there should be NO timetable....hope you caught it.

----- Original Message -----

From: Major F. Andy Messing, Jr. (Ret)/ NDCF
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 12:29 PM
Subject: Gitmo ?

Dear (b)(6)
Gitmo... did I make the cut ?
Best
ANDY

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 11:50 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Military Analyst Commentary about Gitmo
Importance: High
Attachments: MilitaryAnalysts.Gitmo.6.23.06.doc

Dallas – For your immediate purposes, you may only want the opening section.

FYI #1 – All 4 of us looked independently for Don Shepperd Gitmo clips and we even called our rep at TV Eyes to make sure we had not missed anything. Bottom line – we found zip from him on the trip.

FYI #2 – We will update the memo (highlights and excerpts) later on.

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MILITARY ANALYSTS ON GUANTANAMO
AS OF JUNE 23, 11:00 AM
(To be updated later today)

Military analysts who visited Guantanamo on Wednesday have conducted interviews on the following stations, as of 11:00 AM on June 23rd. They include:

- Judge Andrew Napolitano:
 - Three Fox News Radio interviews/clips on "Brian and the Judge"— one was live (June 21, 22)
 - One appearance on the Big Story with John Gibson (6/22, 5:00 PM – listed below in two parts)
 - Two segments on Fox and Friends (6/23, 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM)
- Robert Maginnis:
 - While at Guantanamo, conducted three "live to tape" interviews for national broadcast
- Wayne Simmons:
 - One appearance on The Big Story w/ John Gibson (6/22, 5:51:58 PM)

JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

Fox News Radio: Brian & The Judge – Call-in from Judge Andrew Napolitano from Guantanamo Bay – June 21

** (Note – highlights from the clip, not a word for word account)*

The "Live from Gitmo" segment on "Brian & The Judge" was roughly two and a half minutes long. Judge Andrew Napolitano phoned in live from a building across from the U.S Terrorist Detention Facility at Guantanamo Bay Wednesday morning. He had not yet toured the facility or witnessed any interrogations. He wanted to learn about the "fairness of the process of how prisoners are transferred in and out of the prison," and was most interested in sharing the numbers that he had already received.

- "800 in so far, 139 sent home as a result of the hearings"

Both the Judge and the host, Brian Kilmeade, were very surprised that they had not known about those numbers previously. The Judge elaborated further on numbers:

- "790 brought to Guantanamo, 290 transferred to their home countries or a third country if their home countries wouldn't take them, 130 are awaiting transfer, which is a matter of logistics..."

The Judge sounded eager to tour the prison and said, "Everyone's been very open. I've been amazed and thrilled with the openness with which they've answered my questions."

Fox News Radio: Brian and the Judge – Live interview with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Cully Stimson on Guantanamo Bay Detainee Policy – 6/22, 0930

Judge Andrew P. Napolitano conducted a 10-minute interview with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs Cully Stimson on Guantanamo Bay detainee policy after Napolitano returned from a trip to the detention center yesterday. Napolitano was impressed by the condition of the facilities and questioned the lack of reporting on the positive aspects of the center. He was also convinced of the guilt of the detainees and discussed the difficult legality issues in trying the detainees.

Impression of Guantanamo

Host: The military is almost delicate in the manner in which it treats these detainees; the treatment of the detainees far exceeds minimum requirements of the Geneva Convention. I'm shocked that I hadn't seen anywhere in the media that 797 detainees had been there and 230 have

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been released and 238 are ready to be released... no one reported... The facilities that are being built are as modern, sophisticated and as comfortable as any prisons that I have seen.

Stimson: I'm delighted you were able to go, and I'm not surprised by your observations. I'm happy to think that you think...that we far exceed the mandatory minimums required by Geneva. And everyone who goes down there believes the same thing...Over 1000 media have been down there from a very broad spectrum across the world, we've had 145 Congress members, 145 staffers go there, I took two European delegates down there to talk about how humane the conditions are.

Detainee Policy and Legality Issues

Host: Why was I surprised? Why were the media not reporting on the things that I saw? Is there an ideological bias because we are incarcerating people without trying them?

Stimson: Well, I'm not going to answer that...

Host: I apologize, that's a political question.

Stimson: Look, you know that any nation at war is entitled to detain its enemy, the Nazis who we were fortunate enough to detain, we detained them without charges...they didn't know when the war was going to end. There are some groups you can characterize one way or another that believe these people deserve more rights than the Nazis. That's just absurd.

Host: There's no legal basis for that. The legal conundrum that you guys are in. There's no question that the guys still there are the bad guys. There's no question that the military is convinced of it, I'm convinced of it. [After being briefed by FBI investigators of the evidence against the detainees,] the tracing of their behavior, even some who were in the United States, was the most terrifying. The problem is that not all this evidence would be [uphold... as evidence of the federal evidence either in federal court or in a traditional court marshal.]... So what do we do with them? We cannot send them back. They will kill the guards, their families, they will cause enormous damage and havoc to innocent Americans.

Stimson: [There are two concepts here,] one, is that the system you and I have lived in: criminal law. [Where there are defense lawyers, prosecutors, and evidence.] On the other side is history and the law of war. If you are lucky enough to detain your enemy, and there is no doubt that that is our enemy, and during the time of war, you can detain your enemy as long as you decide them as an enemy combatant.

Host: And here's where you've exceeded Geneva's wildest [expectations, for] the worst of the worst, you've given them lawyers!

Fox News Radio: Brian and the Judge - Account of Guantanamo Bay - June 22nd (time unknown)

Judge: We visited jail cells, we saw detainees, we saw them in their cells, we saw them in their exercise yard, we examined evidence, I actually had an opportunity...to look at the evidence that they have obtained from these guys which will be used in the military commissions...we received briefings from FBI agents about the activities of these detainees, in the United States, before they were arrested! Nothing was off grounds. No questions went unanswered. The military is extremely courteous, kind and forthcoming.

Big picture: Guantanamo Bay is an enormous naval base, it's 46 square miles...Since Castro came to power, he refuses to accept the lease payments but he knows we are there forever.

The prison at Guantanamo Bay is just one square mile of the 46 square mile, it is a very small portion of the naval base. The prison itself consists of six camps, with different levels of constraint depending the prisoners' behavior. Every prisoner receives truly top flight medical and dental attention. Every prisoner has his religious rights respected. The call to prayer occurs several times a day. The prison stops while those who wish to pray do pray. Obviously, one can work his way to a camp with more freedom with cooperation.

There is a surprising number of these prisoners who have cooperated. Cooperation consists of evidence information about what they know about other prisoners and what they know... (clip ends).

PART I: Fox News: The Big Story w/ John Gibson - 6/22/2006 5:00:27 PM

JOHN GIBSON, HOST: Hi, everybody. I'm John Gibson. A "Big Story" exclusive for you tonight -- our judge, just back from a visit to Guantanamo Bay, home to some of the world's most dangerous terrorists. The government invited Judge Andrew Napolitano and a select few others -- there's his snapshots -- to check out our prison in Cuba. He was allowed to personally examine evidence against the detainees, and he watched in an interrogation. The FOX News senior judicial analyst joins us now to break down the trip for us. So, judge, one of the most interesting facts I have heard about your trip already is, there are 100 guys there, bad guys, that they know have been in the United States casing this country. What, 37 trips?

ANDREW NAPOLITANO, FOX NEWS JUDICIAL ANALYST: Oh, John, it was terrifying. We -- we received about eight or nine briefings, starting on the flight down and concluding with as we were leaving Guantanamo Bay. Clearly, the most compelling -- and, from my point of view, the most terrifying -- was from the FBI agents. There's a full team of FBI agents down there.

And they tracked the behavior of many of the detainees and showed that nearly 100 of them, collectively, had visited 38 states in the United States, legal, lawful entry into the United States, some for as long as two years to -- to attend junior colleges, some for as short as two days, many to visit traditional American tourist sites. But they had all been -- but that many of them have been there.

GIBSON: Bad guys. They don't have the evidence to -- to put them on trial, and they don't want to let them go.

NAPOLITANO: This is the government's legal, not military or political -- this is the government's legal conundrum.

The government's chief lawyer and those working for him conceded to me that they do not have enough evidence to get a conviction before a military commission, which is the easiest, before a court-martial, which is the next most difficult, before a federal district court jury, which is the most difficult.

But they are satisfied, and they persuaded me from the evidence that they showed me, that these are such bad, evil human beings that to release them into society, whether in the United States or outside the United States, would be suicidal, because these guys would for sure return to kill their captors, to attack the families of the captors, or to wage war against us again in the Middle East.

GIBSON: You have been an opponent of what is going on in Gitmo. You have spoken out against it. And I think you have even written about it.

NAPOLITANO: I have written extensively about it.

GIBSON: In both your books.

You saw interrogations. Did you see anything objectionable?

NAPOLITANO: Oh, no, no, not at all. The people conducting the interrogations freely admit that the procedures that they used before 2004 were more aggressive than now.

When the Supreme Court came down with its 8-1 decision, saying the Constitution applies, the treaties apply, and the law applies, and the federal courts of jurisdiction, they stopped using the methods that about five FBI agents had complained about.

So, the interrogations that we saw, John, were about as mild as you and I conversing now. It's one interrogator. It's -- excuse me. It's one detainee. It's three interrogators, one of whom is a translator.

The whole thing is taped. Four people are watching the entire interrogation as it goes on. In my case, they allowed us to watch it through closed-circuit. So we weren't in the same room, and we

couldn't hear the words being used. We watched the guy being interrogated, who is the number-two person there.

The government has ranked them, all 400 of them, in the order of their influence over the others. This is the number-two person. And they interrogate him about every two weeks, just to see what information he wants to share with them or what lies he wants to give them, which allows them to compare what he said with what others are saying.

GIBSON: What has happened since the recent suicide of detainees?

NAPOLITANO: Well, since the recent suicide of detainees, the administrative tribunals have stopped. So, we thought we could see an administrative tribunal or a commission.

This is the interrogation of a -- of a detainee, formally and on the record and before a panel of three judges. Those stopped. Security has tightened considerably. And people who were about to get moved up to an area of the camp which is not as -- as aggressive were put back at the bottom of the line.

GIBSON: Judge Napolitano has opposed Gitmo for some time. A little later in the show, we are going to have him back, after he has seen this thing, to explain to us, what are we supposed to do about it?

Judge, we will see you in a little bit.

NAPOLITANO: OK, John.

PART II: Fox News: The Big Story w/ John Gibson - 6/22/2006 5:34:48 PM

GIBSON: President Bush saying he would like to shut down Gitmo. He's been under pressure from the international community about this prison for some time now. So should we? Our Fox News senior judicial analyst judge Andrew Napolitano just got back from an exclusive trip to Gitmo. That's him in his golf shirt looking around at the facility. Should we close it?

NAPOLITANO: No, I don't think we should close it.

GIBSON: Haven't you called for it to be closed?

NAPOLITANO: No, have never called for it to be closed. I have called for the people there to be put on trial. Because never in American history, I shouldn't say never because Abraham Lincoln did it during the Civil War and Woodrow Wilson did it in during World War rMD+IT_rMD-IT_1. But F.D.R., to his credit, tried the German saboteurs before they were executed. We've not since the Geneva conventions, which didn't exist until after World War II, held people without a trial. The president must know that he has spent over \$30 million in the past year there, expanding the size of it, building a truly high-tech, first- rate building. I've been in a lot of prisons in my prior life as a judge and I walked through this one. This is about as good as they get in terms of facilities for the inmate, as prisons go, comfort for the inmate and high-tech ability to do what you have to do in a prison. They spent a lot of money on it. They spent \$2.5 million last week on a fence to keep out local people that were wandering on to the property.

GIBSON: You know, we hear from the human rights community that one of the reasons that Gitmo should be closed is the sense of hopelessness that detainees have because they don't know how they would ever get out if they're going, are they entitled to hope?

NAPOLITANO: Well, it depends who you ask. That's a great question, John. In my view on the American constitution and the treaties we've signed, they are entitled to a trial. And if the government cannot prove their guilt, they shouldn't be there. The government knows this. How do I know this? Because they haven't sent any detainees there since the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that the constitution applies. Where are all the detainees from Iraq? They stayed in Iraq. They're under the custody of the Iraqi authorities. There's no new people coming to Guantanamo Bay.

GIBSON: And the supreme court is going to decide something soon?

NAPOLITANO: Yes, the case is very complicated but boiled down, 400 detainees filed applications for habeas corpus, meaning they want the government to justify to a federal judge why they're incarcerated without a charge. After that was filed the Congress enacted a statute saying they can't do it. The government now wants to argue that that statute is retroactive, which

would wipe out the 400 applications. That's what the Supreme Court will decide. Are these 400 cases still alive? If they are, John, there will be 400 trials before federal judges in Washington, D.C. If they're not, there will just be military commissions with the right to appeal only after the commission rules.

GIBSON: One way or another there will be trials.

NAPOLITANO: One way or another there will be trials even though the top guys I spoke to yesterday said to me we can't prove cases against a lot of these guys. We just don't have the evidence.

GIBSON: Every day we see this, people say we don't have the evidence against these guys, we can't prove a case, we have to let them go. They don't want to say that?

NAPOLITANO: They don't want to say that. They don't want to let them go because they don't trust the governments to which they might go and the 15 of the 230 that they did let go came back and fought against us.

GIBSON: And they actually believe these people are terrorists who have taken a vow to fight the United States?

NAPOLITANO: The vast majority of the 400 detainees that are still there have made threats of such magnitude and severity that anybody who heard what I heard yesterday would believe that they are terrorists sworn to attack the United States. But under the laws and the treaties, they're still persons entitled to trials.

GIBSON: There have been, as you know, many accusations that detainees are tortured at Gitmo.

NAPOLITANO: Until the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that the constitution applies and the federal courts have jurisdiction, there were some aggressive means used and all of those were outlined by FBI agents who objected to them. They were things like great heat, great cold, sleep and food deprivation. None of that, I'm told, has happened in the past two years since the Supreme Court's ruling. And the interrogation I witnessed, as I said earlier, was a conversation like you and me are having.

GIBSON: Who is their best interrogator?

NAPOLITANO: Their best interrogator is a New York City homicide detective, who volunteered to become an ensign in the Navy so he could go down there and show them how to interrogate and he's a terrific guy.

GIBSON: So law and order prevails at Gitmo. Judge, thank you very much.

Fox News: Fox and Friends 6/23/2006 6:34:20 AM

(Transcript to be included later)

Fox News: Fox and Friends - 6/23/2006 8:05:59 AM

Steve: Judge Napolitano not exactly in to this zip code for a couple of days. he went to Gitmo.

Andrew: there I am in a jail cell.

Steve: About time.

Andrew: you know what, they love to play checkers and they love to play chess. I asked about that.

E.D.: you know its interesting, on my way into work today I was listening to National Public Radio and there is a movie coming out -- I think its called the "Road Gitmo"-- it starts today, but they were interviewing a person and it's based on the recollections of some people who have been imprisoned at Gitmo and they were saying that they -- I guess with no independent confirmation, the claim is that they were kept in cells and where they sleep, they have no roofs over their head and when it rains, it rains down on them and I asked you about that. In their living quarters, do they have rooms?

Andrew: they clearly have roofs, and the cells are so positioned so that the rain can't get in on them. They could get wet he if they were out in an exercise yard and it started to rain and they decided to stay

E.D.: they said their blankets –

Andrew: the Geneva Conventions and I should say the military's treatment of these detainees, exceeds the minimum that the Geneva Conventions requires. The Geneva Conventions requires a roof over their head, even though there's no heat or air conditioning -- the average temperature is in the 90's, there's a roof over their head in the cells.

Steve: I'm glad you went down there and saw it with your own two eyes. Remember those very famous early pictures of what it was like at Gitmo, somebody squeezed off some shots and you saw those prisoners in the orange jumpsuits and their hands were bound behind them, they were blindfolded. Any of that stuff? Are they still wearing the blindfolds down there?

Andrew: the military has asked all the media to stop using that. When the Supreme Court ruled in June of '04 that the constitution, the treaties, and the laws of the United States apply, the military's treatment of the detainees changed dramatically. It is now gentle, almost child-like the way they treat the detainees. It was not that way before, but the tape you're talking about is the old way that they were treated, which hasn't happened in two of that years.

E.D.: now, compared to how American prisoners are treated at American jails, here in the United States, are these people being treated equally, better, worse?

Andrew: Far better, far better, far better. Not even close in terms of the quality of the food, in terms of the medical treatment, education, and recreation available. I mean, one of those pictures shows me using exercise equipment in the prison yard. That was just one of the many pieces, there it is Steve -- it was 110. There was no roof over that exercise.

Steve: Judge, Valley Fitness is about a block away. If you need to workout, I wouldn't go to Gitmo. The facilities there are excellent.

E.D.: People claim people are treated so horrendously, it needs to be closed, is better than what we keep our own prisoners in America in?

Andrew: No question about it. The administration has just spent \$30 million to build indoor cells and that facility, which will be known as Camp Number Six. They each have numbers, depending upon the degree of security and lock down and that facility will be the most modern, high tech facility with the best creature comforts for prisoners. It's a jail. It's not too many creature comforts but the best for prisoners anywhere in the country.

Steve: It was great you were able to make the trip. Judge, thank you for sharing that --

Andrew: It was a one day trip, down in the morning, five hours there, back to Andrews Air Force base.

Steve: it's not like you wanted to spend the night.

Andrew: No way, O-Reilly said to me make sure you leave

WAYNE SIMMONS

Fox News: The Big Story w/ John Gibson - 6/22/2006 5:51:58 PM

JOHN GIBSON: Back now to our "Big Story" Guantanamo Bay exclusive. We've heard from our judge earlier about what he saw on his trip yesterday to that infamous detention facility. Former CIA operative Wayne Simmons was also on that trip. He joins us now with his thoughts. So, Wayne, the judge, you know, has always said that these guys should get some sort of trial. Isn't quite sure about whether you should close it. But he also described a situation where it seems like the interrogation techniques are so watered down, you wonder if they're getting anything out of these people at all. I mean, he described an interrogation technique that looked a little like Tony Soprano talking to his shrink. What do you get out of that?

WAYNE SIMMONS, FORMER CIA OPERATIVE: Listen, and the judge is absolutely correct. I had the very good fortune and the honor of being on the first contingent to go to

Guantanamo Bay a year ago, and when I came back, I wrote some pretty scathing things about the interrogation methods, which I found much, much too soft. I thought we should use much harsher methods to get the time sensitive intel.

I can tell you now, after a year I've changed in my position, and I'll tell you why. What is happening is the command and control face on the battlefield is changing, and what we now see happening, John, is that we're able to go back to some of these detainees and secure information about who we believe is now the new face of the command and control in the battlefield, and get a description of these individuals and where they are and where their families are.

So would I like to see harsher conditions -- not torture but stronger conditions in interrogation? Absolutely. But...

GIBSON: But I mean, you know, the judge described it as three people in there, a guy sits on a couch, they talk to him. Nobody else. There's no sleep deprivation, no food deprivation. It's not too hot. It's not too cold. He's not being water boarded. He doesn't have snarling dogs. He's just chatting with them. What do they get out of that?

SIMMONS: Well, they're using a technique whereby they build a bond and whereby they hope that as time passes, that bond will yield verifiable intel. And it appears that is working. But I will tell you, one of the most amazing things that I saw, and one of the things that made me very, very happy, and as the judge said, it was a scary time, was that we're finding out that a lot of the intel we're getting from these detainees is being used by our FBI, and these men and women of the FBI are doing one incredible job of hunting down the cells inside the United States. And unfortunately, we're not allowed to stand up on the mountain and scream at the top of our lungs, look what we did or look what they've done, and that's unfortunate because the American people would be proud of what they see the FBI having done.

GIBSON: Wayne, you won't mind if I needle you just a little bit. The judge says the best interrogator they got was a New York City cop.

SIMMONS: Well, listen, I don't know if that's the case. But I can tell you...

GIBSON: I mean, where are the CIA guys, where are the FBI guys? How come they're behind a New York City cop?

SIMMONS: Listen, all of these men and women that are doing those interrogations are outstanding. So I'll let the judge make his assessment, but I will tell you they are -- and I'd love to mention names, but I can't for obvious reasons, but they are doing an incredible job, outstanding job. And I want to show you one thing quickly if I can. I don't know if you can pan in on this medal that was given to me by the commander of JTF Guantanamo, Admiral Harris. And on this, if you can see this, it says, it says "honor bound." And these fine young men and women that are guarding these animals -- and that's what they are, the nastiest people on the planet -- they are shouting "honor bound" at every opportunity.

GIBSON: All right, Wayne Simmons, thanks a lot. Appreciate it.

SIMMONS: Thank you, John.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
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To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) COL MNFI CMD GRP PAO'
Subject: RE: analyst trip

COL,

Any muscle you folks can offer to at least let the folks in Kuwait and Iraq know that this is a priority mission for secdef and General Casey would be extremely helpful. Our goal is to get these guys in and out prior to the Big Bosses visit so they can be back here on tv talking about their experiences as he lands and as all us media is focused on it.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
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Subject: analyst trip

col (b)(6)

thanks again for the roundtable with the military analysts and your boss yesterday. we got great feedback.

i believe you spoke with dallas about another analyst trip in july. we are currently working to make that happen. i've spoken with col jadick and am working with her team to make it happen. it might be helpful, if you wouldn't mind -- and greatly appreciated -- if you could let them know if that general casey supports the concept and wants to make it happen. we are looking at coming from 8-11 july. i believe the jvb already has us penciled in.

please let me know if you need anything more from me.

thanks again,

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OSD is currently planning a short fused high priority trip to the aor withint the next 14 days. The trip is for our senior retired military analysts, several of whom just met yesterday with general casey in dc. (b)(6) will be the poc and trip planner for this trip, senior DV will be DASD Allison Barber. I wanted to make sure you all were connected. Thanks again for all of your great help in the past.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
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Here you go

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA [mailto:Dallas.Lawrence@ (b)(6)]
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Subject: RE: Theater and Country Clearance

LTC,

I was hoping for an update on our country clearance message for an osd military analyst trip to iraq around the 7th of October. can you help me find out where this is and how I can shake out an approval by cob tomorrow? thanks!.

-----Original Message-----

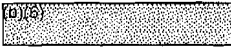
From: (b)(6) (USA) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 11:23 AM
To: 'dallas.lawrence@ (b)(6)'
Subject: Theater and Country Clearance

Mr. Lawrence - Per our conversation this morning, the following is the information for preparing your request for theater and country clearance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Attached please find our Sample document to help you format your request for Country and Theater clearance. Save the document on your computer, follow the instructions in "red", delete the countries and other data that doesn't apply, enter the names and info of all travelers, a clear itinerary and well-defined purpose. Next, release the message via DMS or AMHS so that the US Embassies receive your request for Country Clearance. If you are short on time, you can email the message to us at theaterclearances@centcom.smil.mil so that we can process the theater clearance. Specific country information can be found on the Foreign Clearance Guide web site at www.fcg.pentagon.mil

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V/R,

LTC 

Director, Theater Travel Coordination Cell

USCENTCOM

DSN 

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From: JedBabbin@
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 6:49 PM
To: tmcinerney@ paulvalley@ nashct@ Glenstrae77
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roberthscates@ wheelerc@ twilkerson@
mgroot@
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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 3:55 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE:

nope.

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 3:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject:

Major general don Edwards on fox. Is he on our list?

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

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(b)(6)

Subject: Roundtable w/ Military Analysts
Location: (b)(7)
Start: Thu 6/22/2006 2:00 PM
End: Thu 6/22/2006 3:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 10:12 PM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: Re: Hi there

Ten I believe in person another 6 on the call.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 22:10:34 2006
Subject: Re: Hi there

He is flying back tonight and will be on at 7am.
He is really fun. You will enjoy being with him. I didn't spend too much time with him because I didn't want the others to feel in his shadow.

Wayne Downing is really a ton of fun too.

Any idea how many analysts will be in tomorrow? I am starting at old town.

Thx
Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 22:05:02 2006
Subject: Re: Hi there

Was he as much fun as he seems? Any idea of when he will be on tv first?

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 21:11:25 2006
Subject: Re: Hi there

That is fine.

Great trip. Good call on the judge.

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 18:08:48 2006
Subject: Hi there

Hope the trip was a hit. We may need to use your office for tomorrow's casey call from 2 to 3. Having issues with getting a phone line for protocol upstairs and scedef just snatched our room.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 9:14 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re:

Copied her on those messages!! :)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 21:12:45 2006
Subject: Re:

Please make sure (b)(6) know.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
CC: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 21:03:07 2006
Subject: Re:

Oh, and maginnis and west have badges, so no escort needed. Simmons will come in metro and doesn't have a badge.

thx

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
CC: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 21:00:44 2006
Subject: Re:

Both will be there, as well as bing west. They just need the room number....

Thx

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 16:38:14 2006
Subject:

Please make sure to invite Sheppard and maggins to the pentagon tomorrow for the casey roundtable. They did not rsvp.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison

United States Department of Defense

(b)(2)

(b)(6)

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 9:09 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD
Subject: Re: gtmo

Hi
Why wouldn't he work with me since I am responsible for these trips?

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD
To: (b)(6)
CC: Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Wed Jun 21 17:31:04 2006
Subject: gtmo

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 8:00 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD
Cc: Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA; Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA; Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: Re: gtmo

You asked about best day. Monday or Tuesday are best for me!

(b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry wireless handheld.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD" <Eric.Ruff@ (b)(6)>
Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2006 17:31:04
To: (b)(6)
Cc: "Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA" <Bryan.Whitman@osd.mil>, "Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA" <Dorrance.Smith@ (b)(6)>, "Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA" <Allison.Barber@ (b)(6)>
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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 7:34 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD
Subject: Re: gtmo

Okm let me know. I am supposed to be in Houston Wednesday.

(b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry wireless handheld.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD" <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>

Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2006 18:23:59

To: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: gtmo

military aircraft from andrews. i'm not sure of the date yet, but think it would be mid-week.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:35 PM

To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD

Subject: Re: gtmo

I would love to but have a narrow window. Got date and time? Would I be on a military plane or commercial? Thanks for thinking of me.

(b)(6)

Sent from my BlackBerry wireless handheld.

-----Original Message-----

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Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2006 17:31:04

To: (b)(6)

Cc: "Whitman, Bryan Mr OSD PA" <Bryan.Whitman@(b)(6)> "Smith, Dorrance HON OSD PA"

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To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: gitmo

She will.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 20 19:29:33 2006
Subject: RE: gitmo

Thanks for the cc back. Hopefully she will begin to pick up on this at some point. Have fun with the judge.

Dallas B. Lawrence

Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison
United States Department of Defense

(b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 7:17 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: gitmo

Great work. Please get this to capt (b)(6) so he can print it and give it to dorrance. See you in the am. Thanks (b)(6)

Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 20 19:13:53 2006
Subject: gitmo

hi. below is the line-by-line for tomorrow. will have your book at the dv lounge in the morning.

here are the participants:

Mr. Bing West (USMC, Retired) - Fmr. ASD for International Security Affairs

Major General Donald W. Shepperd (USAF, Retired)

Captain Martin L. Strong (USN, Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired)

Mr. Wayne Simmons (CIA, Retired)

Judge Andrew P. Napolitano (Fox News)

DOD:

(b)(6) OSD Policy

Capt (b)(6) (USN, ret) Director of OARDEC

BG Tom Hemingway, Mil Commissions

Sgt (b)(6) Pentagon Channel

DOD MILITARY ANALYST BRIEFING

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

June 21, 2006

0600 Military Analysts/DoD personnel board shuttle bus for Andrews AFB

Pentagon South Parking, Lane #8, Bus #50 (Motorpool: 703-604-0600)

Note: Ms. Barber, BG Hemingway and (b)(6) to meet delegation at Andrews Naval Air Facility terminal

0645 Arrive Andrews AFB Naval Air Facility Terminal

0715 Board G-5 Flight to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Special Air Mission #V V103

0730 Wheels Up

Depart Andrews AFB for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Coffee and breakfast served in flight

0745 Welcome

Ms. Allison Barber, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

0800 Breakfast

0830 Detainee Policy Briefing

BG Thomas Hemingway, Legal Adviser to the Appointing Authority Office of Military Commissions

TAB A: Biography

Policy Briefing

Guantanamo Today Fact Sheet

0900 Military Commissions Procedures Briefing

BG Thomas Hemingway, Legal Adviser to the Appointing Authority, Office of Military Commissions

TAB B: Revisions to Military Commissions Process Briefing

Military Commissions fact sheet

DoD official websites for detainee information

0930 Combatant Status Review Tribunal/Administrative Review Board Briefing

Briefer (b)(6) OARDEC Director

TAB C: Biography and Briefing

Combatant Status Review Tribunal/Administrative Review Board

The Legal Basis Fact Sheet

Processes Chart

Processes Fact Sheet

DoD official websites

0945 Coffee/Snack/Bathroom Break

1030 Wheels Down

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

1045 Met by Joint Task Force Commander (Bio Tab D)

1130 JTF Operational Update
Joint Task Force Commander

1200 Through America to Jihad Brief
Joint Task Force Commander

1310 Tour Camp Delta
Camp IV, unoccupied cellblock, detention hospital, behavioral health unit

1415 Evidence Locker

1445 Tour Camp V
Interrogations and maximum security detention facility

1515 Camp VI
Under construction

1545 Transit Bay via Water Trans.

1615 Wheels Up
Depart Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Andrews AFB
Dinner served in flight

2000

Wheels Down

Andrews AFB

2015

Military Analysts/DoD personnel board shuttle bus for Pentagon

Naval Air Facility Terminal, Bus #50 (Motorpool: 703-604-0600)

2045

Arrive Pentagon, South Parking Row 8

still with me??? :)

see you in the a.m.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 6:43 PM
To: Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: possible analyst conference call

hi. we are looking at the possibility of this call happening on monday. i'm out tomorrow, so i will get back to you on thursday.

thanks!

(b)(6)

From: Keck, Gary L Col OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:18 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
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the sme's we'd like to have would include centcom, pacom, intel and southcom, as well as national guard and personnel and readiness. we'd like to shoot for wednesday or friday mid-day. please let us know how we can help pull this together. we always appreciate the assistance from your shop in organizing these conference calls... our analysts always have great feedback.

thanks

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Subject: Hardball/McCaffery on Guantanamo

MSNBC 6/20/2006 5:11:25 PM: ... i know you just got back from **guantanamo bay**. should it be shut down, that prison there? >> we'll, we're in a political and proehl mess, norah, but i think at some point the president is going to have to make a bold stroke and back-us out of there. one comment, unequivocal, i've been of half the prisons in america, we have 1800 mostly navy and national guard people guarding 450 paris prisoners down there, this is the most humane professional detention center i have ever seen. health care, dental care, recreation facilities, first class food, cultural sensitivity, there is no abuse going on there. i think the first year or so of the war, this was widespread policy errors on the part of the pentagon civilian leadership. that's cleaned up, i've looked at them in iraq, afghanistan, and **guantanamo**. we're doing it in accordance with our own military values. >> i know you wrote a report after you returned from iraq several weeks ago. we look forward to your report on **guantanamo bay**. thank you, retired general barry mccaffrey. now the senate fights over democrats' plan to bring home u.s. troops. will brutal two soldiers change

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Subject: RE: Invite 06-22-06.doc

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i'd also make the following change:

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:46 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Invite 06-22-06.doc

MEMORANDUM

To: Retired Military Analysts

From: Dallas Lawrence

Date: June 20, 2006

Re: Meeting with General George W. Casey, Jr.

You are invited to attend a meeting Thursday, June 22, 2006, at the Pentagon.

The meeting with General Casey, Commanding General, Multi-National Force- Iraq, will start promptly at **2:15 p.m.** and is expected to conclude at **2:45 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to brief you on current operations in Iraq. In order to participate, you must agree to embargo the information you receive during the meeting until after the press conference with Secretary Rumsfeld and General Casey immediately following.

Consistent with Pentagon security procedures, it will be necessary for you to arrive at the Pentagon NLT 1:45 p.m. on June 22nd with two forms of I.D., one with a picture.

Instructions concerning transportation logistics will be provided as soon as we hear back from you regarding your participation.

Please R.S.V.P. to (b)(6) at (b)(6) or call her at (b)(2)

We hope you will be able to participate.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:11 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Retired Military Analysts Outreach Group.doc

hi. here is the list of those to invite. i took off anyone whom i know is out of town or unable to participate. and i took off additional info that you don't need. thanks for helping me out with this! you will probably want to mention to them that i am out on official travel tomorrow without access to email so that they know i won't get their responses... some of them will still email me b/c no one reads directions carefully! lol. let me know if you have questions. and i'll be back on thurs morning bright and early to help with anything you need. :)
thanks again, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(As of April 2006)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:40 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Military Analysts heading to Gitmo

so far:
ltc bob maginnis
wayne simmons
captain martin strong
mr. bing west

thanks

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:32 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Military Analysts heading to Gitmo

Hi (b)(6) Do you have the list of those heading to Gitmo tomorrow? We thought we'd take a look at what they've written/said lately so there is a basis of comparison for their onsite/return comments. Thanks! (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:32 AM
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Medved

check, check.
thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:31 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Medved

Hi

Thanks for sending this.

Just fyi, probably wouldn't put "softball" interview in writing. If that got out it would compromise jed and general casey.

Thanks
Ab

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: (b)(6) COL MNFI CMD GRP PAO
CC: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OSD; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 20 09:42:01 2006
Subject: FW: Medved

hi. jed babbin, one of our military analysts, is hosting the michael medved nationally syndicated radio show this afternoon. he would like to see if general casey would be available for a phone interview any time between 3 and 6 pm. topics would be: status of operations in iraq and if troop levels should/can/will be reduced.

please feel free to contact jed directly (contact info below) if the general can/would be available for the interview. this would be a softball interview and the show is 8th or 9th in the nation.

thanks

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From: JedBabbin (b)(6) [mailto:JedBabbin (b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 4:34 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Medved

Here's the link

www.medvedshow.com

I'm subbing for him on Wednesday, 21 June. Would love to get the general. Thanks.

Jed Babbin

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:26 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA, (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

the mil analyst roundtable/conf call is on general casey's schedule according to col hull, his m.a. who went to the bucci meeting this morning... 1415-1445. just wanted to make sure we're not booking two hot ticket items at the same time. if some of them are coming into the building, we may want to see if doj can do the call right before or right after since they'll all be here and then we can just call in?? two birds, one stone?

thanks

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:21 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA, (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject:

Good morning. I understand that DOJ is interested in hosting a call with our group of Retired Military Analysts (talking head types) this Thursday to address the Supreme Court Ruling on GITMO. We would like to propose inviting the following folks to call in and can send the invite out to them electronically once we get the details for the call (time, call in number, who will be the speaker). We can also, if you like, send out a note letting them know of the possibility of a call on Thursday for planning purposes only that does not list who will be the speaker but details the topic (ruling).

Thanks and look forward to working together with your team to bring this together.

Proposed Invitees

Colonel Ken Allard (USA, Retired) MSNBC

Mr. Jed Babbin (AF, Former JAG) American Spectator, national radio

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (USA, Retired) Fox News

Lieutenant General Michael P. DeLong (USMC, Retired) Fox News

General Wayne A. Downing (USA, Retired) MSNBC

Lieutenant Colonel Tim J. Eads (USA, Retired) Fox News

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona (USAF, Retired) NBC

Colonel John Garrett (USMC, Retired)

Brigadier General David L. Grange (USA, Retired) CNN
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (USA, Retired) Fox News
Colonel Jack Jacobs (USA, Retired) MSNBC
General Jack Keane (USA, Retired) ABC
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis (USA, Retired) Fox News
Major General James "Spider" Marks (USA, Retired) CNN
Dr. Jeff McCausland (Colonel, USA, Retired) - CBS
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney (USAF, Retired) - Fox News
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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Subject: names for doj

here is the a-list.
thanks

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From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 9:45 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Kim Ponders

Stand by. Also, can you let general shepard know I'm going to call him soon amnd that he may want to go on this trip do to breaking news.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
To: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 20 09:28:44 2006
Subject: RE: Kim Ponders

so far we have four analysts, you, me, (b)(6) (oardec), (b)(6) (policy) and bg hemingway (mil commissions). we have room for 3 more. i'm waiting on general keane and capt (b)(6) but have only been able to leave messages.

dallas, are we asking the white house for names?? the flight manifest nazi's are breathing down my neck....

thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 9:23 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Kim Ponders

Agree. Dorrance asked about adding other folks on the next trip. Let her know that we are locked in on this trip but will keep her posted if other opportunities arise.

Thx

How many folks do we have for tomorrow?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
CC: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Sent: Tue Jun 20 09:19:05 2006
Subject: RE: Kim Ponders

Ive talked to him about her. She has not prior military experience and is more of a think tanker/press side. As we are not taking other think tankers I would advise against adding her to this trip.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 8:59 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA
Subject: RE: Kim Ponders

don shepperd suggests we take her on the trip tomorrow and told her to call me about it. i have three messages from her this morning. thots??

thanks

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From: ShepDonald (b)(6) [mailto:ShepDonald (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2006 3:03 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas Mr OSD PA
Cc: Barber, Allison Ms OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Kim Ponders

Dallas - not sure with your mil leave if you got this - attached is the resume of Kim Ponders who has written, writes and will write on military/defense matters - I think she would be a good addition to the military analyst group, but not sure who controls same.

I met Kim at a book fair in Jacksonville, FL - we had a semi-heated discussion on Guantanamo. In my opinion she was mis-informed and she thought I was full of shit - we were probably both right. Because of the writing she does and will likely be doing, I think she would be a good addition to the group - Don Shepperd