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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 7:04 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: gtmo trip

hi there
want to make sure we are on the same page for (b)(6) involvement on the gtmo trip.

my expectations are as follows: (pre trip)

1. all of the coordination and invitation process
2. paper work and country clearance documentation
3. briefing coordination with principles
4. packets for military analysts
5. agenda

on the trip:

1. host the analysts as needed
2. coordinate follow up for analysts -- questions/briefing material...
3. provide assistance to you as needed

it is important that tara knows exactly what is expected of her. i am not in favor of my staff winging it and i don't want others to think she is responsible for things that are outside her realm of influence.

please let me know if you have any additional items and i will brief tara on those too.

i am sure it will be a great trip.
ab

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-LA
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 5:25 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: jed babbin

we need to talk when you get down to PA- or call me

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 5:03 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

fyi.
i'm having him send to me on sivr. and hemingway can brief that part as well.
thanks

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From: Waxman, Matthew, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

unfortunately they're on SIPRnet. Are you on there?
Tom Hemingway says he feels comfortable giving the briefing -- he'll do it, so no need for pre-brief

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Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 3:36 PM
To: Waxman, Matthew, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: RE: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

hi.
did you get a response to this message?
also, would you please forward your slides to me so that i can have someone start putting the briefing books together?
thanks

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From: Waxman, Matthew, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2005 9:22 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Hemingway, Thomas, BG, DoD OGC; (b)(6) RADM (OARDEC)
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

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To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Phone msg from Jed Babbin

He is on the radio for Laura Ingram tomorrow would like to see if he could have a big dog on? Also, would like to speak w/you reference your GTMO trip.

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v/r

SFC (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

Great. That would be terrific. Are you in the building today or tomorrow? Otherwise will discuss by phone

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Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo

Matt,

I'll be happy to give your briefing but would like to meet with you or (b)(6) before then to make sure I'm in sinc with your "foot stompers."

Tom

Thomas L. Hemingway, Brig Gen, USAF
Legal Advisor to the Appointing Authority
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Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2005 1:36 PM
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Cc: (b)(6) CAPT, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CDR, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6); (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Subject: Military Analyst Visit to Guantanamo Wrap Up
Attachments: Military Analyst Tour Wrap-Up 7.5.05.doc



Military Analyst
Tour Wrap-Up ...

Coverage of the military analyst visit to Guantanamo included 37 known articles or interviews across television, print, online and radio outlets. Military analyst Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu had the most coverage followed by Major General Shepperd and then Colonel Jacobs. Please see the attachment for the full report.

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2005 10:50 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Monday, July 11

i believe the hearing is on the 20th, which is why the rush to get all the codels in next week... the 14th is tentative b/c of the probability that we'll get bumped by la bringing down the members who are not yet scheduled. i'll chat with blackner asap and see what we can do.

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2005 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Monday, July 11

On the hill. Not back in office until 2ish. We need to get the analysts down b4 the st. There is a cong hearing on the 14th that will review detainee issues. Analysts will have good, fresh perspective. I don't want thr 14th to be tentative. Can you please apprise col blackmon of the hearing? Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA <(b)(6)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@ (b)(6) >
Sent: Wed Jul 06 10:14:09 2005
Subject: Fw: Monday, July 11

Fyi. See below. I have a list and info from claude, too. Where are you?? Let's discuss.....

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From: (b)(6) R. LTC (L) <(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6), CIV, OASD-PA' <(b)(6)>
CC: (b)(6) COL (L) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wed Jul 06 09:55:13 2005
Subject: RE: Monday, July 11

Sorry for the brevity. Thursday, July 14th is very tentative right now. Prefer not to schedule at this point. We have 3-4 CODELS scheduled for next week and there is movement based on OSD-LA's efforts to combine trips. We have an operational blackout on visits. between 16-20 July. Best dates I can give you right now are July 21, 22, 27, 28, 29.

V/R

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LTC, FA
Director, JTF-GTMO Joint Visitors Bureau
DSN: (b)(2)
COMM: (b)(2)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2005 9:21 AM
To: (b)(6) COL (L)
Cc: (b)(6) LTC (L)

Subject: RE: Monday, July 11

Great. Thanks.

I am also checking with our leg affairs folks here in the building to make sure we're ok. I hope to have this nailed down by mid-day. Doable?

Thanks

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To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Salvesson, Curt R. LTC (L)
Subject: RE: Monday, July 11

(b)(6) I have forwarded your email to LTC (b)(6), our JVB Director. He will be able to deconflict a possible visit with our CODEL visits.

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COL (b)(6)
Director of Public Affairs
Joint Task Force Guantanamo
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2005 6:24 PM
To: (b)(6) LCDR (L)
Cc: (b)(6) COL (L); (b)(6) COL (L); (b)(6) LTC (L);
(b)(6) Maj, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Monday, July 11

Would you please check on the feasibility of a July 14th visit and let me know as soon as possible?

Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2005 12:48 PM
To: (b)(6) LCDR (L)
Subject: Monday, July 11

Hi (b)(6)

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Please forward BGen Hood's contact info as soon as you can.

Please also let me know what else you need from me.

Thanks again,

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i haven't heard back from him yet. i'll follow up with him this morning.

i'm checking with southcom to make sure the 14th is a go and then will get all the details worked out. onwards and upwards.

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i'm still miffed about this. have you heard from claude? we need to know all of the doggone dates that codels are scheduled and he should be telling us this... are we coordinated with la? thanks, (b)(6).

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Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2005 6:12 PM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Monday, July 11

Have we heard about these from (b)(6) -- i.e. Does he know about them? Thanks. Let's look at the 14th

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To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@(b)(6)>; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)>
Sent: Tue Jul 05 17:31:02 2005
Subject: FW: Monday, July 11

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Subject: Today's Spectator: The Confirmation Agenda

The President needs to be on the attack, not the defensive through the coming mess in the Senate.

The American Spectator

Jed Babbin

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Subject: Re: JED BABBIN/RADIO INTERVIEWS

Do I understand this to mean he wants to do an interview at 700 a.m. on the 4th of July? I do NOT want to discuss the UN special raaporteur issue. That isn't something we have a lot to say on or to gain from talking about right now

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CC: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY <(b)(6)>; (b)(6), COL, USA, OSD-POLICY <(b)(6)>
Sent: Fri Jul 01 18:33:57 2005
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Cc: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: JED BABBIN/RADIO INTERVIEWS

Jed Babbinn would like to interview Gen Hemingway, Mathew Waxman, and/or RADM McGarrah on the Monday radio programs he is guest hosting. Both shows are on WMET-AM, Washington DC. The morning show is 0700 - 0900, the afternoon show is 1200 - 1400. He would like to have Waxman on the early show and either BGen Hemingway or RADM McGarrah during the afternoon show. That said, he is flexible and will accomodate their schedules as long as he could get at least one of them on each of the two shows that day.

FYI, Babbinn was asking questions about the recent statement from the UN Human Rights group. LtCol Skinner is double-checking to see if the below response to query regarding the UN is still valid and will inform us as soon as he gets a response in case they are asked on the show.

Flex, would like you to be overall coordinator for the Babbinn Monday shows. Babbinn said he could only handle one interview per show so don't need all three, but would like to have at least one per show if at all possible. Here is Babbinn's contact numbers:

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Please make contact with Jed today to let him know you are working this. Thanks.

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Model Gitmo

Very far away from anything Amnesty claims.

By Dana Dillon

As long as institutions are created and staffed by human beings, rather than gods, they will be imperfect. At best. What distinguishes the good institutions from the bad is not whether they make mistakes, but how they handle mistakes when they occur.

Recently I visited our military's much-maligned detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I found the prisoners there were treated humanely and justly, living in conditions that meet - indeed, far exceed - Geneva Convention standards for prisoner treatment.

It's not prudent to speculate on the motives behind the histrionic criticisms of Gitmo recently launched by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International. But if these institutions truly wish to advance human rights, they would do far better to focus on the Defense Department's response to prisoner-abuse scandals - and hold it up as a model for security forces around the world.

Sensational headlines may be a boon for fundraising, but they do not always spur reform. Remember the tempest over Abu Ghraib? The world was shocked and enraged at the sight of those photos of prisoner abuse. But well before those photos were published, the U.S. military had recognized the problems and was moving to correct them - in Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq and Afghanistan.

How, exactly, has the Pentagon responded? It has moved decisively to hold the actors accountable. More than 390 criminal investigations are either in progress or completed. So far, there have been 50 referrals to courts-martial, more than 85 non-judicial punishments, and 26 administrative actions. At Abu Ghraib alone, the commanding general was relieved of duty and reduced in rank, the Intelligence Brigade commander was relieved, there were eight courts-martial, four officers received

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non-judicial punishment, and action is still pending for another 13 soldiers.

The Defense Department's prompt and painstaking response to improper conduct demonstrates its appreciation of the importance of detention operations and its commitment to both the humane treatment of prisoners and accountability. That's something Amnesty International should be promoting as a model for other nations - even some of our allies in the war on terrorism.

Consider Thailand. An ally of the United States, Thailand is battling a Muslim insurgency in its southern provinces that may have connections with international terrorists. Unfortunately, the negligence and lack of accountability of the Thai security forces are making the situation worse. In October 2004, Thai forces arrested 1,000 protesters. Eighty-four of them died in custody, most from suffocation while crowded in trucks.

Thai authorities conducted an investigation, but the result was the transfer - not demotion, not court-martial, just the transfer - of three generals. No one was court-martialed, or received any other punishment. Today, the insurgency in Thailand remains active, with the level of brutality on both sides increasing, not declining.

Thailand is not alone. The Philippines and Indonesia are also fighting homegrown terrorists, and they too are experiencing problems in law enforcement and the detention of prisoners. The United States and responsible international nongovernmental organizations concerned with human rights should share the American experience to our allies in the war on terrorism.

Of course, "responsible NGO" means the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), not Human Rights Watch (HRW) or Amnesty International (AI). One lesson learned by the American armed forces is that the ICRC is a valuable partner in assuring the humane treatment of prisoners, while AI and HRW are thinly disguised partisan political organizations.

ICRC has maintained an active presence at Guantanamo Bay since 2002 and has interviewed all of the detainees. But rather than sex up its reports and blare them to the media, ICRC sends their first-hand assessments, in confidence, to the responsible governments. This gives officials the chance to correct mistakes without public outcry, an important consideration for many developing countries.

Brigadier General Jay Hood, the commander of the detention facilities, says that ICRC suggestions helped him create a detention facility that meets all the international standards. In addition to the ICRC, more than 1,000 journalists have visited Gitmo, plus eleven senators, 77 congressmen, 99 congressional staffers, and, of course, lawyers for the detainees. Despite a plethora of available eyewitness testimony to the humane conditions in American military detention facilities, AI denounced Guantanamo as the "gulag of our times," and HRW compared Abu Ghraib to Darfur.

Detention operations play a vital role in the war on terrorism. American military police maintain a "detention" specialty to operate prisons and handle prisoners. Militaries in developing countries need similar training. International Military Education and Training (IMET) funds should be made available to countries like Thailand, the Philippines, and Indonesia to train their soldiers in law-enforcement and prisoner-detention specialties. That's a much safer alternative than falsely screaming "gulag!"

- *Retired Army Major Dana R. Dillon is senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation.*

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Mr. Ruff asked me to forward these transcripts to you.

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Transcripts attached.

Thanks to Dallas Lawrence for the air times/info he provided - much appreciated.

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Vacancy at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Steven J. Greer

26 June 2005

"Club Gitmo?" Perhaps Rush Limbaugh had a crystal ball when he compared the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility to luxurious Club Med resorts. Not to be outdone by the conservative radio critic, Senators Dick Durbin and Robert Byrd gazed into their own crystal balls. What they saw is chilling - torture chambers, gulag tactics, human rights violations! Truth be told, Guantanamo is neither a resort nor gulag.

"We conduct confinement and interrogation of the worst of the worst terrorist operatives," remarked Brigadier General Jay Hood, Commander, JTF-Guantanamo Bay. Sound pretty straightforward? Not hardly. Hood and his professional task force of soldiers, sailors, coastguardsman, and civilians operate under increased scrutiny of late. They spend an enormous amount of time responding to international pressures, uninformed criticisms, and irresponsible journalism. "Every crazy story impacts our mission," said Command Sergeant Major Angel Febles. No doubt! Camp Delta is tied up 2-3 times a week conducting "dog & pony" shows for VIP's and international media. Nonetheless, Hood and company remain stoic, focused, and unwavering.

Since September 11, 2001, more than 70,000 enemy combatants have been captured in Afghanistan

and Iraq. The majority released or confined in facilities abroad. Only a fraction of suspected Taliban or Al Qaeda associates have "checked-in," reaping the pleasures and comforts associated with Camp Delta. Perks such as ice cream, air-conditioned cells, prayer rugs, checker board games, volleyball, and state of the art medical care. Detainees - political correctness for extremists who wish to kill us - eat three squares a day, peruse *Martha Stewart Living*, and play soccer. Sound like torture?

So what do reasonable people make of reports of wide spread abuse? One recent delegation of military analysts learned first hand - abuse is pervasive and indiscriminate! Individuals are being spit on, head butted, peppered with feces and urine on a weekly basis. Unfortunately for Durbin, and Byrd, the recipients of such vulgar treatment are not detainees; they are guards -

American Soldiers and Sailors.

Americans shouldn't be at all surprised. Camp Delta isn't home to alter boys - there are bomb makers, terrorist facilitators, UBL body-guards, and would-be suicide bombers. Some 800 total unlawful enemy combatants have been detained at Guantanamo. All are Taliban or Al Qaeda associates. Several hundred have been released or transferred pursuant to the Combatant Status Review Tribunal and Administrative Review Board process. Cumbersome processes akin to working a rubrics cube blindfolded.

Approximately 520 detainees remain at Camp Delta. Of these, 100 are suspected of possessing high-value intelligence information. These "magnificent" 100 are interrogated routinely. About 35% are compliant, the balance combative, hostile, and uncooperative. Think we torture these folks? Not hardly. Peering through single-sided glass one gets a sense of just how cunning, dangerous, and elusive this enemy can be. Yet we don't use torture? "The most effective way to draw credible information is through rapport building, not force," quipped a senior female analyst with 3 years at Guantanamo. One detainee favored hostess donuts...eating a dozen (with his left hand) while his interrogator patiently asked questions. Another flipped through pages of *Divers World* magazine (he's from the coast of Libya and enjoys the water). While another carefully sipped *Seattle's Best Coffee*. Incentives - a small price to pay to save lives.

Interrogation is a cat and mouse game. "It's a chess match; both interrogator and detainee are hanging on every word," remarked one senior interrogator. Analysts at Camp Delta continue to receive information that saves lives and uncovers Al Qaeda networks. Every detainee has a story to tell and is a potential treasure trove of information. So what makes a detainee want to talk? "Rapport building...that's the strategy that we employ and it's effective," said General Hood. And Hood takes this strategy seriously. For example, detainees are free to practice their Muslim faith. Hood ordered small, black arrows painted on each bunk and in all common areas...the arrow points toward Mecca! He also ordered the playing of the Muslim "call to prayer" over the camp loudspeaker 5 times per day. Sound like a Gulag?

The result of such pampered care is undeniable. More than 4,000 reports capture information provided by detainees, much of it corroborated by other intelligence reporting. This unprecedented body of knowledge has expanded our understanding of Al Qaeda and other associated networks. Many detainees have admitted close relationships to senior Al Qaeda leadership - providing valuable insights into the structure, training, goals, and financial mechanisms. Guantanamo Bay is our only strategic interrogation center and is imperative to prosecuting the war on terrorism.

Lessons learned are advancing the operational art of intelligence and development of strategic interrogations doctrine. Moreover, they speak to the professionalism exhibited by hundreds of men and women deployed to Cuba to protect our freedoms. Not quite a resort and certainly not a gulag, perhaps Limbaugh, Durbin, and Byrd have time to visit? The sign reads, "Vacancy at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba," and General Hood and company are gracious hosts.

Author: Steven J. Greer is a Professor at American Military University and fellow with the National Defense Council Foundation. He recently visited Camp Delta.

<http://www.thegreerfoundation.org> [We The People \(Thank You\) CD Album...tribute to the troops!](#)

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Military Analysts - Gitmo Trip Wrap-Up

(Media Coverage: June 24 – July 5)

Summary

Coverage of the military analyst visit to Guantanamo included 37 known articles or interviews across television, print, online and radio outlets. Military analyst Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu had the most coverage followed by Major General Shepperd and then Colonel Jacobs. Themes were consistent with last week's topics as follows:

Prisoner/Guard Abuse

- Most abuse is either toward U.S. military personnel and/or between prisoners
- U.S. military guards are regularly threatened by prisoners
- Some analysts stated there may have been past abuses at Gitmo but not now

Prisoner Interrogations

- Interrogators are building relationships with prisoners; not torturing them
- We are still gaining valuable information from prisoners
- Interrogations are very professionally run

Quality of Prisoner Care

- Soldiers go out of their way to accommodate Islamic practices by providing prayer rugs, Korans and directional arrows pointing toward Mecca
- Dietary needs of prisoners are taken into consideration and medical care is provided

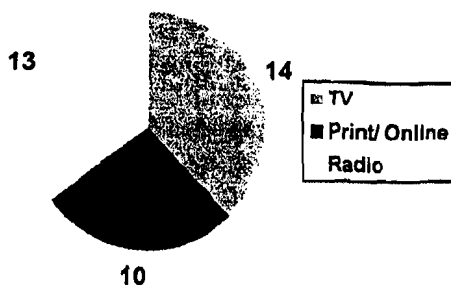
Closing Gitmo

- Gitmo exceeds Geneva Convention requirements
- We should not close this facility and let dangerous terrorists out

Analyst Feedback

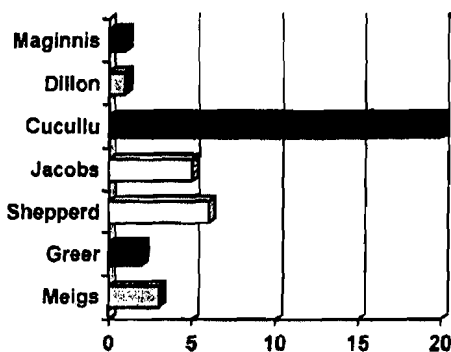
- Analysts felt criticism of DoD is unfair and misguided
- DoD should have been more open about Gitmo sooner
- Analyst tour is "long overdue" and there is "nothing to be ashamed of"
- Television media has outdated images of Gitmo (i.e. showed a rundown facility)

COVERAGE BY MEDIA OUTLET



Amount of Coverage per Analyst

No Known Post-Trip Commentary



- Colonel Tim J. Eads
- Colonel Glenn Lackey
- Retired CIA – Wayne Simmons
(Quoted within a Gordon Cucullu piece)

SUMMARY OF MEDIA COVERAGE

(*Indicates new media not covered in last report)

General Montgomery Meigs

Television

WNBC-NY (NBC) - Today

6/25/2005 7:08:07 AM

- General discussion of Gitmo structural changes, prisoner treatment and Red Cross interviews of detainees. Also talked about whether Gitmo should continue to detain prisoners.

MSNBC News Live

6/25/2005 11:20:12 AM

- Discussed the quality of the facilities, prisoner interrogations and Red Cross involvement. Also commented on the professionalism of the military personnel at Gitmo and believes DoD is doing the “right thing” at Gitmo.

MSNBC*

6/27/2005 3:24:11 PM

- Spoke of the numerous changes at Gitmo. For example, building rapport with prisoners, the high quality of food and facility improvements in comparison to past conditions.

Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer

(Fox News interview on Saturday, June 25; not available)

Television

Fox News -- Fox and Friends Sunday

6/26/2005 9:45:13 AM

- Emphasized that interrogations are built on rapport rather than torture and that the food quality is good. Also discussed the fact that prisoners attack military guards.

Major General Donald W. Shepperd

(Radio interviews ABC Radio - New York and CNN Radio this Weekend: not available)

Print/Online:

Visit offers glimpse into Guantanamo

(CNN.com; online CNN article by General Donald Shepperd) – July 1

- Criticism of DoD is unfair and misjudged. Gitmo replicates military justice systems (i.e. military tribunals) and is modeled after U.S. prisons. “Certainly no gulag.”

Television:

CNN -- American Morning

6/27/2005 9:14:57 AM

- Discussed guards’ professionalism, the quality of facilities and interrogation techniques (i.e. building relationships with prisoners).

Live from CNN

6/24/05 2:50 PM

- Gitmo is a modern prison system with dedicated guards and interrogators who know what they're doing. Stated that analysts had access to multiple parts of the facility despite the fact that it was a DoD sponsored trip.

CNNEU* - CNN Europe

6/27/2005 4:21:29 PM

- Military commissions are going on right now. U.S. guards are angry that Gitmo is being portrayed in a negative fashion in the media. Early abuses have been “cleaned-up.”

Colonel Jack Jacobs

(MSNBC interview – June 26; not available)

Television

MSNBC

6/26/2005 9:35:56 AM

- He did not get any sense of abuse taking place. Stated that the DoD needs to be more proactive about its Gitmo PR efforts. Valuable and actionable intelligence is still being collected.

MSNBC

6/26/2005 10:38:56 AM

- DoD has been very accommodating to Islamic practices at the Gitmo facilities (i.e. prayer rugs, ritually slaughtered meat, etc.) and conditions are changing for the better.

MSNBC

6/26/2005 11:47:47 AM

- Observed "relationship building" between the detainees and guards and discussed the high quality of the Gitmo facilities.

MSNBC*

6/29/2005 3:32:44 PM

- Mentions there may have been abuse in the past but not now. Discussed the high quality of the facility and the fact that there is still new information being gathered.

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu

(Articles: The Walton Reporter – New York; Democracy Project; The Right Approach
Radio: WABC - New York City, Dennis Prager - Los Angeles, KKLA - Los Angeles, KABB - Los Angeles, Greg Allen - Tampa, WMET - Washington, D.C, KFI - Los Angeles, KTFK - St. Louis, Liberty Broadcasting – Nationally Syndicated, True North Radio – Waterbury (VT), Greg Allen Show - Tampa – Not Available)

Print/Online

Interrogations at GITMO: Breaking Stereotypes...*

(The One Republic Journal; Gordon Cucullu) – July 5

- Observed interrogations while visiting Guantanamo and spoke of the importance of building rapport with the detainees. New information continues to be collected from detainees. Was impressed by the professionalism of the facility personnel at the camp.

Abuse at Guantanamo: Reporting on a visit to Gitmo...*

(The One Republic Journal; Gordon Cucullu) – June 28

- Attacks on American service members from prisoners are common. Inspection of cells indicated "a far cry from the harshness of American maximum security prisons." "Combatants are evil and dangerous."

Mothering Terrorists at Gitmo *

(FrontPageMagazine.com ; Gordon Cucullu) – June 28

- Prisoners receive a 2,600-calorie diet. Facility personnel and guards are regularly attacked and gaining information continues to be a challenge. He commended personnel at the Gitmo facility.

What I Saw at Gitmo

(FrontPageMagazine.com; Gordon Cucullu) – June 27

- Observed interrogations and commented on the quality of medical care. He also pointed out that the Korans handed out all have protective cases.

Television

Fox News - Fox and Friends First

6/27/2005 6:23:12 AM

- Discussed the morale of prison guards despite public criticism of how the Gitmo facility is run. Continue to build relationships with prisoners to gain actionable intelligence. The camp continues to serve its purpose.

Fox News* - Dayside with Linda Vester

6/29/2005 1:42:06 PM

- Dangerous detainees regularly threaten guards and interrogations are necessary in order to gain continued intelligence.

Major Dana R. Dillon

Print/Online

Model Gitmo: Very far away from anything Amnesty claims.*

(National Review; Dana Dillon) – July 1

- Detainees are treated humanely and just. The Pentagon is holding U.S. personnel who have previously mistreated prisoners accountable. The detention operations at Gitmo play a “vital role” in the war on terror.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Maginnis

Print/Online

Commentary & News Briefs

(Agape Press; Compiled by Jody Brown quoting Robert Maginnis on Gitmo) – June 27

- Observed the interrogation process and was impressed with the level of professionalism at the camp. New intelligence is surfacing all the time.



MILITARY ANALYST FEEDBACK
POST GUANTANAMO VISIT
 (Transcripts: June 25-27, 2005)

Note: These are clips found as of 1500 Monday. More may follow.

Highlights:

- **General Montgomery Meigs**
 - *WNBC-NY*, 6/25: The DoD is starting to do a better job of telling the Gitmo story, which is “professionally run.”
 - *MSNBC News Live*, 6/25: Compared Gitmo to the DoD Leavenworth facility. All the right things, including interrogations, are being done “correctly.”
- **Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer**
 - *Fox and Friends* – 6/26: What we have done to “consistently ensure humane treatment” is amazing...the interrogations are “definitely working.”
- **Major General Donald W. Shepperd**
 - *CNN American Morning*, 6/27: Gitmo “bears no resemblance” to how it’s portrayed in the press. The guards are dedicated and doing “an extremely tough job” with the dangerous detainees.
- **Colonel Jack Jacobs (three different clips)**
 - *MSNBC*: 6/26: Gitmo is “a very nice facility.” But the DoD’s invitation for analysts to tour the facility was “long overdue...” “There’s nothing to be ashamed of” and “it makes no sense” to close Gitmo.
 - *MSNBC*, 6/26: Conditions at Gitmo have changed for the better over the years... the soldiers “go out of their way” to accommodate Islam at the prison
 - *MSNBC*, 6/26: Conditions exceeded expectations – the cells are “high tech.” The interrogators are establishing relationships with detainees to gain information, but “it takes time.”
- **Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu**
 - *Fox and Friends* – 6/27/05: Gitmo is a “very smooth-working, operating procedure that may have had problems in the beginning but is now up and running.” The facility and guards are “impressive.”

Transcripts:

General Montgomery Meigs

(Found Weekend Today Show clip and MSNBC - this Weekend clip)

WNBC-NY (NBC) - Today

6/25/2005 7:08:07 AM

Newscaster: Earlier this week a team of human rights experts at the United Nations accused the U.S. of unfair treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. And joining us this morning from Washington, D.C., two NBC news analysts, both former generals, Barry McCaffrey who's returned from a trip to Iraq and Montgomery Meigs, who recently returned from, I believe, just yesterday, a visit to Guantanamo Bay. Good morning to both of you...

Newscaster: General Meigs, let me turn to you and Guantanamo Bay. You were just there at the invitation of the U.S. military. Give us your general impressions. **Meigs:** Well, we went to just about every corner of the place. Escorted by Major General Hood, the commander down there. There's been over \$100 million of new construction. The place is professionally run. I was impressed. **Newscaster:** isn't the debate though not so much about exactly how prisoners are being treated there but more on whether or not Guantanamo Bay has become a symbol? A symbol to the Muslim world and in particular -- a recruitment tool for terrorists because of what it represents? **Meigs:** Well, I think the problem we have is in terms of the general treatment of prisoners early on in the war. Let me give you an example. The Red Cross just spent six weeks there interviewing prisoners, going to every part of the prison. It's not an irretrievable situation. You're going to have to have something like Guantanamo to hold these 500-odd terrorists who were very seriously dedicated people. It might as well be Guantanamo as just the Department of Defense is going to tell the story of what's really going on there. I think they're starting to do a much better job of that now. **Newscaster:** General Meigs and General McCaffrey, thanks very much to both of you this morning.

MSNBC News Live

6/25/2005 11:20:12 AM

Newscaster: Meanwhile Guantanamo Bay is just one of the fronts on the war on terror causing frustration. Earlier I got a forehand account from two retired generals. They now serve as analysts.

...General Meigs, thanks for your patience. You returned from a visit to Camp Delta in Guantanamo Bay, a source of a lot of controversy. What were your perceptions there?

Meigs: The place is very professionally run. There's been \$100 million spent in construction, which has brought the facilities up to a very high standard in terms of confinement facility. The confinements were sound, similar to what we use in the Department of Defense facility at Leavenworth. We talked with the senior interrogation heads, and interrogations were being done correctly - nothing like what you read in the log in "Time" magazine... Looks to me like they've got that thing up and running properly. **Newscaster:** But how much were you actually able to see? There's a lot of controversy, because of the treatment of detainees during interrogations ... Amnesty and

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The Red Cross are both saying the prisoners may have been abused and that they were not allowed to see all that was going on. Were you able (confirm?) **Meigs:** Yes. I know the commander. He was trying to show us everything because he's got a good story to tell. The Red Cross had just spent six weeks there interviewing prisoners, getting access to any part of the facility. And as I understand it, secondhand, their issues concern individual cells for prisoners, as opposed to two or three prisoners in a cell. That is not unusual in confinement facilities, in that the prisoners can talk to each other cell-to-cell, et cetera. So I would say as time goes on, this story is going to abate. They are doing the right things at Guantanamo. **Newscaster:** I will have more on their thoughts on whether the media is giving America the accurate picture of what's really happening in the war on terror. Meanwhile, a look at your weather...

Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer

(Found Sunday Fox News clip; the Saturday clip was not available)

Fox News -- Fox and Friends Sunday

6/26/2005 9:45:13 AM

Newscaster: There has been a lot of debate about conditions at Gitmo. Our next guest said it is not the detainees who are getting abused but the prison guards. In Washington to explain is command sergeant Steve Greer. He went to the facility and he was there for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Sergeant, I saw you yesterday on shows and one of the interesting things the points you made was you ate the food the detainees eat and it is better than foods that the actual guards eat. It even costs more. **Greer:** Yes. That's absolutely right. It is amazing the amount of steps that we have taken and put in place to ensure there is a consistently humane treatment for all detainees. Some 520 currently inside Gitmo. They've been there awhile. **Newscaster:** You said the people being treated harshly are the guards themselves. What you are also saying, Sergeant is that these prisoners have not been broken in any way. **Greer:** Well, what I would tell you is that the interrogation strategy down there is based on rapport building because that works. You don't torture detainees to gain information - it's critical information to fight the war on terror. What they have done is designed a rapport building based on certain activities. If you are not compliant you get less incentives. I watched a Libyan being interrogated - he was eating Hostess donuts and reading a magazine from the coast of Libya. Another interrogation I watched (included) the detainee watching Martha Stewart Living and drinking Seattle's Best Coffee. These are incentives given to detainees if they are compliant if they continue to provide information to their interrogators. **Newscaster:** we have had e-mails and discussed this as a talking point early in the show. We have had people e-mail in to say this is nothing but a dog and pony show and of course conditions will be good and respectful because you guys will be brought down there and everybody knows it. What do you say to that? **Greer:** That's nonsense. That B roll footage you ran there - that's camp x-ray - that thing has been gone for two years. There have been millions of dollars of construction and operation costs put into the camps at Camp Delta. Here's the deal. The International Red Cross has 24/7 access to detainees and they have met with every single detainee. Not to mention, anybody who thinks that there is something going on other than humane treatment there never served a day in the military

because the soldiers and sailors I know would never put up with it. They wouldn't allow this to go on....

Newscaster: Steve, this is what I want to know. We had interrogations - you witnessed four of them. My question is, if these interrogations are indeed working, are we further along on the intelligence trail? Are we any closer to cracking Al-Qaeda? Are we closer to getting Osama bin Laden? **Greer:** I don't know. Yes, they are definitely working. I spoke to the senior interrogator - a female who has been there two years, she said every single week they gain credible information that helps us uncover the structure of a Canadian and associated networks. Not to mention Al-Qaeda's pursuit of WMD, terrorist techniques and skill sets the way they recruit, recruiting centers and locations as well as how terrorist organizations used legitimate financial businesses as fronts to fund terrorism. **Newscaster:** The interrogations you viewed - what were they like? **Greer:** it was really hair-raising to watch the interrogations and to see an Al-Qaeda operative face-to-face with an American interrogator and interpreter. To see the cat and mouse game that goes on... There was one individual who was leaning forward in his seat very focused and attentive, with the detainee watching every word he said, he was there two years and he was a leader within the camp itself.... **Newscaster:** thank you for joining us today. Take care.

Major General Donald W. Shepperd

(Found CNN American Morning News and Friday live clip only; CNN Radio transcripts not available)

CNN -- American Morning

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Newscaster: On Friday, a group of former military leaders, who are now TV commentators, also toured the prison. Don Sheppard was there. He's in Washington this morning for us. Nice to see you, General. You went Friday. How long were you there? What did you get to see? **Shepperd:** We were there the whole day. We got to see the entire detention facility, talk to the guards, see interrogations, observe interrogations, and talk to interrogators. We had pretty much free run of the place to talk to anyone we wanted to talk to. **Newscaster:** What did you come away thinking? **Shepperd:** I came away thinking what the congressional delegation said. What we saw in Guantanamo bears no resemblance to what we are reading in the present press. Most of the people writing about this, I believe, have never been there. We have impressions of an old facility camp that was closed three years ago. We have a modern, well-constructed prison guarded by very, very dedicated people, doing an extremely tough job in the midst of a very dangerous people. **Newscaster:** Did you talk to interrogators there as well? What kind of questions did you have for them? **Shepperd:** We talked to interrogators and watched them at work as well. A lot of people have the impression of people at Guantanamo, people with no rights and being mistreated. This is consistent with what I heard from the interrogation training in Arizona, mistreatment does not work. You can't get things out of people by torturing them. All it does is screw things up. You have to establish rapport over a long period of time, keep the interrogations going and eventually people will give you information that you then coordinate with other pieces of information to bring you actionable intelligence and that's what's happening now.

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Newscaster: You had free run of the place and that you got to watch them at work pretty much unfettered for a day. Isn't it fair to, well, if there's abuse going on it sure isn't going to happen while the U.S. Congressional delegation is going through and certainly not while former people who are now analysts on TV, are hanging out in town? I mean, it seems to me, obviously you wouldn't see those things, I think that's fair to say, isn't it?

Shepperd: Absolutely. They put their best foot forward. In any prison situation you have to continually guard against abuses. There have been abuses at Guantanamo in the past. I think they have been fixed and they're constantly on the alert for them. What we saw was a bunch of dedicated people that are really mad and feel attacked by the things coming out in the print press about this. They say, I don't know where these people are getting information. They haven't been here, and I haven't seen it going on. **Newscaster:** not only coming out in the print press, journalists who haven't had a chance to visit, talking about Amnesty International, they called Guantanamo modern gulag, the IRC said tactics were tantamount to torture. IRC comes by frequently to check on prisoners. They're there all the time. The same with Amnesty International, they are people there. These are not journalists typing on computers in another state and never have left the country.

Shepperd: The International Red Cross has access 24 hours a day 7 days a week at times and place of their choosing. You've got to realize that people think about Guantanamo as in previous wars where you captured detainees and hold them until the end of the war and release them. Guantanamo is detaining people, keeping them off of the battlefield, releasing ones not guilty and punishing and bringing to military tribunals ones that are. That's what we saw going on. And I believe that's what's going on now, after some rough starts. **Newscaster:** What do the interrogators tell you about information they're getting from folks who remain detained there?

Shepperd: These people have been here, some, two, three years. **Newscaster:** Are you still getting valuable information? **Shepperd:** Absolutely yes. You get bits and pieces. New people coming in all of the time, new faces, they reconfirm new things and go into databases line things up, they say we've gotten a lot of information to prevent attacks in this country and other countries with the information they're getting from these people and it's still valuable. Former Air Force Major General Don Shepperd joining us CNN military analyst back from Gitmo. Thanks for talking with us.

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Newscaster: We have just established a line to Guantanamo Bay to our military analyst, General Don Shepperd. He arrived there as part of a trip put together by the Pentagon in the wake of that human rights report that criticized conditions at the prison for war detainees. General Shepperd is on the phone with us right now. What do you see? **Shepperd:** I'm seeing a lot of rain right now. We're in the middle of a drenching rainstorm. Every American should have a chance to see what our group saw today. The impressions you're getting from the media and from pronouncements of people who have not been here are false. What we're seeing is a modern prison system with dedicated people, interrogators who know what they're doing. And people are being well treated. We had a chance to tour the facility, eat what the prisoners eat, we've seen people being interrogated. It's nothing like the impression from the media.

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Newscaster: You said you got to talk to the interrogators and guards. What have they told you? **Shepperd:** The interrogators, we have the opinions that people have been mistreated. Everyone we talked to, and this is consistent with things I have known in the past, every interrogator will tell you the key is a relationship based on respect. Eventually, they will begin to talk and you get pieces of information you can fit together with pieces of information from somewhere else. Pressure doesn't work, disrespect doesn't work, and torture is counterproductive. That came from everyone, men and women who were interrogators down here. **Newscaster:** This leads me to my next question. Of course, this was a trip organized by the Pentagon. Do you feel like you're getting full access? Are you seeing a true picture? **Shepperd:** That's a good question. They are proud to have people down here to see what we're seeing. Obviously, they're going to put their best foot forward, and obviously, there will be abuses or people disobeying the regulations. I have been in prisons and jails in the United States, and this is by far the most dedicated force I've ever seen in any correctional institution anywhere. **Newscaster:** You mentioned you have spoken with guards. What are they saying? **Shepperd:** Very interesting. I had lunch with one of the female guards and then I talked to a group of male guards as well. I said, do you ever see anything that goes on that resembles mistreatment of prisoners or mistreatment by the prisoners of guards. They say they're on alert at all times. They're not armed when they're around the guards (sic - meant to say "prisoners"). You don't do that because obviously weapons can be taken and used against you. But basically, they treat the prisoners firmly with respect. They don't engage in a lot of banter with them. They say the prisoners do things that we've heard about in the media. They sometimes get riled and will throw feces, they'll throw urine at the guards. But this entire system is based upon compliance. In other words, if you comply with the rules, you're gonna be treated well, you'll be given more privileges just like any detention facility, and if you don't, your life is going to be much more miserable than those who do. So, all of the guards seem to be very professional. None of them that I have talked to have observed anything in the way of mistreatment or any really bad incidents. The biggest thing they say is violence between the prisoners themselves. A lot of the prisoners don't like each other. They're from different countries. **Newscaster:** On the flipside, have you had access to the prisoners themselves and what are their conditions? **Shepperd:** We have not had access to the prisoners themselves. We are told what they are and we have seen all the facilities. We have watched interrogations. We just watched interrogations of two high-value prisoners who have been here for a considerable amount of time. The facilities are basic of prisons anywhere. We have seen the cell said. They're 7 x 8 cells. They're clean. they have a toilet in the facility. They have a water fountain in the facility. They have a bed. They are given the Koran. They're given a mattress. They're given clothes, recreational things such as playing cards, chess, checkers, that type of thing. We have not had access to talk to the prisoners and, again, that's one thing you've got to be very careful of. You want to establish a prisoner relationship with the interrogators and not have that proliferated with other people. **Newscaster:** Let's back up for just a moment because you said you watched an interrogation. Explain to us how that played out and were there any instances of abuse or possible abuse? **Shepperd:** Absolutely not. Basically, you're able to observe interrogations. When you say, "we watched them," I want to be very careful about how I

describe this. I do not want to describe how we watched it. They have various ways of monitoring the interrogations. With the interrogations we watched, there were interrogators, translators who translated for the detainee, and there were also intelligence people in there. They're basically asking questions. They ask the same questions over a long period of time. They get information about the person's family, where are they from, who they know, what they do. All of the things you would want in a criminal investigation. These were cordial, very professional. There was even laughing in two of them. **Newscaster:** Laughing in an interrogation? **Shepperd:** Yes. It's not like the impression that we have where people bend people's arms and mistreat people. They're trying to establish a firm professional relationship where they have respect with each other and can talk to each other. Yes, there was laughing and humor going on in a couple of these things. I'm talking about a remark made where someone will smirk or laugh or chuckle. **Newscaster:** We appreciate your time and that look inside Gitmo with you being there. Thank you for that. We invite you to stay tuned.

Colonel Jack Jacobs

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Newscaster: ...possible prisoner abuse in Guantanamo Bay, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle tour the site this weekend. They say conditions are improving for prisoners. Military escorts took a house delegation through cellblocks, interrogation rooms, and troops' barracks. Our own military analyst was also given a tour of Guantanamo Bay earlier this week; retired army Colonel Jack Jacobs joins us with a little more insight.

First up, before we get to Guantanamo Bay, about that report in the Sunday Times about U.S. officials meeting with insurgent leaders, tell us a little about what that might mean.

Jacobs: I think we're reaching out to try to find some solution to the problem of continued violence by this group of people that we call collectively the insurgency, trying to meet with these guys and figure out if there's some way that we can ameliorate the situation. I can't get any confirmation that it actually took place. But I can tell you this -- unless you meet with every one of these guys, including Al-Zarqawi's mob, you're not going to get anything.

Newscaster: Well, Secretary Rumsfeld has said it was Iraqis meeting with insurgent leaders. Was there a difference there? Would they not do it with the U.S. military?

Jacobs: They might do it with the U.S.'s approval, but not with the U.S. or any combination of those things. And it's possible and plausible that the Iraqis themselves would meet with the insurgency leaders. But if they're going to do it, they've got to get all of the insurgency leaders together. The thing is so fragmented, unless they get them all to agree it's not going to work.

Newscaster: Now to Guantanamo Bay. Tell us about the cells themselves also where the prisoners are detained. What are they like?

Jacobs: Well, the older cells, of course, are older. But the new cellblocks, which a new cellblock is patterned directly after a high security prison in Indiana, and it's the state of

the art facility. The cells are very, very good indeed. The detainees have the capability to talk to other detainees and inmates. They can do things like play checkers with them and so on, even in the higher security blocks. It's a very nice facility, to be honest with you. If you've got to be in prison, it's not a bad place to be.

Newscaster: We're seeing a lot of high-profile visits to Guantanamo Bay is it part of a PR ploy? We now recognize that we've been watching pictures from three years ago, since abandoned. Now Camp Delta, an entirely different location in that facility in Guantanamo Bay. What's going on here?

Jacobs: Well, I think the Defense Department has been way behind the eight ball. This story had been building up over a period of time. You said yourself, the x-ray pictures are three years old and we've still been showing them. The Defense Department has waited; instead of getting ahead of the story and saying, why don't you come on down and take a look at this thing. We'll show you what it's really like, but has waited until now to do it. Long overdue. I think that the story -- the story is one in which we can get a good view of what's actually taking place. There's nothing necessarily to be ashamed of. The facilities there are actually quite good. And the story is an interesting and important one that the Defense Department should have shown us before. They need to learn from this, that it doesn't make any sense to wait, get everybody down there, show them the stuff at the very beginning, and they would be lots better off.

Newscaster: We spoke to two retired Generals yesterday. Alex just spoke to two lawmakers who said conditions there, and you yourself saw that conditions there are better or good. Does that mean, however that, the reputation, the image, has not been too tarnished, that this camp should in fact stay open?

Jacobs: Well, the reputation is tarnished, period. I don't know if you're going to be able to improve the reputation in the Islamic world, no matter what you do. At the end of the day, the intelligence value of Guantanamo is so high, and I've seen both unclassified and classified briefings down there. But I can tell you that the intelligence value is so high that it makes no sense whatsoever to close it down. And we're still getting information from detainees who have been there for three years.

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Newscaster: Retired Army Colonel Jack Jacobs, welcome as always.

Jacobs: Good morning.

Newscaster: A report in the "Sunday Times" of London, about meetings between U.S. officials disputed by Donald Rumsfeld, and Iraqi insurgents. Any way you slice that, it's still problematic because the insurgency is not a coherent group, could you tell us about that?

Jacobs: I tried to check to see whether or not it was true and so far, nobody's talking about it. It's plausible that we will have, that we would have had meetings with these guys. But one of the points that you mention, that it's difficult, if you can't assemble everybody who is participating in this very fragmented insurgency, we call it an insurgency like it's one centrally-organized thing, it's not...

Newscaster: Let's go to Guantanamo Bay. The respect or disrespect of Islam. Now we talked earlier about some of the cells and conditions there. What about Islam itself? Did you get any sense of how fair it is there?

Jacobs: Sure. Not only what happened before, and people make mistakes and you're sure mistakes have been made in the past. The law of large numbers says eventually something bad may have happened. I can tell you right now that they go really, from my standpoint, way out of their way to accommodate Islam. Ritually slaughtered meat is flown in from Florida. The meals that they ate, I can tell you that you can't eat that much food, to be honest with you. The each, each detainee gets a prayer rug, prayer oil, prayer beads. He's got a niche in his cell for his Koran, so that it doesn't inadvertently get desecrated. Every conceivable horizontal surface you can think of has got an arrow stenciled on it. Any place that a detainee can be, interrogation room, out in the exercise yard in the cell, to show which way to turn, which way is Mecca, so he can pray.

Newscaster: Are these changes? Is this an updating in the system? Because the reports, remember the log story about how the 20th hijacker was treated three years ago or two years ago.

Jacobs: That was a long time ago.

Newscaster: Do you have a sense that this is newly implemented?

Jacobs: This is the sense, I think some of the changes, the large majority of them have been evolutionary, the kind of conditions we have there now, were not, were not existing three years ago. They've been changing for the better. And I think one of the reasons we've done it is less because of the international concern about it, but because you get more information out of these guys if you treat them properly. And they're properly treated and we're getting lots of information from them. Information we didn't get before.

Newscaster: Better with honey than vinegar.

Jacobs: It works every time.

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Newscaster: Meanwhile, we'll get insight from our own military analyst, also given a tour of Guantanamo Bay earlier this week. Retired Army Colonel Jack Jacobs, welcome as always.

Jacobs: Good morning again.

Newscaster: Tell us a little bit -- earlier you talked about the cells and the food. Tell us about specifically about the interrogations you were able to witness.

Jacobs: We saw a number of interrogations. Some fairly high profile and extremely dangerous detainees. And they used different techniques. The whole idea is to get closer to the detainees, so he can feel comfortable with you and therefore give you the information you require. You're not going to get any good information from somebody you beat up. He's going to tell you whatever he thinks you want to hear so that you'll stop. So they've been working hard over the last few years to gain the trust of these detainees. Some of them are very, very high-level and hard-core people. And it works, it works. I saw one, one detainee, whenever there's a session, he won't talk unless he gets his stuff. What's his stuff? A Twix candy bar, you can't make this up. A cup of Seattle's best coffee and the latest edition of "" Martha Stewart Living. "" and then he'll start talking.

Newscaster: And is that because Martha Stewart....

Jacobs: I have no idea. Are you establishing real trust with these people, if you have an interrogator and analyst, who over time, develops trust with the detainees.

Newscaster: Is that a change in a tactics? We had heard before the complaints of the FBI agents who were sent to various locations who witnessed military interrogations or perhaps those by the contractors or reservists in Iraq. Who at one point were doing some of them? Is that a change in tactics?

Jacobs: I think in some areas it's a change. In many areas, it's not. Because the American military people recognize that if you, if you establish trust you're going to get the information you require ultimately. But I think overall it's a recognition that it's going to take time and you have to establish a working relationship with the detainee. There's one interrogator I saw, who is a very motherly type. And this is the interrogator who finely got this one detainee to spill everything because he felt some sort of close relationship with this woman, who over time developed a personal intellectual relationship with him.

Newscaster: Did you see what you expected to see when you took this tour?

Jacobs: No. I'm something of a skeptic. And a doubter. I've always been, I was very surprised to see what I saw. I expected the facilities to be very rustic. They are not, they are in very good shape and they are in new high-tech containment cells. I did not expect civilians to be interrogating the prisoners. I didn't expect to see the little contact with military people and detainees.

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu

(Found the Fox News clip only. Radio transcripts for KKLA Frank Pastore, Al Rondel Show, Greg Allen Show, KTFK Crane & Smash and True North Radio with Laurie Morrow not available)

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Newscaster: Because he's just back from Guantanamo Bay. He spent a lot of time in the military. Former Green Beret, Colonel, thank you for joining us. What did you see when you got over to Gitmo? **Cucullu:** Good morning, Brian. I saw an impressive situation there. We're talking about a very smooth-working, operating procedure that may have had problems in the beginning but is now up and running. The facility is quite adequate for what the mission is. And the troops were extraordinarily impressive from top to bottom. I had an opportunity to dine with them, to work with them, and it really was amazing. **Brian:** First off, do the troops realize the amount of pressure and focus is on Gitmo? **Cucullu:** Oh, it's unbelievable. They get -- you know, they get Fox News down there. They get emails; they talk to their friends and relatives here in the states. And they're quite aware, not only of the overall situation, but they're extremely aware when you hear off the wall comments by people like Senators Kennedy and Durbin, that attack them personally, and the great thing is that rather than hurt their morale, what this really does is it raises the bar for them. They say we're going to be even better than we were before, just to prove to these guys how professional we are. **Brian:** In terms of what you observed first-hand, what do you know now that you didn't know before you walked on to the island? **Cucullu:** Well, quite a few things, Brian. The first thing I know for sure is that there's no torture going on down there. And that these people are being kept in a way that's very humane, probably more so than even your average maximum security prison

in the United States. The other thing is that surprised me is the fact that we're still getting what we would call actionable, usable intelligence information interrogations with these guys, and that I hadn't expected, and so I was very pleased to see that, because what it shows is that the process is working and that there really is a reason, other than the fact that these are very evil terrible people, who keep this system working. **Brian:** The FBI report that says they used dogs chained to the floor, forced to go to the bathroom on themselves, everything like that, do you understand that that is proven true, but that was the old system or is that considered a false report? **Cucullu:** I don't know what happened in the past, and it's tough for me to evaluate that particular report, although it sounds a bit hyperbolic to me. We went through several of the camps, we actually watched several ongoing interrogations and we had a chance to talk to the troops on a one-on-one basis over a meal, which was a detainee's meal, it proved to me that there's absolutely nothing like that going on now. In fact, many of us were a bit shocked at the leniency that the command is showing toward the prisoners, the detainees, because in many cases the real abuse going on down there that we don't hear about is that every day when these guards, our young men and women go into the blocks, they're assaulted by the detainees throw feces, urine, semen, spit. They're vilified, threatened; their families are threatened with death. If they go into the cell with these guys, they're personally attacked. They try to scratch their eyes out, pull their mouths and stuff, and break their hands. It's very dangerous, and these kids are very brave and professional for putting up with it and not reacting in a way that maybe you and I would if we put up with the same threat. **Brian:** When you talk about interrogations, you say relationships are being built. Why? **Cucullu:** Because they feel that you get -- it's like the old -- the old saying, you get more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. These people are working with them over a long period of time, the interrogators are establishing a relationship with the prisoners, and what they're finding is that in many cases, it's an ego thing, Brian. These detainees are proud of what they did, they're proud of the fact that they have tried to kill Americans, and Westerners and will do so in the future. They brag about it. They openly boast about it. And they -- we're finding out things about financing, about Al Qaeda organizations and training, about operations that took place in the past and may happen in the future, so this is all -- is essential for the security of the United States that we continue the interrogation process down there. **Brian:** Last question, there's no way to ever show you if there was something to hide in Gitmo, the average person watching at home says (they) never show you what was wrong at Gitmo. What makes you think that you got the real story? **Cucullu:** Because we saw hundreds of people, we saw almost every cell and confinement facility down there. It's simply impossible, Brian, to have a conspiracy on that level and that magnitude. There were 10 of us along; we were speaking to the troops over a meal. If somebody had a complaint or a problem, they would have indicated it to one of us and we would have been able to share that. This business about these vast conspiracies is really overstated. Plus we do what we're looking for. You know, we're not rookies at this, and we've inspected military units before. You can tell the pride, the honesty, and the pride that comes from these troops. **Brian:** Thanks again for joining us. **Cucullu:** Great to be on with you. **Brian:** In and out of Cuba, not an easy thing to do.

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Gitmo, In and Out

It was a quick trip, a long day, down and back, 7 hours in a military jet, plus all day viewing the detention center - ten of us, media military analysts, defense writers, think tankers, all invited to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to hear briefings, view the detention center, visit with guards and interrogators and watch interrogations. Did we drink the "government Kool-Aid?" - of course, and that was the purpose of the trip which was put together in response to recent press criticisms that the government and DoD consider grossly unfair, fallacious and mostly written by people who have not visited the "new" Camp Delta which has replaced the old Camp X-ray, closed three years ago and often still seen in TV footage used by the networks. Realizing that a one-day visit does not an expert make, and that the government was obviously going to put its best foot forward to get out its message, and further that former military visitors are more likely to agree with government views than a more appropriately skeptical press, we launched with gusto into our visit.

One must understand a couple of things about Gitmo - in the middle of a war, it isn't meant to be a replication of the U.S civilian justice system, but there is a well-defined process, a Combatant Status Review Tribunal (CSRT), that in layman's terms acts much like a cross between a civilian arraignment and a grand jury process - detainees are sent to Guantanamo after the CSRT issues a "reason to believe" they are among Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorist trainers, bomb makers, UBL bodyguards, recruiters, trainers and financiers, and their ilk. While incarcerated, each detainee has an Administrative Review Board (ARB - similar to a parole board) at least once a year that reviews inmate status and makes a recommendation to continue detention, release, or transfer, usually back to the country of origin.

70,000 detainees have been captured in the Global War on Terror. Most have been released. About 800 have been sent to Gitmo with 235 having been released or transferred and another 61 awaiting release. At least 12 of those released have returned to the battlefield, being captured again, or killed. Guantanamo is about keeping "the worst of the worst" off the battlefield until the GWOT is over, using interrogations to gain intelligence that will prevent attacks in the U.S. and elsewhere, and finally, subjecting those suspected of crimes to military commissions (tribunals). At tribunals, which are essentially military trials, the accused is presumed innocent and has access to legal representation. Four tribunals are in progress with another dozen likely to begin soon in a modern courtroom constructed much like you would find in any American courthouse. There will be more tribunals. The death penalty is a possibility. Predictions are it will be used sparingly, if at all.

The view that detainees are held incommunicado without rights is wrong. One may disagree with the adequacy of the system, but there is indeed a system designed to protect and guarantee individual rights. One federal court agrees the system is adequate, one disagrees. This must be worked out before tribunals can proceed apace. There may be further changes in the system.

Facilities at Guantanamo resemble a modern state, or federal prison with semi-permanent buildings. There are detention cells for groups and individuals, and maximum security cells for high risk or non-compliant prisoners. Showers and exercise areas are also maintained along with medical facilities and facilities for handicapped. Medical care is likely the best many have see in their lifetime. Some have never had any dental

care. Interestingly, despite significant health problems and war injuries, no detainee has died at Guantanamo.

Food is good – I ate one meal, a vegetarian meal, composed of garbanzo beans, corn, potatoes and pita bread. It was well-seasoned and tasty. Detainees are served three meals a day.

We observed four interrogations of “high value targets” – really bad guys. We talked at length with interrogators who told us mistreatment simply does not work and that one must establish rapport with detainees over many interrogations to get useful information. Almost everyone eventually talks and information gained is recorded and correlated in data bases. A classified briefing showed us the information obtained on Al Qaeda operations worldwide. It was amazing. Even after two-three years of internment many detainees are still providing useful information.

Early allegations of mistreatment at Guantanamo and elsewhere have been investigated and some substantiated. Those found guilty have been punished. Gitmo has come a long way in training and supervising guards and interrogators to ensure firm but fair treatment of detainees. Everyone knows the rules and is expected to follow them. Infractions by U.S. personnel are taken seriously.

The guards with whom we talked were a mixture of Military Police from all services and other skills that had been pressed into service with on the job training. They looked sharp and seemed well-motivated. Guards, interrogators and staff all expressed anger at press charges about systematic mistreatment at Gitmo – they all said, it simply doesn't happen. Guards were for the most part young kids who seemed serious about their jobs and proud of what they were doing. We saw no evidence of mistreatment, nor would one expect to on a planned visit, but guards and interrogators repeated – torture and roughing people up simply doesn't work and in fact is not only illegal, but counter-productive – U.S prison guards will tell you the same thing - I believe them. I don't think systematic mistreatment could occur at Guantanamo now – it is too tightly run.

We did not talk to detainees, rules prevent it, but the Red Cross does – they have access 24/7 at times and places of their choosing. All detainees are registered with the ICRC and their home countries and families have been notified. They can send and receive mail. Had we talked to detainees, I suspect we would have heard what their training manuals teach – tell people you have been tortured – the Americans are soft, without stamina or stomach for this fight. Keep your mouth shut, tell them nothing and you will be out in two-three years (good guess).

I think Guantanamo is a well-run place. I think much has been done to correct earlier shortcomings in a very difficult environment. Army Brigadier General Jay Hood, the commander of Joint Task Force, Guantanamo is my kind of guy – a no-nonsense soldier that is on top of the situation, knows his troops, trains, motivates and supervises them well and expects them to follow the rules.

I wish very American could visit Guantanamo – I think they would be proud of our troops and comforted that we are doing our best to treat a group of very dangerous people fairly while keeping them off the battlefield and gaining intelligence that will keep them from killing others. Until this war is over, I don't know where else you would do these difficult tasks better. Calls to close Guantanamo are mis-guided. The pall of Abu Gharaib hangs over our heads. The damage done to the U.S. image by a handful of poorly-trained and supervised jerks isn't being repeated at Guantanamo – keep it open, keep a close watch and keep those dangerous guys off the battlefield until this war is over – that's what Guantanamo is about and I think they do it well.

Did we drink too much Kool-Aid? I don't know, but when I am in doubt, I try to fall back and rely on common sense and experience – after almost 40 years in the military, what I saw made sense – good, sincere, dedicated people doing about what I would do in a tough situation if I were in their shoes – I am comforted. Guantanamo isn't a “club-Med” as some have bantered, but is surely isn't a “gulag.”

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Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2005 6:44 PM
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Subject: Greer on Gitmo

Vacancy at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Steven J. Greer

26 June 2005

"Club Gitmo?" Perhaps Rush Limbaugh had a crystal ball when he compared the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility to luxurious Club Med resorts. Not to be outdone by the conservative radio critic, Senators Dick Durbin and Robert Byrd gazed into their own crystal balls. What they saw is chilling - torture chambers, gulag tactics, human rights violations! Truth be told, Guantanamo is neither a resort nor gulag.

"We conduct confinement and interrogation of the worst of the worst terrorist operatives," remarked Brigadier General Jay Hood, Commander, JTF-Guantanamo Bay. Sound pretty straightforward? Not hardly. Hood and his professional task force of soldiers, sailors, coastguardsman, and civilians operate under increased scrutiny of late. They spend an enormous amount of time responding to international pressures, uninformed criticisms, and irresponsible journalism. "Every crazy story impacts our mission," said Command Sergeant Major Angel Febles. No doubt! Camp Delta is tied up 2-3 times a week conducting "dog & pony" shows for VIP's and international media. Nonetheless, Hood and company remain stoic, focused, and unwavering.

Since September 11, 2001, more than 70,000 enemy combatants have been captured in Afghanistan and Iraq. The majority released or confined in facilities abroad. Only a fraction of suspected Taliban or Al Qaeda associates have "checked-in," reaping the pleasures and comforts associated with Camp Delta. Perks such as ice cream, air-conditioned cells, prayer rugs, checker board games, volleyball, and state of the art medical care. Detainees - political correctness for extremists who wish to kill us - eat three squares a day, peruse *Martha Stewart Living*, and play soccer. Sound like torture?

So what do reasonable people make of reports of wide spread abuse? One recent delegation of military analysts learned first hand - abuse is pervasive and indiscriminate! Individuals are being spit on, head butted, peppered with feces and urine on a weekly basis. Unfortunately for Durbin, and Byrd, the recipients of such vulgar treatment are not detainees; they are guards -

American Soldiers and Sailors.

Americans shouldn't be at all surprised. Camp Delta isn't home to alter boys - there are bomb makers, terrorist facilitators, UBL body-guards, and would-be suicide bombers. Some 800 total unlawful enemy combatants have been detained at Guantanamo. All are Taliban or Al Qaeda associates. Several hundred have been released or transferred pursuant to the Combatant Status Review Tribunal and Administrative Review Board process. Cumbersome processes akin to working a rubrics cube blindfolded.

Approximately 520 detainees remain at Camp Delta. Of these, 100 are suspected of possessing high-value intelligence information. These "magnificent" 100 are interrogated routinely. About 35% are compliant, the balance combative, hostile, and uncooperative. Think we torture these folks? Not hardly. Peering through single-sided glass one gets a sense of just how cunning, dangerous, and elusive this enemy can be. Yet we don't use torture? "The most effective way to draw credible information is through rapport building, not force," quipped a senior female analyst with 3 years at Guantanamo. One detainee favored hostess donuts...eating a dozen (with his left hand) while his interrogator patiently asked questions. Another flipped through pages of *Divers World* magazine (he's from the coast of Libya and enjoys the water). While another carefully sipped *Seattle's Best Coffee*. Incentives - a small price to pay to save lives.

Interrogation is a cat and mouse game. "It's a chess match; both interrogator and detainee are hanging on every word," remarked one senior interrogator. Analysts at Camp Delta continue to receive information that saves lives and uncovers Al Qaeda networks. Every detainee has a story to tell and is a potential treasure trove of information. So what makes a detainee want to talk? "Rapport building...that's the strategy that we employ and it's effective," said General Hood. And Hood takes this strategy seriously. For example, detainees are free to practice their Muslim faith. Hood ordered small, black arrows painted on each bunk and in all common areas...the arrow points

toward Mecca! He also ordered the playing of the Muslim "call to prayer" over the camp loudspeaker 5 times per day. Sound like a Gulag?

The result of such pampered care is undeniable. More than 4,000 reports capture information provided by detainees, much of it corroborated by other intelligence reporting. This unprecedented body of knowledge has expanded our understanding of Al Qaeda and other associated networks. Many detainees have admitted close relationships to senior Al Qaeda leadership - providing valuable insights into the structure, training, goals, and financial mechanisms. Guantanamo Bay is our only strategic interrogation center and is imperative to prosecuting the war on terrorism.

Lessons learned are advancing the operational art of intelligence and development of strategic interrogations doctrine. Moreover, they speak to the professionalism exhibited by hundreds of men and women deployed to Cuba to protect our freedoms. Not quite a resort and certainly not a gulag, perhaps Limbaugh, Durbin, and Byrd have time to visit? The sign reads, "Vacancy at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba," and General Hood and company are gracious hosts.

Author: Steven J. Greer is a Professor at American Military University and fellow with the National Defense Council Foundation. He recently visited Camp Delta.

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Subject: Conference Call WEDNESDAY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Retired Military Analysts

From: Dallas Lawrence
Director, Community Relations and Public Liaison
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Date: June 28, 2005

Re: Conference Call with Senior DoD Officials

We invite you to participate in a conference call, **TOMORROW, June 29, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

Topics to be discussed are: the role of medical professionals in detainee operations.

Participants in this conference call will be: Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs and Cmdr. Cary Ostergaard, detainee hospital commander, JTF GTMO. Your host for this call will be Dallas Lawrence.

To participate in this conference call, please dial (b)(2) and ask the operator to connect you to the Analysts conference call.

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

We hope you are able to participate.

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From: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2005 5:39 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Darby Photos Strategy

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Ideas that surfaced during a discussion with General Montgomery Meigs and Colonel Jack Jacobs:

- Provide info/photos to all Network Presidents, specifically Steve Cappas - Senior Vice President
- No prime time press conference by SecDef
- Press avail after giving info/photos to all majors in a setting most comfortable to SecDef
- Give "exclusive" to Wash Post

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Transcripts attached.

. Thanks to Dallas Lawrence for the air times/info he provided - much appreciated.

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2005 2:41 PM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: GITMO article

well written from one of our friday guests...

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

From: Gordon Cucullu [mailto:gordon@(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2005 11:52 AM
To: Paul Vallely; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: GITMO article

Here is my first GITMO piece, ran this morning on Front Page Magazine. Link:
<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=18572>

I did a Fox & Friends hit at 0620 this morning. Good emphasis on 1) no torture, 2) detainees abuse guards, 3) continuing source of vital intel.

Best, Gordon

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Subject: Casey mil an call transcript today attached
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Just finished first draft of Gen. Casey's military analyst call from this morning. Call was on background.

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From: Hemingway, Thomas, BG, DoD OGC
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Eric,

Here is the Babbin column I mentioned on our trip south.

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The Gitmo Girls

By Jed Babbin

Published 2/14/2005 12:06:15 AM

Legend -- not history -- tells us that Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing quelled a Moro uprising in the Philippines in about 1911 by burying insurrectionists' bodies with slaughtered pigs. The Muslim insurgents supposedly gave up after a few such incidents, because -- according to religious law -- this would prevent their dead from reaching heaven. In the 1935 flick *Lives of a Bengal Lancer*, tough guy Gary Cooper threatens a Muslim prisoner with this treatment, and the man immediately breaks down, giving Coop the location where the bad guys are holding his colonel's son hostage. The question now arises: How, if at all, can we use the religious beliefs of a prisoner to break down his resistance and extract information?

We are in the first stages of another "prisoner abuse" mess. Both the *Washington Post* and Maureen Dowd are suffering a severe case of the vapors over revelations that female interrogators at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba terrorist detention facility are sexually taunting prisoners, aiming at Muslim religious beliefs to pressure the hard cases to break. The title of Dowd's January 30 column, "Torture Chicks Gone Wild," shows you where this argument is going. It is usually sufficient that Dowd is against something to prove we should be for it but, in this case, we need to parse it out a bit before we make a decision.

According to the February 10 *Washington Post* story, "female interrogators regularly violated Muslim taboos about sex and contact with women. The women rubbed their bodies against the men, wore skimpy clothes in front of them, made sexually explicit remarks and touched them provocatively."

Dowd's column picked up on another point, saying that the U.S. is "allowing its female interrogators to try to make Muslim men talk in late-night sessions featuring sexual touching, displays of fake menstrual blood, and parading in miniskirt, tight T-shirt, bra and thong underwear." Which, minus the fake blood, is not a lot different from what Monica was doing with Lil' Billy in the Oval Office.

There are two issues here. First, is it beyond the pale to use a person's religious beliefs against him in interrogations? Second, are sexually aggressive interrogation techniques that stop short of sexual abuse and torture either illegal or immoral?

Start with the motivation of the terrorists. They believe that they are serving their religion by their acts. There's no use in arguing the point with them. The Koran, as they interpret it, requires holy war against the American aggressor who comes to the Middle East to destroy their religion. That is their dogma, their belief that is so deeply felt that they are eager to sacrifice their lives in its service. It is this belief that strengthens them, and makes them highly resistant to normal interrogation techniques.

We rule out torture. Our laws and the International Convention Against Torture tell us what the limits are. Nothing says we cannot attack the beliefs that the terrorists hold most dear. No one would question sending a tough black FBI agent in to question a Ku Klux Klan member harshly. Putting someone that the prisoner fears and reviles in control of the interrogation is a very good step toward shattering the prisoner's mental defenses. It's one of the best ways to succeed in an interrogation.

Mr. Jim Guirard has been fighting valiantly, and so far in vain, to get us to start calling the terrorists "mufsidoon," the Arabic word for a criminal whose crimes violate the laws of Islam. It's a better label than "jihadist" -- holy warrior -- which honors the enemy wrongly. Would it be an attack on a prisoner's religion to force him to wear a jumpsuit that had "mufsidoon" painted on the back in large letters? Of course not. It's not an attack on the religion of Islam, it's an attack on the prisoner's motivation to be a terrorist. Putting a scantily clad woman interrogator in charge of the interrogation is really no different. These aren't Muslim holy men. They're outlaws and we need to show them that we have no respect for them or their perversion of Islam.

What went on at the Abu Ghraib prison went far beyond sexual provocation. In many cases, it was sexual abuse. That is why Pvt. Lynndie England and some of her pals will be doing hard time in jail. But where do we draw the line? And how do we prevent interrogators from crossing it?

Our civilian society has become overly sensitized to sexual harassment. The career of a male boss -- civilian or military -- can be ended quickly by an incautious remark to a female subordinate. We cannot afford to allow this heightened sensitivity to control the interrogation of terrorist prisoners whose knowledge we must obtain to save lives.

Should it be forbidden for a female interrogator to rub her breasts against a prisoner and then laugh at the result? Should she be prohibited from wearing a thong in his presence and taunting his manhood? I think not. Should we require female interrogators to do these things? Certainly not.

Where the line can be drawn in interrogation of terrorist prisoners is unclear. Sexual abuse: rape, forced sexual acts of any nature, are abhorrent and must continue to be prohibited. Below that threshold, we must guard against establishing limits that are false, and can prevent successful interrogations.

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MILITARY ANALYST FEEDBACK
POST GUANTANAMO VISIT
(Transcripts: June 25-27, 2005)

Note: These are clips found as of 1500 Monday. More may follow.

Highlights:

- **General Montgomery Meigs**
 - *WNBC-NY*, 6/25: The DoD is starting to do a better job of telling the Gitmo story, which is “professionally run.”
 - *MSNBC News Live*, 6/25: Compared Gitmo to the DoD Leavenworth facility. All the right things, including interrogations, are being done “correctly.”
- **Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer**
 - *Fox and Friends* – 6/26: What we have done to “consistently ensure humane treatment” is amazing...the interrogations are “definitely working.”
- **Major General Donald W. Shepperd**
 - *CNN American Morning*, 6/27: Gitmo “bears no resemblance” to how it’s portrayed in the press. The guards are dedicated and doing “an extremely tough job” with the dangerous detainees.
- **Colonel Jack Jacobs (three different clips)**
 - *MSNBC*: 6/26: Gitmo is “a very nice facility.” But the DoD’s invitation for analysts to tour the facility was “long overdue...” “There’s nothing to be ashamed of” and “it makes no sense” to close Gitmo.
 - *MSNBC*, 6/26: Conditions at Gitmo have changed for the better over the years... the soldiers “go out of their way” to accommodate Islam at the prison
 - *MSNBC*, 6/26: Conditions exceeded expectations – the cells are “high tech.” The interrogators are establishing relationships with detainees to gain information, but “it takes time.”
- **Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu**
 - *Fox and Friends* – 6/27/05: Gitmo is a “very smooth-working, operating procedure that may have had problems in the beginning but is now up and running.” The facility and guards are “impressive.”

Transcripts:

General Montgomery Meigs

(Found Weekend Today Show clip and MSNBC - this Weekend clip)

WNBC-NY (NBC) - Today

6/25/2005 7:08:07 AM

Newscaster: Earlier this week a team of human rights experts at the United Nations accused the U.S. of unfair treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay. And joining us this morning from Washington, D.C., two NBC news analysts, both former generals, Barry McCaffrey who's returned from a trip to Iraq and Montgomery Meigs, who recently returned from, I believe, just yesterday, a visit to Guantanamo Bay. Good morning to both of you...

Newscaster: General Meigs, let me turn to you and Guantanamo Bay. You were just there at the invitation of the U.S. military. Give us your general impressions. **Meigs:** Well, we went to just about every corner of the place. Escorted by Major General Hood, the commander down there. There's been over \$100 million of new construction. The place is professionally run. I was impressed. **Newscaster:** isn't the debate though not so much about exactly how prisoners are being treated there but more on whether or not Guantanamo Bay has become a symbol? A symbol to the Muslim world and in particular -- a recruitment tool for terrorists because of what it represents? **Meigs:** Well, I think the problem we have is in terms of the general treatment of prisoners early on in the war. Let me give you an example. The Red Cross just spent six weeks there interviewing prisoners, going to every part of the prison. It's not an irretrievable situation. You're going to have to have something like Guantanamo to hold these 500-odd terrorists who were very seriously dedicated people. It might as well be Guantanamo as just the Department of Defense is going to tell the story of what's really going on there. I think they're starting to do a much better job of that now. **Newscaster:** General Meigs and General McCaffrey, thanks very much to both of you this morning.

MSNBC News Live

6/25/2005 11:20:12 AM

Newscaster: Meanwhile Guantanamo Bay is just one of the fronts on the war on terror causing frustration. Earlier I got a forehand account from two retired generals. They now serve as analysts.

...General Meigs, thanks for your patience. You returned from a visit to Camp Delta in Guantanamo Bay, a source of a lot of controversy. What were your perceptions there?

Meigs: The place is very professionally run. There's been \$100 million spent in construction, which has brought the facilities up to a very high standard in terms of confinement facility. The confinements were sound, similar to what we use in the Department of Defense facility at Leavenworth. We talked with the senior interrogation heads, and interrogations were being done correctly - nothing like what you read in the log in "Time" magazine... Looks to me like they've got that thing up and running properly. **Newscaster:** But how much were you actually able to see? There's a lot of controversy, because of the treatment of detainees during interrogations ... Amnesty and

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The Red Cross are both saying the prisoners may have been abused and that they were not allowed to see all that was going on. Were you able (confirm?) **Meigs:** Yes. I know the commander. He was trying to show us everything because he's got a good story to tell. The Red Cross had just spent six weeks there interviewing prisoners, getting access to any part of the facility. And as I understand it, secondhand, their issues concern individual cells for prisoners, as opposed to two or three prisoners in a cell. That is not unusual in confinement facilities, in that the prisoners can talk to each other cell-to-cell, et cetera. So I would say as time goes on, this story is going to abate. They are doing the right things at Guantanamo. **Newscaster:** I will have more on their thoughts on whether the media is giving America the accurate picture of what's really happening in the war on terror. Meanwhile, a look at your weather...

Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer

(Found Sunday Fox News clip; the Saturday clip was not available)

Fox News -- Fox and Friends Sunday

6/26/2005 9:45:13 AM

Newscaster: There has been a lot of debate about conditions at Gitmo. Our next guest said it is not the detainees who are getting abused but the prison guards. In Washington to explain is command sergeant Steve Greer. He went to the facility and he was there for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Sergeant, I saw you yesterday on shows and one of the interesting things the points you made was you ate the food the detainees eat and it is better than foods that the actual guards eat. It even costs more. **Greer:** Yes. That's absolutely right. It is amazing the amount of steps that we have taken and put in place to ensure there is a consistently humane treatment for all detainees. Some 520 currently inside Gitmo. They've been there awhile. **Newscaster:** You said the people being treated harshly are the guards themselves. What you are also saying, Sergeant is that these prisoners have not been broken in any way. **Greer:** Well, what I would tell you is that the interrogation strategy down there is based on rapport building because that works. You don't torture detainees to gain information - it's critical information to fight the war on terror. What they have done is designed a rapport building based on certain activities. If you are not compliant you get less incentives. I watched a Libyan being interrogated - he was eating Hostess donuts and reading a magazine from the coast of Libya. Another interrogation I watched (included) the detainee watching Martha Stewart Living and drinking Seattle's Best Coffee. These are incentives given to detainees if they are compliant if they continue to provide information to their interrogators. **Newscaster:** we have had e-mails and discussed this as a talking point early in the show. We have had people e-mail in to say this is nothing but a dog and pony show and of course conditions will be good and respectful because you guys will be brought down there and everybody knows it. What do you say to that? **Greer:** That's nonsense. That B roll footage you ran there - that's camp x-ray - that thing has been gone for two years. There have been millions of dollars of construction and operation costs put into the camps at Camp Delta. Here's the deal. The International Red Cross has 24/7 access to detainees and they have met with every single detainee. Not to mention, anybody who thinks that there is something going on other than humane treatment there never served a day in the military

because the soldiers and sailors I know would never put up with it. They wouldn't allow this to go on....

Newscaster: Steve, this is what I want to know. We had interrogations - you witnessed four of them. My question is, if these interrogations are indeed working, are we further along on the intelligence trail? Are we any closer to cracking Al-Qaeda? Are we closer to getting Osama bin Laden? **Greer:** I don't know. Yes, they are definitely working. I spoke to the senior interrogator - a female who has been there two years, she said every single week they gain credible information that helps us uncover the structure of a Canadian and associated networks. Not to mention Al-Qaeda's pursuit of WMD, terrorist techniques and skill sets the way they recruit, recruiting centers and locations as well as how terrorist organizations used legitimate financial businesses as fronts to fund terrorism. **Newscaster:** The interrogations you viewed - what were they like? **Greer:** it was really hair-raising to watch the interrogations and to see an Al-Qaeda operative face-to-face with an American interrogator and interpreter. To see the cat and mouse game that goes on... There was one individual who was leaning forward in his seat very focused and attentive, with the detainee watching every word he said, he was there two years and he was a leader within the camp itself.... **Newscaster:** thank you for joining us today. Take care.

Major General Donald W. Sheppard

(Found CNN American Morning News and Friday live clip only; CNN Radio transcripts not available)

CNN -- American Morning

6/27/2005 9:14:57 AM

Newscaster: On Friday, a group of former military leaders, who are now TV commentators, also toured the prison. Don Sheppard was there. He's in Washington this morning for us. Nice to see you, General. You went Friday. How long were you there? What did you get to see? **Sheppard:** We were there the whole day. We got to see the entire detention facility, talk to the guards, see interrogations, observe interrogations, and talk to interrogators. We had pretty much free run of the place to talk to anyone we wanted to talk to. **Newscaster:** What did you come away thinking? **Sheppard:** I came away thinking what the congressional delegation said. What we saw in Guantanamo bears no resemblance to what we are reading in the present press. Most of the people writing about this, I believe, have never been there. We have impressions of an old facility camp that was closed three years ago. We have a modern, well-constructed prison guarded by very, very dedicated people, doing an extremely tough job in the midst of a very dangerous people. **Newscaster:** Did you talk to interrogators there as well? What kind of questions did you have for them? **Sheppard:** We talked to interrogators and watched them at work as well. A lot of people have the impression of people at Guantanamo, people with no rights and being mistreated. This is consistent with what I heard from the interrogation training in Arizona, mistreatment does not work. You can't get things out of people by torturing them. All it does is screw things up. You have to establish rapport over a long period of time, keep the interrogations going and eventually people will give you information that you then coordinate with other pieces of information to bring you actionable intelligence and that's what's happening now.

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Newscaster: You had free run of the place and that you got to watch them at work pretty much unfettered for a day. Isn't it fair to, well, if there's abuse going on it sure isn't going to happen while the U.S. Congressional delegation is going through and certainly not while former people who are now analysts on TV, are hanging out in town? I mean, it seems to me, obviously you wouldn't see those things, I think that's fair to say, isn't it?

Shepperd: Absolutely. They put their best foot forward. In any prison situation you have to continually guard against abuses. There have been abuses at Guantanamo in the past. I think they have been fixed and they're constantly on the alert for them. What we saw was a bunch of dedicated people that are really mad and feel attacked by the things coming out in the print press about this. They say, I don't know where these people are getting information. They haven't been here, and I haven't seen it going on. **Newscaster:** not only coming out in the print press, journalists who haven't had a chance to visit, talking about Amnesty International, they called Guantanamo modern gulag, the IRC said tactics were tantamount to torture. IRC comes by frequently to check on prisoners. They're there all the time. The same with Amnesty International, they are people there. These are not journalists typing on computers in another state and never have left the country.

Shepperd: The International Red Cross has access 24 hours a day 7 days a week at times and place of their choosing. You've got to realize that people think about Guantanamo as in previous wars where you captured detainees and hold them until the end of the war and release them. Guantanamo is detaining people, keeping them off of the battlefield, releasing ones not guilty and punishing and bringing to military tribunals ones that are. That's what we saw going on. And I believe that's what's going on now, after some rough starts. **Newscaster:** What do the interrogators tell you about information they're getting from folks who remain detained there? **Shepperd:** These people have been here, some, two, three years. **Newscaster:** Are you still getting valuable information? **Shepperd:** Absolutely yes. You get bits and pieces. New people coming in all of the time, new faces, they reconfirm new things and go into databases line things up, they say we've gotten a lot of information to prevent attacks in this country and other countries with the information they're getting from these people and it's still valuable. Former Air Force Major General Don Shepperd joining us CNN military analyst back from Gitmo. Thanks for talking with us.

Live from CNN

(6/24/05 2:50 p.m.)

Newscaster: We have just established a line to Guantanamo Bay to our military analyst, General Don Shepperd. He arrived there as part of a trip put together by the Pentagon in the wake of that human rights report that criticized conditions at the prison for war detainees. General Shepherd is on the phone with us right now. What do you see? **Shepperd:** I'm seeing a lot of rain right now. We're in the middle of a drenching rainstorm. Every American should have a chance to see what our group saw today. The impressions you're getting from the media and from pronouncements of people who have not been here are false. What we're seeing is a modern prison system with dedicated people, interrogators who know what they're doing. And people are being well treated. We had a chance to tour the facility, eat what the prisoners eat, we've seen people being interrogated. It's nothing like the impression from the media.

Newscaster: You said you got to talk to the interrogators and guards. What have they told you? **Shepperd:** The interrogators, we have the opinions that people have been mistreated. Everyone we talked to, and this is consistent with things I have known in the past, every interrogator will tell you the key is a relationship based on respect. Eventually, they will begin to talk and you get pieces of information you can fit together with pieces of information from somewhere else. Pressure doesn't work, disrespect doesn't work, and torture is counterproductive. That came from everyone, men and women who were interrogators down here. **Newscaster:** This leads me to my next question. Of course, this was a trip organized by the Pentagon. Do you feel like you're getting full access? Are you seeing a true picture? **Shepperd:** That's a good question. They are proud to have people down here to see what we're seeing. Obviously, they're going to put their best foot forward, and obviously, there will be abuses or people disobeying the regulations. I have been in prisons and jails in the United States, and this is by far the most dedicated force I've ever seen in any correctional institution anywhere. **Newscaster:** You mentioned you have spoken with guards. What are they saying? **Shepperd:** Very interesting. I had lunch with one of the female guards and then I talked to a group of male guards as well. I said, do you ever see anything that goes on that resembles mistreatment of prisoners or mistreatment by the prisoners of guards. They say they're on alert at all times. They're not armed when they're around the guards (sic - meant to say "prisoners"). You don't do that because obviously weapons can be taken and used against you. But basically, they treat the prisoners firmly with respect. They don't engage in a lot of banter with them. They say the prisoners do things that we've heard about in the media. They sometimes get riled and will throw feces, they'll throw urine at the guards. But this entire system is based upon compliance. In other words, if you comply with the rules, you're gonna be treated well, you'll be given more privileges just like any detention facility, and if you don't, your life is going to be much more miserable than those who do. So, all of the guards seem to be very professional. None of them that I have talked to have observed anything in the way of mistreatment or any really bad incidents. The biggest thing they say is violence between the prisoners themselves. A lot of the prisoners don't like each other. They're from different countries. **Newscaster:** On the flipside, have you had access to the prisoners themselves and what are their conditions? **Shepperd:** We have not had access to the prisoners themselves. We are told what they are and we have seen all the facilities. We have watched interrogations. We just watched interrogations of two high-value prisoners who have been here for a considerable amount of time. The facilities are basic of prisons anywhere. We have seen the cell said. They're 7 x 8 cells. They're clean. they have a toilet in the facility. They have a water fountain in the facility. They have a bed. They are given the Koran. They're given a mattress. They're given clothes, recreational things such as playing cards, chess, checkers, that type of thing. We have not had access to talk to the prisoners and, again, that's one thing you've got to be very careful of. You want to establish a prisoner relationship with the interrogators and not have that proliferated with other people. **Newscaster:** Let's back up for just a moment because you said you watched an interrogation. Explain to us how that played out and were there any instances of abuse or possible abuse? **Shepperd:** Absolutely not. Basically, you're able to observe interrogations. When you say, "we watched them," I want to be very careful about how I

describe this. I do not want to describe how we watched it. They have various ways of monitoring the interrogations. With the interrogations we watched, there were interrogators, translators who translated for the detainee, and there were also intelligence people in there. They're basically asking questions. They ask the same questions over a long period of time. They get information about the person's family, where are they from, who they know, what they do. All of the things you would want in a criminal investigation. These were cordial, very professional. There was even laughing in two of them. **Newscaster:** Laughing in an interrogation? **Shepperd:** Yes. It's not like the impression that we have where people bend people's arms and mistreat people. They're trying to establish a firm professional relationship where they have respect with each other and can talk to each other. Yes, there was laughing and humor going on in a couple of these things. I'm talking about a remark made where someone will smirk or laugh or chuckle. **Newscaster:** We appreciate your time and that look inside Gitmo with you being there. Thank you for that. We invite you to stay tuned.

Colonel Jack Jacobs

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Newscaster:...possible prisoner abuse in Guantanamo Bay, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle tour the site this weekend. They say conditions are improving for prisoners. Military escorts took a house delegation through cellblocks, interrogation rooms, and troops' barracks. Our own military analyst was also given a tour of Guantanamo Bay earlier this week; retired army Colonel Jack Jacobs joins us with a little more insight. First up, before we get to Guantanamo Bay, about that report in the Sunday Times about U.S. officials meeting with insurgent leaders, tell us a little about what that might mean.

Jacobs: I think we're reaching out to try to find some solution to the problem of continued violence by this group of people that we call collectively the insurgency, trying to meet with these guys and figure out if there's some way that we can ameliorate the situation. I can't get any confirmation that it actually took place. But I can tell you this -- unless you meet with every one of these guys, including Al-Zarqawi's mob, you're not going to get anything.

Newscaster: Well, Secretary Rumsfeld has said it was Iraqis meeting with insurgent leaders. Was there a difference there? Would they not do it with the U.S. military?

Jacobs: They might do it with the U.S.'s approval, but not with the U.S. or any combination of those things. And it's possible and plausible that the Iraqis themselves would meet with the insurgency leaders. But if they're going to do it, they've got to get all of the insurgency leaders together. The thing is so fragmented, unless they get them all to agree it's not going to work.

Newscaster: Now to Guantanamo Bay. Tell us about the cells themselves also where the prisoners are detained. What are they like?

Jacobs: Well, the older cells, of course, are older. But the new cellblocks, which a new cellblock is patterned directly after a high security prison in Indiana, and it's the state of

the art facility. The cells are very, very good indeed. The detainees have the capability to talk to other detainees and inmates. They can do things like play checkers with them and so on, even in the higher security blocks. It's a very nice facility, to be honest with you. If you've got to be in prison, it's not a bad place to be.

Newscaster: We're seeing a lot of high-profile visits to Guantanamo Bay is it part of a PR ploy? We now recognize that we've been watching pictures from three years ago, since abandoned. Now Camp Delta, an entirely different location in that facility in Guantanamo Bay. What's going on here?

Jacobs: Well, I think the Defense Department has been way behind the eight ball. This story had been building up over a period of time. You said yourself, the x-ray pictures are three years old and we've still been showing them. The Defense Department has waited; instead of getting ahead of the story and saying, why don't you come on down and take a look at this thing. We'll show you what it's really like, but has waited until now to do it. Long overdue. I think that the story -- the story is one in which we can get a good view of what's actually taking place. There's nothing necessarily to be ashamed of. The facilities there are actually quite good. And the story is an interesting and important one that the Defense Department should have shown us before. They need to learn from this, that it doesn't make any sense to wait, get everybody down there, show them the stuff at the very beginning, and they would be lots better off.

Newscaster: We spoke to two retired Generals yesterday. Alex just spoke to two lawmakers who said conditions there, and you yourself saw that conditions there are better or good. Does that mean, however that, the reputation, the image, has not been too tarnished, that this camp should in fact stay open?

Jacobs: Well, the reputation is tarnished, period. I don't know if you're going to be able to improve the reputation in the Islamic world, no matter what you do. At the end of the day, the intelligence value of Guantanamo is so high, and I've seen both unclassified and classified briefings down there. But I can tell you that the intelligence value is so high that it makes no sense whatsoever to close it down. And we're still getting information from detainees who have been there for three years.

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Newscaster: Retired Army Colonel Jack Jacobs, welcome as always.

Jacobs: Good morning.

Newscaster: A report in the "Sunday Times" of London, about meetings between U.S. officials disputed by Donald Rumsfeld, and Iraqi insurgents. Any way you slice that, it's still problematic because the insurgency is not a coherent group, could you tell us about that?

Jacobs: I tried to check to see whether or not it was true and so far, nobody's talking about it. It's plausible that we will have, that we would have had meetings with these guys. But one of the points that you mention, that it's difficult, if you can't assemble everybody who is participating in this very fragmented insurgency, we call it an insurgency like it's one centrally-organized thing, it's not...

Newscaster: Let's go to Guantanamo Bay. The respect or disrespect of Islam. Now we talked earlier about some of the cells and conditions there. What about Islam itself? Did you get any sense of how fair it is there?

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Jacobs: Sure. Not only what happened before, and people make mistakes and you're sure mistakes have been made in the past. The law of large numbers says eventually something bad may have happened. I can tell you right now that they go really, from my standpoint, way out of their way to accommodate Islam. Ritually slaughtered meat is flown in from Florida. The meals that they ate, I can tell you that you can't eat that much food, to be honest with you. The each, each detainee gets a prayer rug, prayer oil, prayer beads. He's got a niche in his cell for his Koran, so that it doesn't inadvertently get desecrated. Every conceivable horizontal surface you can think of has got an arrow stenciled on it. Any place that a detainee can be, interrogation room, out in the exercise yard in the cell, to show which way to turn, which way is Mecca, so he can pray.

News caster: Are these changes? Is this an updating in the system? Because the reports, remember the log story about how the 20th hijacker was treated three years ago or two years ago.

Jacobs: That was a long time ago.

News caster: Do you have a sense that this is newly implemented?

Jacobs: This is the sense, I think some of the changes, the large majority of them have been evolutionary, the kind of conditions we have there now, were not, were not existing three years ago. They've been changing for the better. And I think one of the reasons we've done it is less because of the international concern about it, but because you get more information out of these guys if you treat them properly. And they're properly treated and we're getting lots of information from them. Information we didn't get before.

News caster: Better with honey than vinegar.

Jacobs: It works every time.

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News caster: Meanwhile, we'll get insight from our own military analyst, also given a tour of Guantanamo Bay earlier this week. Retired Army Colonel Jack Jacobs, welcome as always.

Jacobs: Good morning again.

News caster: Tell us a little bit -- earlier you talked about the cells and the food. Tell us about specifically about the interrogations you were able to witness.

Jacobs: We saw a number of interrogations. Some fairly high profile and extremely dangerous detainees. And they used different techniques. The whole idea is to get closer to the detainees, so he can feel comfortable with you and therefore give you the information you require. You're not going to get any good information from somebody you beat up. He's going to tell you whatever he thinks you want to hear so that you'll stop. So they've been working hard over the last few years to gain the trust of these detainees. Some of them are very, very high-level and hard-core people. And it works, it works. I saw one, one detainee, whenever there's a session, he won't talk unless he gets his stuff. What's his stuff? A Twix candy bar, you can't make this up. A cup of Seattle's best coffee and the latest edition of "" Martha Stewart Living."" and then he'll start talking.

News caster: And is that because Martha Stewart....

Jacobs: I have no idea. Are you establishing real trust with these people, if you have an interrogator and analyst, who over time, develops trust with the detainees.

Newscaster: Is that a change in a tactics? We had heard before the complaints of the FBI agents who were sent to various locations who witnessed military interrogations or perhaps those by the contractors or reservists in Iraq. Who at one point were doing some of them? Is that a change in tactics?

Jacobs: I think in some areas it's a change. In many areas, it's not. Because the American military people recognize that if you, if you establish trust you're going to get the information you require ultimately. But I think overall it's a recognition that it's going to take time and you have to establish a working relationship with the detainee. There's one interrogator I saw, who is a very motherly type. And this is the interrogator who finely got this one detainee to spill everything because he felt some sort of close relationship with this woman, who over time developed a personal intellectual relationship with him.

Newscaster: Did you see what you expected to see when you took this tour?

Jacobs: No. I'm something of a skeptic. And a doubter. I've always been, I was very surprised to see what I saw. I expected the facilities to be very rustic. They are not, they are in very good shape and they are in new high-tech containment cells. I did not expect civilians to be interrogating the prisoners. I didn't expect to see the little contact with military people and detainees.

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu

(Found the Fox News clip only. Radio transcripts for KKLA Frank Pastore, Al Rondel Show, Greg Allen Show, KTFK Crane & Smash and True North Radio with Laurie Morrow not available)

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Newscaster: Because he's just back from Guantanamo Bay. He spent a lot of time in the military. Former Green Beret, Colonel, thank you for joining us. What did you see when you got over to Gitmo? **Cucullu:** Good morning, Brian. I saw an impressive situation there. We're talking about a very smooth-working, operating procedure that may have had problems in the beginning but is now up and running. The facility is quite adequate for what the mission is. And the troops were extraordinarily impressive from top to bottom. I had an opportunity to dine with them, to work with them, and it really was amazing. **Brian:** First off, do the troops realize the amount of pressure and focus is on Gitmo? **Cucullu:** Oh, it's unbelievable. They get -- you know, they get Fox News down there. They get emails; they talk to their friends and relatives here in the states. And they're quite aware, not only of the overall situation, but they're extremely aware when you hear off the wall comments by people like Senators Kennedy and Durbin, that attack them personally, and the great thing is that rather than hurt their morale, what this really does is it raises the bar for them. They say we're going to be even better than we were before, just to prove to these guys how professional we are. **Brian:** In terms of what you observed first-hand, what do you know now that you didn't know before you walked on to the island? **Cucullu:** Well, quite a few things, Brian. The first thing I know for sure is that there's no torture going on down there. And that these people are being kept in a way that's very humane, probably more so than even your average maximum security prison

in the United States. The other thing is that surprised me is the fact that we're still getting what we would call actionable, usable intelligence information interrogations with these guys, and that I hadn't expected, and so I was very pleased to see that, because what it shows is that the process is working and that there really is a reason, other than the fact that these are very evil terrible people, who keep this system working. **Brian:** The FBI report that says they used dogs chained to the floor, forced to go to the bathroom on themselves, everything like that, do you understand that that is proven true, but that was the old system or is that considered a false report? **Cucullu:** I don't know what happened in the past, and it's tough for me to evaluate that particular report, although it sounds a bit hyperbolic to me. We went through several of the camps, we actually watched several ongoing interrogations and we had a chance to talk to the troops on a one-on-one basis over a meal, which was a detainee's meal, it proved to me that there's absolutely nothing like that going on now. In fact, many of us were a bit shocked at the leniency that the command is showing toward the prisoners, the detainees, because in many cases the real abuse going on down there that we don't hear about is that every day when these guards, our young men and women go into the blocks, they're assaulted by the detainees throw feces, urine, semen, spit. They're vilified, threatened; their families are threatened with death. If they go into the cell with these guys, they're personally attacked. They try to scratch their eyes out, pull their mouths and stuff, and break their hands. It's very dangerous, and these kids are very brave and professional for putting up with it and not reacting in a way that maybe you and I would if we put up with the same threat. **Brian:** When you talk about interrogations, you say relationships are being built. Why? **Cucullu:** Because they feel that you get -- it's like the old -- the old saying, you get more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. These people are working with them over a long period of time, the interrogators are establishing a relationship with the prisoners, and what they're finding is that in many cases, it's an ego thing, Brian. These detainees are proud of what they did, they're proud of the fact that they have tried to kill Americans, and Westerners and will do so in the future. They brag about it. They openly boast about it. And they -- we're finding out things about financing, about Al Qaeda organizations and training, about operations that took place in the past and may happen in the future, so this is all -- is essential for the security of the United States that we continue the interrogation process down there. **Brian:** Last question, there's no way to ever show you if there was something to hide in Gitmo, the average person watching at home says (they) never show you what was wrong at Gitmo. What makes you think that you got the real story? **Cucullu:** Because we saw hundreds of people, we saw almost every cell and confinement facility down there. It's simply impossible, Brian, to have a conspiracy on that level and that magnitude. There were 10 of us along; we were speaking to the troops over a meal. If somebody had a complaint or a problem, they would have indicated it to one of us and we would have been able to share that. This business about these vast conspiracies is really overstated. Plus we do what we're looking for. You know, we're not rookies at this, and we've inspected military units before. You can tell the pride, the honesty, and the pride that comes from these troops. **Brian:** Thanks again for joining us. **Cucullu:** Great to be on with you. **Brian:** In and out of Cuba, not an easy thing to do.

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Military Analysts Call
Gen. George W. Casey Jr.
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Gen. Casey: I can't imagine that I could say anything I haven't said in Congress, so I'd just be happy to take your questions.

Mr. Allard: Hey, George, Ken Allard. After watching you on TV last week more than I was on, it was surprising to me you could even walk in there this morning.

Gen. Casey: Well, the idea I'm on TV more than Ken Allard is awe-inspiring (laughter).

Mr. Allard: Hey, last week, pal, you were.

Gen. Casey: Go ahead. Who's up?

Mr. Scales: George, it's Bob Scales. How are you doing?

Gen. Casey: Good, Bob. How are you?

Mr. Scales: The president is going to talk tomorrow night at eight o'clock (at Fort Bragg) and many of us on this phone call are going to be following up his comments or maybe even preceding his comments. Can you give us a sense of the theme that the president's going to have and what you would recommend to be some bullets that we could use, to -- as the old expression goes -- "further explain and elucidate?"

Gen. Casey: Yes. I am sorry -- I left the speech back on my desk there (laughter).

Mr. Scales: I mean a couple of bullets that we could use to, you know, as the old saying goes, further amplify?

Gen. Casey: I mean, I think that focusing on the complexities and the duration of counter-insurgencies, that these are always protracted struggles; and that our whole strategy here is to bring the Iraqi Security Forces to a level that *they* can contain the insurgency while we continue to (attrit?) and bring the insurgency down and complete the political process.

Mr. Scales: This idea of attrition is important, because several writers have said recently that in counter-insurgency or irregular warfare the object is to wear the enemy down til its presence becomes irrelevant, as opposed to achieving some decisive effect, which is maybe what the American people are looking at.

Gen. Casey: I think that's right. And I think you're going to -- you know, we've said in some forms here -- you're not going to see any more Fallujahs. There are no safe havens where the insurgents have basically taken over a city or a town. I mean, they're having to fight for their base, which is a good thing and as you know, successful insurgencies have always had some type of external or internal support base. They don't have that. They don't have a positive vision for the future of Iraq. I mean, they're out to get us out of there; the Sunni insurgency is trying to get itself back in power and the extremists are basically trying to defeat us and give us a strategic black eye.

Mr. Scales. Yes. That's good.

Mr. Dillon: General, this is Dana Dillon (sp) at the Heritage Foundation. Can you talk a little bit about the negotiations that are going on?

Gen. Casey: I will tell you, that London Times article -- I can't tell you what exactly who that was or what it was. We're trying to run that down. But that said, the discussions that we're having with the embassy and with the members of the Iraqi government, with key Sunni leaders, are all part of enhancing the political process. And, you know, I have low expectations, certainly low expectations of any kind of major breakthrough or anything like that, but I do believe that our continued discussions with Sunni leaders between now and the elections, will also enhance the political process and bring more Sunni out to vote here both for the referendum and for the elections.

Mr. Babbin: General, Jed Babbin. Following up on that, it seems like the word that we're getting from the press and I thought -- maybe I was mistaken -- but I thought Mr. Rumsfeld said something to this effect -- that we were negotiating with someone who apparently was talking for the insurgents. And what I am trying to figure out is if we're talking with someone who is talking for the insurgents, who are they purporting to represent? I mean, what groups are involved -- tribes, cities, whatever?

Gen. Casey: As you know, the Sunni in general and the Sunni insurgency in particular is a pretty diffuse group. And I have no doubt that some of the people that we're talking to have connections to the insurgents. But I will tell you that what we find is -- and so far now -- this is up to now, and this may change here in the next weeks, but up to now, our experience has been that they have less influence over insurgents than they think do or that they claim.

Mr. Babbin: So if I could just follow up. What you're basically saying is we're not talking to insurgent groups regarding any sort of cease fire, we're talking about people participating in the elections. Or is that wrong?

Gen. Casey: Whenever you talk to these Sunni leaders, you always get into the tit for tat about you reduce the violence here and then we'll gradually scale back Coalition presence and all that. So I don't think it's fair to say that there's no -- you know -- we're not talking to them about stopping the insurgency. I mean, that's the whole basis for the discussions to begin with.

Mr. Babbin: Thank you.

Mr. Allard: George, Ken Allard again. Look, we had the discussion there in the Pentagon last week with SecDef. This whole issue of manpower – it's probably become a cause celebre here. It's been a long time coming. I thought it was going to come last – about this time a year ago. But it suddenly reared its head. Are you happy with the number of forces that you've actually got? Particularly when, you know, we hear the comment that there are more foreign fighters in the country now than there were six months ago? I hear something like that and I say, do we have those borders effectively sealed off or not? And do we have the manpower to do that? Can I invite you to comment on some of that?

Gen. Casey: Yes. I think you know that sealing borders especially in – well in any environment, but in this environment, is difficult, if not impossible. Now, in general terms, as you can imagine, the enemy ebbs and flows. We react. We move forces or shift forces around to basically do what we think it's going to take to unhinge the enemy or to react to him. And a good example of that is last April we recognized that we weren't going to slow the insurgency in Mosul until we slowed the flow of foreign fighters in support across that northwest border. And so we moved the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment up there and about that same time, the Third Iraqi Infantry Division came on line; so now you have a border guard brigade, an Iraqi division, and a Coalition brigade out conducting operations in depth along that border. So, we do have enough forces to react and adapt. I've said repeatedly if I think I need more forces, I'll ask for them. I needed them for the elections last year. I asked for 12,000; they sent them. And then we returned back to, you know, about 138,000.

The other thing, in this environment – and I think this is important – more is not necessarily better, because more brings with it bases that have to be guarded, lines of communication that have to be protected, and more troops out that are potential targets for the insurgents. And so our strategy is to bring the Iraqi Security Forces to a level where they can confront the insurgency so that we can actually begin reducing Coalition presence.

Mr. Scales: Bob Scales again. Could you talk a little bit again about how that's going; how Petraeus is doing. Specifically -- not just the numbers of troops that you're cranking out, but the quality of the troops, the leadership, and most specifically, how it's going with particularly preparing the new Iraqi police forces? Any comments on that?

Gen. Casey: First of all, Dave Petraeus is in really the organize, train, and equip mode and he's done a magnificent job. And I think you've heard, you know, going from one (Iraqi) battalion in the army and a handful of national guard battalions to over one hundred army and special police battalions now. But those are formed, formed and equipped and trained to a very basic level, I mean, basic training and some (collective?) skills.

We've done two things this year since the elections to capitalize on the momentum of the elections and to capitalize on the confidence that the Iraqi people expressed in their security forces and that their security forces expressed in themselves after the elections. First was to establish partnerships between our units and Iraqi units. And the units are matched up with each other and basically they are there to provide any type of extra training assistance and support that these units need. The second is the transition teams, where we basically have put 10-person teams with every Iraqi army battalion, special police battalion, and some of the border battalions. And the intent is to increase their confidence as rapidly as possible, and to increase their access to Coalition enablers.

Our thought is get them to a level where they can conduct counter-insurgency operations with our embedded teams and with our enabling support and then gradually reduce the Coalition presence. If we get nine or 10 Iraqi divisions into the fight here against this insurgency, which is primarily Iraqis, we believe that Iraqis can defeat them with our teams and with our enabling support. But that will take, you know, a period of years here.

So -- now, what's the output of that? As you can imagine, the units vary with their leadership. And we have some very good units, and we have some not-so-good units. And it really has an awful lot to do with the Iraqi leader. But, you know, that these guys are never going to make it, I don't agree with. But I do tell you straight up that there's a wide variety of capabilities in these Iraqi units. I think you've heard that we've developed a unit status report for the Iraqi military and we're doing the same for the Iraqi special police and -- ultimately -- local police. And that has given us a fairly good view over their strengths and weaknesses. And I'll tell you that most of them, the vast majority, are still at a level where they can either operate with us or they can operate semi-independently but with a lot of support from us.

So they're a long way from standing on their -- you know -- own two feet and fighting this thing independently.

On police. Police are about a year behind the military, particularly the local police. And that has more to do with the eight- to 10-week training program we've got them on than anything else. And, so our strategy for this year really is to transition the counter-insurgency lead to the Iraqi military, and then over the course of the next year transition that lead to the Iraqi police, so you get back to a state of normalcy here in a couple years.

Mr. Scales: OK, thanks.

Mr. Nash: General, Chuck Nash. There have been a couple articles recently that have reported some "red on red" activity. Another article opines that perhaps the Sunni part of the insurgency have lost control of -- if they ever had it -- of their partners in crime there with the foreign jihadis (jihadists?). Could you comment that whole thing from what you're really seeing?

Gen. Casey: Yes. I must say, those reports are primarily coming from the far west, around al Qaim (sp). We believe that they're true; and we're trying to frankly figure out

how to leverage that: how to get contact with the tribes and see if there's not something that we can do to make common cause with them against the foreign fighters.

Now the governor of al Anbar who was kidnapped and ultimately killed was kidnapped by foreign fighters, and his tribe knows that. Now the fact that he was killed in an attack that we were making on the building where he was being captured is also cause for concern for them. But bottom line is we recognize it; we're trying to figure out how to leverage it, but we haven't had much success yet.

And then on the Sunni insurgency – as I said, it's a diffuse group, and that's part of the problem is trying to figure out somebody who's really speaking for the insurgency.

Mr. Nash: One follow-up if I could on that. To get in touch with the tribes to see if you can leverage that. One of the criticisms that I've heard is that our information operations campaigns seem appear kind of disjointed. Are you comfortable with the IO campaign where you are right now, and is that a sufficient enough tool for you to leverage this "red on red?"

Gen. Casey: I am not comfortable with my information operation, my strategic communications campaign. You know, we lost a lot in the transition that we just did over the past few months and we're fighting like hell to get that back where it needs to be. That said, it's the Iraqis and it's the Iraqi information operations that will bring these tribes into the process – or give us our best chance of bringing those tribes into the process.

Mr. Maginnis: General, Bob Maginnis. Two questions – one dealing with Syria and the way ahead. Have you seen over the last month any appreciable improvement from our perspective in their behavior. And also, if you could comment on the impact in Iraq of the election in Iran of the ultra conservative.

Gen. Casey: On the first one – Syria remains a problem. I have seen *nothing* that they've done that has appreciably altered the flow of foreign fighters through Syria. All their information tells us that Damascus is the hub; the foreign fighters get on web sites; they get information; they travel to Damascus; they have phone contacts that they make; they're billeted; they're sent off to (Aleppo—phonetic sp?) and then farmed out to other sites. So, I mean, there's a fairly well-established facilitation at work in Syria that is moving these foreign fighters through Syria and into Iraq. And that has to be stopped. But I have seen no appreciable shift in their position and certainly no impact on the foreign fighters coming across.

I lost the second part.

Mr. Maginnis: Iran – the ultra conservatives.

Gen. Casey: Yes. That's happened since I've been out (to Washington) and I really couldn't comment on that.

Mr. Lawrence: Any more questions for the General?

Voice: Yes, George, I've got a follow-up, it goes back to Bosnia. One of my unpleasant discoveries over there about the time you had arrived is our tactical HUMINT had not kept pace with certain advances we'd seen in other areas. Are you seeing anything like that? Because we've also heard reports dating back more than a year ago which indicated that we had not made the same kind of progress there that we had hoped for in other areas. Have they begun to catch up with that?

Gen. Casey: They've begun to catch up with it, but not, you know, we're certainly nowhere near where we want to be. Now I'll tell you, the increased interaction with the Iraqi Security Forces has greatly increased our tactical HUMINT capability. And it's very interesting; as you can imagine, you go into a house looking for something, and then the Iraqis know just where to look; they appreciate the significance of what they find, and the people will talk to them much more readily than they'll talk to us. So at a tactical level, that's been a big boon.

The other thing we're seeing is tips. And if you look at an insurgency, you know, one of things you're always trying to get your arms around to gage the strength of the insurgency is how willing are people to give up information on them? And the tips that we are getting both through hotlines and in in person have gone up significant(ly) now; I want to say on all the hotlines that the divisions have and the national hotline, we went from like 50 in January to over 1,700 in the last month. So the people are getting tired of it and they are more and more willing to come forward. So, we'll see where that goes.

Voice: George, one last question. Any success in taking on the suicide bombers: finding the sources of these factories, of you know, stopping them at the source – being able to kill these guys before they launch out on their missions.

Gen. Casey: Yes. There are several parts to this network. One is the suicide bomber. And so the operations that we are doing out west to disrupt their movement across are helping out. And then there's the facilitators that bring them from the border and get them linked up with the bomb and we're attacking those pieces of the network. And then there's the bomb makers, and we've picked up – oh, I want to say about 45 almost 50.

Mr. Maginnis: General, Bob Maginnis again. I saw a program considering the new uniform.

Gen. Casey: Hey, I'm sorry.

Mr. Lawrence: Hey Bob?

Mr. Maginnis: The uniform that covers the arms and the legs – significant extension of the current protection gear that we're using over there. Is that something that is going to soon be delivered in country...

Mr. Lawrence: Bob, Bob, this is Dallas Lawrence. Can you hear me OK?

Mr. Maginnis: Yes.

Mr. Lawrence: I am going to go ahead and let the general finish the question he was answering before, then he can get to your question if you don't mind.

Gen. Casey: In the last couple of months we picked up about, you know, 48 of these bomb makers. Bob, but there's ammunition, I mean artillery ammunition buried all over Iraq. It's almost a bottomless pick. We picked up over 1,300 major caches, tons of ammunition here in the last six months, and it just doesn't seem to go – you know, to go away. And these bombs, you know, maybe three rounds of artillery, or three artillery rounds and some home-made explosives mixed in; I mean, it doesn't take much at all.

Mr. Lawrence: Bob, go ahead with your question.

Mr. Maginnis: I'm sorry, I didn't...

Gen. Casey: I think I heard it. I'm not aware of the delivery schedule, but I am having lunch with the chief of the staff of the army right after this; but I am not aware of the delivery schedule on that increased protective equipment.

Mr. Maginnis: OK, sir.

Voice: George, I've got one last question if you have time. Is there any level of violence or any strategic calculus that you can determine behind the current level of violence. Are they getting ready for some sort of Tet offensive; do you think they're encouraged by the fact that they can re-opinion polls (read opinion polls?) as well as we can?

Gen. Casey: I do. And it's fascinating. There's a perception that the levels of violence have spiked. And the reality is they haven't. Now they're up from the dip that we went into after the election. But for the last seven weeks, we've been right between 450 and 500 attacks a month. And that's about the same level where we were last year at this time. And there were weeks last year – around the time of August in Najaf, November in Fallujah and the elections, where the numbers were up seven, eight hundred, nine hundred. And my biggest question mark right now for my guys is: Can they still generate those levels of attacks? And I don't think they can. Now what they've done, obviously, is they've shifted to high impact, high visibility attacks that are murdering a lot of civilians. And they killed 700 civilians and Iraqi security forces last month and there are about 500 already this month. I mean, so they are taking this fight to the Iraqi Security Forces and the Iraqi people. But that's a losing strategy over the long term.

Unfortunately, I think as you suggest, their perceptions are that they're affecting our will at home. They can't defeat us in Iraq, so they'll break the will of the American people. And I firmly believe that that's exactly what they're trying to do.

Mr. Babbin: Well, general, Jed Babbin, and at the risk of prolonging this for one more question, I mean, that's really a big question right now. We're hearing that the troops are starting to have a negative effect on their morale with all this nonsense back here with Dick Durbin and Amnesty International and the rest of these cretins out there.

Is there some sort of measurable, negative impact on morale at this point?

Gen. Casey: No, the short answer is: not yet. But as I said to somebody on TV today, I mean, the troops are scratching their heads. I mean they just, they don't, you know, they see the progress that's happening on the ground, and they don't understand what's going on back here. And frankly, it's, I'm kind of scratching my own head.

Mr. Lawrence: OK. We have time for one last question. Is there anybody else who has not asked a question, or time for one last question for the general before he has to leave.

Mr. Allard: Dallas, Ken Allard again. Not a question, but certainly a comment. I would think those last two comments of General Casey are well worth underlining any way that you can put it out -- hopefully not just on background. I think that the confusion the troops are feeling on this thing, and also the fact that there appears to be going after the high-profile targets. Those are two things I have not heard very much on TV and I'd like to.

Gen. Casey: OK. We just completed our second six-month review here. And this is basically, you know, the staff works this with the embassy staff, and the conclusion of that is the campaign remains broadly on track and we are most optimistic about progress in THE two critical areas: the building the Iraqi Security Forces and the political process. And I, my firm belief is, we will continue over the next six months to build the constitution, to have a referendum on that constitution, and get to these elections in December. Now, they're going to contest it; they're going to fight us the whole way. But the Iraqi people are focused on their future.

And one aside here -- I didn't appreciate this fully until after I'd been there a while -- but if you're, if you haven't lived under Saddam Hussein for 30 years, you don't appreciate what that's like. And the Iraqis are a hell of a lot more resistance -- resilient, because they're been exposed to a hell of a lot more tyranny and oppression than, you know, than we have. So they have a little different view on this. And right now everything we're seeing points to the completion of this political process. Which will help us in bringing the insurgency to another level, but as you know, even if they finish this election, there is still going to be an insurgency next year; there's still going to be a dilapidated infrastructure that needs a lot of work. But I firmly believe that while there are -- Iraq has long-term political and economic challenges, it does not necessarily require a large, long-term U.S. and Coalition presence to get them through this.

Mr. Lawrence: Thank you gentlemen very much for joining us today. Just a quick reminder -- this is on background. And again we appreciate your time this morning.

Gen. Casey: Thanks guys.

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2005 7:54 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Many thanks

Ok, but let's get him briefed on khatani so he doesn't go too far on that one.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@**(b)(6)**>
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@**(b)(6)**>
Sent: Sat Jun 25 19:51:19 2005
Subject: Fw: Many thanks

Fyi. I'll folo up. I plan to call him to suggest an oped. He's a ret'd two star. Thanks, dude. Sorry you've had to deal w/the emergency. See you monday. Eric

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From: shepdonald@**(b)(6)** <shepdonald@**(b)(6)**>
To: eric.ruff@**(b)(6)** <eric.ruff@**(b)(6)**>
Sent: Sat Jun 25 17:00:24 2005
Subject: Many thanks

Eric - many thanks for your efforts putting together the Guantanamo trip - it was fascinating and added greatly to my understanding of detainee issues - let me know if I can help you - Don Shepperd (CNN military analyst)

DONALD W. SHEPPERD

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2005 10:58 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Per request, here is the transcript of Don Shepperd's remarks on CNN a little while ago.

Allison...could you have the folks do some kind of a rollup of the interviews and other activity that comes out of this. As much as possible, please just have them provide transcripts, a la the radio/tv dialog, as opposed to additional analysis. Also, please have taft on alert for any news articles that fall out from the hunter codel and put them in monday's bird. Tnx

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
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CC: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 21:42:42 2005
Subject: Fw: Per request, here is the transcript of Don Shepperd's remarks on CNN a little while ago.

Greater context on immediate impact from the trip. Btw, dallas did an outstanding job today. The kid really gets it!

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 21:20:57 2005
Subject: Fw: Per request, here is the transcript of Don Shepperd's remarks on CNN a little while ago.

Soory, meant to add you to forward. Attached is the transcript of sheppards cnn call in and a blip of some of the media these guys booked the second we landed. Good trip, thanks for the backing to allow me to push this forward.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@[\(b\)\(6\)](#)>
Sent: Fri Jun 24 21:18:10 2005
Subject: Fw: Per request, here is the transcript of Don Shepperd's remarks on CNN a little while ago.

Yes!!!!

Mont meigs is doinf today show tomorrow and nightly news, sheppard is on cnn sunday at 4 and 10 and on american morning then cnn live on monday, this saturday at 3 cnn international and 4 pm cnn national and cnn radio tonight. Bob maginnis did three radio from gitmo and jack jacobs is doing msnbc tomorriw. Good stuff

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
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Sent: Fri Jun 24 16:18:53 2005
Subject: Per request, here is the transcript of Don Shepperd's remarks on CNN a little while ago.

Transcript of CNN Military Analyst Don Shepperd on CNN at 1451<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Betty Nguyen (CNN Anchor): We have just established a line to Guantanamo Bay to our military analyst, General Don Shepperd. He arrived there as part of a trip put together by the Pentagon in the wake of that human rights report that criticized conditions at the prison for war detainees. General Shepherd is on the phone with us right now. What do you see?

Donald Shepperd: I'm seeing a lot of rain right now. We're in the middle of a drenching rainstorm. Every American should have a chance to see what our group saw today. The impressions you're getting from the media and from pronouncements of people who have not been here are false. What we're seeing is a modern prison system with dedicated people, interrogators who know what they're doing. And people are being well treated. We had a chance to tour the facility, eat what the prisoners eat, we've seen people being interrogated. It's nothing like the impression from the media.

Ms. Nguyen: You said you got to talk to the interrogators and guards. What have they told you?

Don Shepperd: The interrogators, we have the opinions that people have been mistreated. Everyone we talked to, and this is consistent with things I have known in the past, every interrogator will tell you the key is a relationship based on respect. Eventually, they will begin to talk and you get pieces of information you can fit together with pieces of information from somewhere else. Pressure doesn't work, disrespect doesn't work, and torture is counterproductive. That came from everyone, men and women who were interrogators down here.

Ms. Nguyen: This leads me to my next question. Of course, this was a trip organized by the Pentagon. Do you feel like you're getting full access? Are you seeing a true picture?

Don Shepperd: That's a good question. They are proud to have people down here to see what we're seeing. Obviously, they're going to put their best foot forward, and obviously, there will be abuses or people disobeying the regulations. I have been in prisons and jails in the United States, and this is by far the most dedicated force I've ever seen in any correctional institution anywhere.

Ms. Nguyen: You mentioned you have spoken with guards. What are they saying?

Don Shepperd: Very interesting. I had lunch with one of the female guards and then I talked to a group of male guards as well. I said, do you ever see anything that goes on that resembles mistreatment of prisoners or mistreatment by the prisoners of guards. They say they're on alert at all times. They're not armed when they're around the guards (sic - meant to say "prisoners"). You don't do that because obviously weapons can be taken and used against you. But basically, they treat the prisoners firmly with respect. They don't engage in a lot of banter with them. They say the prisoners do things that we've heard about in the media. They sometimes get riled and will throw feces, they'll throw urine at the guards. But this entire system is based upon compliance. In other words, if you comply with the rules, you're gonna be treated well, you'll be given more privileges just like any detention facility, and if you don't, your life is going to be much more miserable than those who do. So, all of the guards seem to be very professional. None of

them that I have talked to have observed anything in the way of mistreatment or any really bad incidents. The biggest thing they say is violence between the prisoners themselves. A lot of the prisoners don't like each other. They're from different countries.

Ms. Nguyen: On the flipside, have you had access to the prisoners themselves and what are their conditions?

Don Shepperd: We have not had access to the prisoners themselves. We are told what they are and we have seen all the facilities. We have watched interrogations. We just watched interrogations of two high-value prisoners who have been here for a considerable amount of time. The facilities are basic of prisons anywhere. We have seen the cell said. They're 7 x 8 cells. They're clean. they have a toilet in the facility. They have a water fountain in the facility. They have a bed. They are given the Koran. They're given a mattress. They're given clothes, recreational things such as playing cards, chess, checkers, that type of thing. We have not had access to talk to the prisoners and, again, that's one thing you've got to be very careful of. You want to establish a prisoner relationship with the interrogators and not have that proliferated with other people.

Ms. Nguyen: Let's back up for just a moment because you said you watched an interrogation. Explain to us how that played out and were there any instances of abuse or possible abuse?

Don Shepperd: Absolutely not. Basically, you're able to observe interrogations. When you say, "we watched them," I want to be very careful about how I describe this. I do not want to describe how we watched it. They have various ways of monitoring the interrogations. With the interrogations we watched, there were interrogators, translators who translated for the detainee, and there were also intelligence people in there. They're basically asking questions. They ask the same questions over a long period of time. They get information about the person's family, where are they from, who they know, what they do. All of the things you would want in a criminal investigation. These were cordial, very professional. There was even laughing in two of them.

Ms. Nguyen: Laughing in an interrogation?

Don Shepperd: Yes. It's not like the impression that we have where people bend people's arms and mistreat people. They're trying to establish a firm professional relationship where they have respect with each other and can talk to each other. Yes, there was laughing and humor going on in a couple of these things. I'm talking about a remark made where someone will smirk or laugh or chuckle.

Ms. Nguyen: We appreciate your time and that look inside Gitmo with you being there. Thank you for that. We invite you to stay tuned.

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From: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/PIA (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2005 11:04 AM
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Cc: (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS; (b)(6) AFIS-HQ/CNS; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Guantanamo Comments by the military analysts with you

This is a synopsis of comments by military analysts who discussed Guantanamo in June.

- Ø **Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu** - FrontPage Magazine, 6/3
 - Amnesty's allegations of a "gulag" are "loathsome" and "offensive"
- Ø **Major Dana R. Dillon** - Scripps News Service, 6/23
 - Comparing Guantanamo to the Cambodian killing fields is "grossly exaggerated" and contributes to lowered morale at home and for the troops overseas
- Ø **Colonel Jack Jacobs** - MSNBC, 6/20
 - The administration thinks that Guantanamo Bay still serves its purpose.
- Ø **Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis** - Agape Press, 6/16
 - Amnesty "doesn't understand the holocaust or the gulags..." Detainees are "often treated better than the American soldiers who are guarding them..." In addition, "millions of dollars" are now being spent on an air-conditioned facility.
- Ø **Major General Donald Shepperd** - CNN, 6/23
 - "We would be crazy to close Gimo," because where else would detainees go? But he wants to see for himself "what the legal processes are being followed there."
 - Gitmo was a mistake and is now a "symbol," much like Abu Ghraib. It's a "failure of policy" and the world deserves "an explanation." (CNN, 6/13)
- Ø **Mr. Wayne Simmons** - Fox News, 6/6
 - The Pentagon has made "horrible decisions about Gitmo," including allowing those "terrorists" to have the Koran there... The occurrence of abuses there are rare and "inadvertent."

Note: For the others, we found no Guantanamo-related comments.

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From: JedBabbin@(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 5:35 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Cancelled

they arrested the father of one of the subjects. About as significant as Michael Jackson. And you're right: my angle is evergreen. we'll get our shots.

Jed Babbin

(b)(2) (home office)
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(mobile)

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 5:27 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA

ROGER, I WILL HAVE IT WITH ME, HERE IS THE FULL SCHEDULE:

0500 Military Analysts/DoD personnel board shuttle bus for Andrews AFB
Pentagon South Parking, Lane #8, Bus #34 (703-604-0600)
Note: Mr. Ruff, RADM McGarrah, Mr. Waxman, Ms. Miles and BG Hemingway to meet delegation
at Andrews DV terminal

0600 Arrive Andrews AFB DV Terminal

0630 Board C32 757 Flight to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Special Air Mission #9040

0645 Wheels Up
Depart Andrews AFB for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Coffee and breakfast served in flight

0715 Welcome Briefing
Eric Ruff, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense

0720 Detainee Policy
Matt Waxman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs TAB B

0800 Break

0815 Combatant Status Review Tribunal/Administrative Review Board Briefing
RADM James McGarrah
TAB C

0845 Military Commissions Procedures
BG Thomas Hemingway, Legal Adviser to the Appointing Authority Office of Military
Commissions
TAB D

0915 Coffee/Bathroom Break/Prepare for Landing

1000 Wheels Down
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

1005 Met by Joint Task Force Commander, BG Jay Hood

1035 JTF Operational Update
BG Jay Hood

1155 OARDEC/ARB Briefing
Captain Kaniut

1215 Depart for Camp Delta

1235 Arrive Camp Delta
Lunch with troops

1320 Tour Camp Delta
View interrogation, ARB, unoccupied cellblock, detention hospital

1445 Depart for Camp V

1455 Tour Camp V
1510 Tour Camp X-Ray
1545 Depart Camp X-Ray
1630 Wheels Up
 Depart Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Andrews AFB
 Dinner served on plane
1945 Wheels Down
 Andrews AFB, VA
2000 Board shuttle for Pentagon
2030 Arrive Pentagon, metro entrance

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From: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 1:11 PM
To: (b)(6) LtCdr, OASD-PA; Brenton, Beci CAPT AAUSN; Shavers, Michael, Maj, OASD-PA; Skinner, John A., Lt Col, OASD-PA; Burfeind, Barbara, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Cc: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; Keck, Gary, Col, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: JED BABBIN/RADIO INTERVIEWS

Jeb Babbinn would like to interview Gen Hemingway, Mathew Waxman, and/or RADM McGarrah on the Monday radio programs he is guest hosting. Both shows are on WMET-AM, Washington DC. The morning show is 0700 - 0900, the afternoon show is 1200 - 1400. He would like to have Waxman on the early show and either BGen Hemingway or RADM McGarrah during the afternoon show. That said, he is flexible and will accomodate their schedules as long as he could get at least one of them on each of the two shows that day.

FYI, Babbinn was asking questions about the recent statement from the UN Human Rights group. LtCol Skinner is double-checking to see if the below response to query regarding the UN is still valid and will inform us as soon as he gets a response in case they are asked on the show.

Flex, would like you to be overall coordinator for the Babbinn Monday shows. Babbinn said he could only handle one interview per show so don't need all three, but would like to have at least one per show if at all possible. Here is Babbinn's contact numbers:

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email: jedbabbin@(b)(6)

Please make contact with Jed today to let him know you are working this. Thanks.

Roxie T. Merritt
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director, DoD Press Operations
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
Pentagon, Room (b)(2)
Washington, DC 20301-1400

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"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of All Who Threaten It"

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From: (b)(6) Lt Col, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:21 AM
To: Wolf, Kendal, CIV, OSD-POLICY; Feinberg, Jared, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Cc: Lambert, Mike, CAPT, OSD-CIO; Fortune, Anthony, COL, USA, OSD-POLICY; Del Monte, Bryan, CIV, OSD-POLICY; Burfeind, Barbara, CIV, OSD-POLICY; Carpenter, Joe, LCDR OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Shavers, Michael, Maj, OASD-PA; Plexico, Alvin LtCdr, OASD-PA
Subject: UN investigators say U.S. stalling on prison visits

Jared
or Kendal

I know Barbara's out today....wanted to ensure you saw this article. We will get some requests from media wanting a

"reaction" to a statement issued by some UN Human Rights Inspectors. In the past, we've simply reiterated "this is the role performed by the ICRC---they are the organization with the charter to visit DoD detention facilities, meet with detainees, and provide reports on conditions. They regularly visit DoD detention facilities."

Is that still the "approach" we should take in answering questions? Thanks.--John

V/R
John A. Skinner
Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force
Defense Press Officer
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
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UN investigators say U.S. stalling on prison visits

23 Jun 2005 10:43:17 GMT

Source: Reuters

GENEVA, June 23 (Reuters) - U.N. human rights investigators on Thursday accused the United States of stalling on their request to visit foreign terror suspects at U.S.-run prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay.

They said they had had no reply to their year-old request to probe "serious allegations of torture", arbitrary detention and violations of the right to health and due process at Guantanamo.

"We deeply regret that the government of the United States has still not invited us to visit those persons arrested, detained or tried on grounds of alleged terrorism or other violations in Iraq, Afghanistan, or the Guantanamo Bay naval base," the four rights investigators said in a statement.

"The lack of a definitive answer despite repeated requests suggests that the United States is not willing to cooperate with the United Nations human rights machinery on this issue," they added.

Their request to visit followed the scandal sparked by photographs taken in the U.S.-run prison of Abu Ghraib in Iraq, showing inmates, some in hoods, being sexually humiliated by soldiers and intimidated with dogs.

The investigators have global U.N. mandates to probe allegations of torture and arbitrary detention as well as ensuring that rights to health and judicial independence are upheld.

Activists have expressed alarm that many people arrested since the Sept 11, 2001 attacks on the United States have been held for more than three years without charges being laid, often incommunicado, in a legal blackhole facilitating mistreatment.

The Pentagon says it is holding 520 men in Guantanamo, mainly detained in Afghanistan. Only four have been charged.

LTC Guy Rudisill

Public Affairs Officer

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 9:07 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW: Mil. Analyst PA trip

Importance: High

sir, this is your call, but if we are bouncing speech writing to keep the group small, not sure why mr waxman needs staff. but, i could be wrong (it seems to happen a lot!)

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 8:55 AM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Mil. Analyst PA trip
Importance: High

Mr. Lawrence,

Mr. Waxman has requested that I travel with him on this trip. Please reach me by phone e-mail or pager (see below) so I can work the details for him and myself. I would like to try to have the details of this trip closed out for my office by 1300.

V/R,

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OSD/OUUSD(P), Detainee Affairs

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Colonel Tim J. Eads (clearance: (b)(6))	(USA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer (clearance: (b))	(USA, Retired)
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From: Waxman, Matthew, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 8:01 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: jed babbin

when would that be, and what would be the format? Would this be live, or something we could script out a bit?

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Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 7:54 PM
To: Waxman, Matthew, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: jed babbin

matt, have you been contacted about appearing on jed's radio show regarding gtmo/detainee policy? thanks, eric

(b)(6)

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 12:44 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD
Subject: Jed Babbin

Hemmingway is will to talk to Jed but is TDY until Friday (which of course is the same day we want him to got to GTMO)

(b)(6)

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 11:35 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Cc: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: CONFIRMED list for GITMO this Friday

Folks,

We just sent another email and wrapped a final round of calls letting the analysts know that we are as close to a "go" as we will be before we get the final word. Again, we provided the caveat that this is not final, we are still pending a plane, etc. We advised they make appropriate, refundable, arrangements to be in dc Thursday night for an early Friday departure. I am currently working on having them all meet at the Pentagon at around 5:30 am and have us shuttle over to Andrews to avoid losing anyone at Andrews. As of now, we have 10 confirmed analysts.

Mr. Waxman is working to attend and will confirm with me shortly. (b)(6) is working the logistics to lock our plane. We have a conference call with GITMO today to begin locking in the on the ground schedule. Captain Thorp has reached out to MG Burgess and they are working on getting us an Intel person, possibly the J2. I have a call into General Hemingway regarding his availability. We have now closed the list and are only taking standby rsvp's from the analysts in the event a seat drops.

Thanks to everyone for a great team effort on pulling this off so far!

Confirmed List:

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu (clearance: (b)(6))	(USA, Retired)
Major Dana R. Dillon (clearance: (b)(6))	(USA, Retired)
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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 6:53 PM
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA
Cc: Chafin, Claude, CIV, OSD-LA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: GITMO update

Let's go for friday. Get with (b)(6) first thing and get the plane put on first. After confirmation of plane, call the analysts and southcom thanks.

Ab

Allison Barber
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@(b)(6)>
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA <Allison.Barber@(b)(6)>; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA <Roxie.Merritt@(b)(6)>
CC: Chafin, Claude, CIV, OSD-LA <Claude.Chafin@(b)(6)> (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA (b)(6)
Sent: Tue Jun 21 18:20:46 2005
Subject: GITMO update

Folks,

Based on evolving scenarios regarding codels and gitmo constraints on the size of the delegation, I have called every analyst that expressed serious interest in a Saturday trip and posed the following question: "If we had to move to Friday or Monday, could you make it". Below is the reply. The only major loss for us is Jed Babbin can only do Saturday. Maybe we could add one to the list of the codel trip? He is hosting a huge number of radio shows this summer, I have to think he would have every member of congress on to talk about their trip together - a definite plus for us looking to expand the echo chamber. Also, in the event we move to Friday or Monday, we will re-engage with everyone that said they couldn't make Saturday and see if they can make the new date.

Long story short, if we do this Friday, everyone told me they need to know by no later than tomorrow morning to clear their schedule.

Friday

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Colonel Jack Jacobs	(USA, Retired)
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Major General Donald W. Shepperd	(USAF, Retired)
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Saturday

Colonel Kenneth Allard	(USA, Retired)
Mr. Jed Babbin	(USAF, JAG)
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Cucullu	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Tim J. Eads	(USA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired)
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Monday

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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 2:40 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: gitmo - ASAP

Attachments: Picture (Metafile)

Jack Jacobs wants to know if he can bring an nbc cameraman, with the understanding that they'd have to turn off the camera when asked. wants to know what kind of access they're going to have..... he can't sell it to the network unless they get something out of it.

also, bob maginnis wants to know if he can conduct live interviews from there.... they would call him and interview him about what he's seeing.

guidance?
thanks

(b)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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Subject: current list for gitmo

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
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Cc: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA
Subject: fyi, rsvps to date for saturday gitmo

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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 6:40 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Subject: Babbin (American Spectator)

http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=8325

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The American Spectator

Enemy of the State

By Jed Babbin

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The North Koreans are apparently preparing to detonate a nuclear weapon in a test that may drift radiation over North America. As a senior Defense Department official said Thursday, one unmistakable message of the test will be that the world cannot deny any nation such weapons. The President continues, inexplicably, to allow Syria to be a sanctuary for insurgents killing Americans in Iraq. The presidential (and, for that matter, vice-presidential and defense-secretarial) time and energy that should be spent on those pressing problems is increasingly consumed with the increasingly-hysterical Democrats' attempts to push America through a time warp and back to 1968.

There's a reason for all the calumniating about the war we're in. Last November's losers, the Dems and the mainstream media, believe any exercise of American power is illegitimate, dangerous, imperialistic, and illegal. Before the next presidential election, they are desperate to create, especially among younger voters, another Vietnam Generation: disaffected, distrustful of their nation, its morals and its motivations. All our young folks hear these days is Gitmo this, Abu Ghraib that, and when are we going to withdraw from Iraq? When was the last time you spoke to anyone under 20 about the war, and about how it will affect their future? Please consider the consequences if you don't. If your teenagers only hear the outrageous lies coming from the Deanocrats and don't get the facts from parents and family friends, they could grow up to be senators from Illinois.

As if to compensate for having sent us Abraham Lincoln and Everett Dirksen, the state of Illinois has inflicted us with Richard Durbin. When last we viewed this otherwise insignificant man, he was one of three Democratic senators who were the subject of a CIA request to the Justice Department for a criminal investigation into their intentional leaking some of our nation's most closely kept secrets. That request has lain dormant for more than six months in large part because alleged Senate majority leader, Sen. Bill Frist, has shown no interest in it. Now Durbin has provided a redundant proof of his unfitness for office.

Last Tuesday, at the end of a characteristically forgettable speech, Durbin referred to an FBI memo alleging harsh treatment of one of the terrorists being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After reading part of the memo, Durbin said, "If I read this to you and did not tell you that it was an FBI agent describing what Americans had done to prisoners in their control, you would most certainly believe this must have been done by Nazis, Soviets in their gulags, or some mad regime -- Pol Pot or others -- that had no concern for human beings. Sadly, that is not the case. This was the action of Americans in the treatment of their prisoners."

We might never have heard about Durbin's remarks were it not for my pal Laura Ingraham and her nearly-omniscient producer, Lee Habeeb, who caught Durbin in the act and played the audio on Laura's radio show last Wednesday before anyone else reported it. (Actually, there is a question about who reported it first. A senior Defense Department official said Thursday that al-Jazeera had it five minutes after Durbin spoke. I did not attempt to confirm this with Mr. Jihad Ballout, al-Jazeera's press officer. And no, I'm not making his name up.) Durbin and the rest of the hyperlibs are making a commonplace of utterly false accusations of crimes against humanity against brave, dedicated Americans who are defending this nation.

Let's ignore the fact that the FBI memo Durbin read from is comprised of unproven allegations which are now the subject of an ongoing investigation. Durbin doesn't care about the truth of the allegations. He wanted to attract attention, and he succeeded to a degree he never envisioned.

We executed Nazi and Japanese war criminals for murdering millions, and Israel hung Adolf Eichmann after a long trial and his conviction of participating in the Nazis murder of millions. Pol Pot's actions in Cambodia planned and murdered between 1.5 and 3 million. No one knows how many millions were murdered by beating, starvation, and freezing in the Gulags, but the best estimates say the Soviets murdered at least 20 million people. How many have died at Guantanamo Bay, Sen. Durbin? The answer is zero.

IF YOU BELIEVE THE DEANOCRATS and their media pals, we're holding people incommunicado, in a legal limbo, where innocents are beaten, starved, and tortured, that America is an international outlaw, that Gitmo is OBL's best recruiting tool, that we're violating the Geneva Conventions, and that all the Islamic fascisti would join with

us to sing Kumbaya if only we closed Gitmo. Enough. You won't get your teens to read all three volumes of Solzhenitsyn's The Gulag Archipelago. But you may, at least, be able to get them to read from here to the bottom of this article.

We're holding people there incommunicado? According to 1st Lt. Wade Brown, the chief mail man at Gitmo, every detainee at Gitmo, regardless of his conduct, is allowed mail privileges unless he can't be trusted with a pen because he's threatened to harm himself. Lt. Brown, in a sworn declaration dated March 17, 2005, said that from September 2004 through February 2005, 14,000 pieces of mail were sent or received by detainees at Gitmo.

Legal limbo? Some 800 suspected terrorists have, so far, been incarcerated at Gitmo. All of them have had their cases reviewed by military commissions. About 235 have been released, 61 are today awaiting release or transfer, and about 520 remain, having been given all the due process to which they are entitled by U.S. and international law, including the Geneva Conventions. They are enemy combatants. We are entitled to hold them until the war is over whether it's tomorrow or in 2525.

Are we torturing and starving these people? No. Chaining someone to a wall or a floor isn't comfortable, but it isn't torture. And it's important to remember what is. Nearly two years ago, I spoke to three men who were held in a Saudi jail and given the full Lubyanka treatment. In a 2003 interview, James Lee, Peter Brandon, and Glenn Ballard each told me of how they were treated. What Brandon described to me was credible and consistent with what the other two said.

Brandon told me he was "systematically beaten" and subjected to what he called the "rotisserie" treatment. "I was shackled at the feet, you see, and handcuffed," Brandon told me. "And they sort of thread a broom handle through your arms and your legs. Then you're hung upside down, and so you've got all the weight on the creases of your arms, so it's very painful." On the third day, they beat his bare feet with an ax handle so badly that his feet were bloody. He was screaming so much that they forced a gag down his throat, and for a moment stopped his breathing. After about five days of beatings and sleep deprivation, the Saudis threatened to arrest Brandon's wife and toddler son. He broke down, and confessed to terrorist bombings he says he didn't commit. I believe Brandon and the others of the crimes they were convicted of because the Saudis released them instead of executing them or imprisoning them for life under what passes for law there. What went on in that Saudi jail was torture. What's going on at Gitmo isn't.

What is going on is the interrogation and extended detention of some of the worst hard-case terrorists. They are terrorist trainers and financiers, bomb makers, would-be suicide bombers, terrorist recruiters and facilitators, and some of OBL's bodyguards. Of the hundreds who were judged not to be terrorists and released, at least a dozen have been recaptured on the battlefield, having again taken arms to kill Americans. The intelligence gained at Gitmo is enabling us to prevent terrorist attacks and save

American lives.

Because of people such as Dick Durbin, America lost its will to fight, and lost the Vietnam War. That loss didn't deprive Americans of life and liberty. If we lose this war, we lose America.

If you watch the video of Durbin's remarks, you'll see what I saw: his face morphing into that of Jane Fonda. Apologize, Mr. Durbin. Or resign.

TAS contributing editor Jed Babbin is the author of Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe Are Worse Than You Think (Regnery, 2004).

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From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 6:54 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Cc: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA
Subject: Re: Jed Babbin called re: American Spectator (b)(2)

We really should try to help him. He is consistently solid and helpful. Maybe waxman this time around?

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@(b)(6)>
To: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA (b)(6)
CC: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA <Bryan.Whitman@osd.mil>; Thorp, Frank, CAPT, OCJCS/PA <frank.thorp@(b)(6)> Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA <larry.dirita@(b)(6)>
Sent: Mon Jun 20 17:30:56 2005
Subject: RE: Jed Babbin called re: American Spectator 703 4036069 540 822-3099

thanks for passing this along, david. bryan, frank, any luck with finding potential guests for babbin's radio shows this week? thanks, eric -----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 5:25 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Jed Babbin called re: American Spectator (b)(2)

Bill Oreilly read his recent GTMO article and wants Jed on the show Thursday. No need to call back.

Semper Fidelis,
Captain David T. Romley, USMC
Military Assistant to the
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs

Comm: (b)(6)
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Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 6:39 PM
To: tmcinerney@[b](6); paulvalley@[b](6); nashct@[b](6); Glenstrae77
@[b](6); BURM41516@[b](6); [b](6); [b](6); CIV, OASD-PA; WSSinter@[b](6)
roberthscates@[b](6)
Subject: Today's Spectator: Durbin's rant

The man disgusts me.

The American Spectator

Jed Babbin

(b)(2) (home office)
(home fax)
(mobile)

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [allison.barber@**(b)(6)**]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 6:17 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: **(b)(6)** Col OASD-PA; **(b)(6)** Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Update on Analyst Trip to GITMO

GTMO on Saturday.

we run the risk of not getting all of our main folks but we can turn around and go again next week.

Roxie, please let joint staff know this is our request.

Dallas, please give Col **(b)(6)** a heads up and deconflict with him then let the analysts know we are going Saturday. we will have to move fast to make this happen. **(b)(6)** we might need additional help in getting the manifest put together.

we can do this.

thanks
ab

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Dallas B. Lawrence
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Colonel Tim J. Eads	(USA, Retired)
Colonel John Garrett	(USMC, Retired)
Brigadier General David L. Grange	(USA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland	(USA, Retired) - after this sunday
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
General Montgomery Meigs	(USA, Retired)
Major F. Andy Messing Jr.	(USAR, Retired) - fyi, would like to connect with plane in boca chica NAS, key west (refueling)
Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr.	(USA, Retired) - after July 18
Captain Chuck Nash	(USN, Retired)
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Colonel John Garrett	(USMC, Retired)
Brigadier General David L. Grange	(USA, Retired)
Command Sergeant Major Steven Greer	(USA, Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Maginnis	(USA, Retired)
Colonel Jeff McCausland	(USA, Retired) - after this sunday
Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney	(USAF, Retired)
General Montgomery Meigs	(USA, Retired)
Major F. Andy Messing Jr. boca chica NAS, key west (refueling)	(USAR, Retired) - fyi, would like to connect with plane in
Major General Michael J. Nardotti, Jr.	(USA, Retired) - after July 18
Captain Chuck Nash	(USN, Retired)
General William L. Nash	(USA, Retired)
Mr. Wayne Simmons	(CIA, Retired)

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From: Romley, David Capt. USMC, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 5:25 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Jed Babbitt called re: American Spectator (b)(2)

Attachments: (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA.vcf

Bill O'Reilly read his recent GTMO article and wants Jed on the show Thursday. No need to call back.

Semper Fidelis.
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Capt. USMC, OASD..

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From: (b)(6) Ltc OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 11:22 AM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Update From Allison Barber Military Analysts to GITMO

Sir: For your information in prep for Gen Craddock

From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2005 11:01 AM
To: Larry, CIV, OSD Di Rita (E-mail)
Cc: (b)(6) Ltc OASD-PA; Eric Ruff (E-mail)
Subject: gtmo

hi there

just as an fyi...our main analyts are unavailable until tuesday of next week..the 28th. we can still do it the trip this week and maybe again next but our main 4 guys are not around.

tony snow's producer just called dallas and he wants to broadcast live from gtmo asap. just fyi. they are sending us a request..

thanks
ab

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From: JedBabbin@ (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2005 4:08 PM
To: tmcinerney@ (b)(6); paulvalley@ (b)(6); nashct@ (b)(6); Glenstrae77@ (b)(6); BURM41516@ (b)(6); (b)(6); CIV, OASD-PA; WSSInter@ (b)(6); robertscales@ (b)(6)
Subject: Trulock

Gents: I'm starting on the next book. Does anyone know Notra Trulock and how I can contact him? He was the former Energy Department security chief thrown out for getting serious about Chinese spying at Los Alamos and elsewhere. thanks.

Jed Babbin

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From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 7:41 PM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: Re: Analyst Update

Welcome sir. Apologize for my tangent on thr iraq message earlier, just frustrated that the secdef is so good, we have so many good talkers yet we keep getting bloodied.

Anyhow, hope you have a great weekend.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA <Eric.Ruff@**(b)(6)**>
To: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@**(b)(6)**>
CC: **(b)(6)** CIV, OASD-PA **(b)(6)**
Sent: Fri Jun 17 19:26:12 2005
Subject: Re: Analyst Update

Good memo, dallas. Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA <Dallas.Lawrence@**(b)(6)**>
CC: **(b)(6)** CIV, OASD-PA **(b)(6)**
Sent: Fri Jun 17 15:55:58 2005
Subject: Analyst Update

Folks,

For those of you that were able to take a few hours out of your busy day yesterday to join us at the Pentagon, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation. I hope you found the multiple briefings and Q&A to be usefull as you go about your work in discussing America's efforts in the global war on terrorism. For those that missed the day's briefing by the Deputy Secretary, the Secretary and senior military leaders, we hope to be able to bring additional briefings to you again later in the year.

Based on the multiple requests and the strong support of the Secretary, we are now moving forward with planning a trip for military analysts to Guantanamo Bay. Dates have not been selected yet, however we plan to move as quickly as possible to get you folks down there to see first hand the effective policies and practices in place to respect the rights of the terrorist detainees the Secretary discussed yesterday. What I need from all of you, rather quickly, is a first cut at who is interested in a trip down to Guantanamo Bay, most likely within the next thirty days. SouthCom will be lead in planning and executing this trip once we have built the confirmed guest list.

It is my understanding that Guantanamo Bay is 5 hours away via air, therefore one should expect to be gone at least a full day, possibly, depending on SouthCom's itinerary, a little longer.

Please rsvp to **(b)(6)** **(b)(6)** if you are seriously interested in participating in a analysts delegation to Guantanamo Bay. Once we have an initial cut and a date locked by SouthCom we will be back in touch with specifics.

Again, thank you for all that you all continue to do to spread the word about the great deeds and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

All the best,

Dallas B. Lawrence
Director, Office of Community Relations & Public Liaison United States Department of
Defense
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From: JedBabbin@ (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 9:39 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: Interview requests

Eric: Many thanks for your continued help. As usual, I'm writing to ask a favor.

My radio schedule is becoming quite busy. I'll be hosting:

* WMET (1160am, DC) shows on 20-28 June (Mark Bizno, 0700-0900 EDT) and JD Balart (1200-1400 EDT) 30 June - 8 July.

* I'll be guest hosting for Laura Ingraham on alternate Fridays through the summer (TRN, nationally-syndicated, 0900-1200 EDT). I don't know which Friday I'll begin.

* Last, and not least, I'll be hosting the Mark Larson show (KOGO, LA and syndicated) on 25 July (1500-1800 EDT).

I'd like to ask your help in arranging the following:

1. for the Bizno show, at the earliest date next week, I'd like to get either Adm. Albert T. Church, investigator into the Gitmo interrogations or Gen. Hood, the Koran abuse investigator;
2. for the JD Balart show, I'd like to get either Gen. Pace or Gen. Jim Conway to talk about the facts on the ground;
3. for the Mark Larson show, I'd like to get Adm. Church again, or Gens. Myers or Pace; and
4. for Laura's show, I'll ask for one of the Big Dogs on the first show to talk about Gitmo and Iraq, and will let you know the dates asap.

In addition, and just because I'm obsessive and compulsive, I wanted to get in line to interview the SECDEF on China. I'm writing a book for Regnery, due this fall, on the whole Chinese threat. Given the SECDEF's emphasis on this and his coming trip there, I make this request for a 20-minute in-person interview. If I manage to join the trip, I'd like to do it on the return leg of the trip on the aircraft. If not, any time we can set it up for his schedule, I'll come a-runnin'.

Profuse thanks. I'll call to follow up. Best, Jed.

Jed Babbin

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA [allison.barber@(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 9:18 AM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

great. please also add the following:

1. military analysts call with casey
2. pentagon channel interview with petreaus
3. joint op ed from myers/abazaïd/casey (that is random i know..but i would like it for the internal audience)
4. letter to the troops from secdef

5. and the worldwide townhall

thanks
ab

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

From: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA [mailto:Bryan.Whitman@(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 9:04 AM
To: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE:

I'm also adding the Townhall

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

From: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 9:02 AM
To: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Cc: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: FW:

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

From: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 8:49 AM
To: Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA
Cc: Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject:

Pls redo that sked with the following items. Don't worry yet whether it makes any sense. When you have it, pls get it up to me. If I'm in the slrg, have them bring it in to me.

Show the following items on the sked. Use the calendar format.

6/20 sd svtc with abizaid/casey
6/22 casey/abizaid arrive in wash.

6/22 (t) casey/abizaid brief sd
6/23 sasc iraq hearings (vice 6/28)
6/23 (t) ops/intel
6/23 casey/abizaid brief sd/potus
6/24 POTUS/PM Jafaari visit/press avail
6/24 (t) SD at press club
6/26 Sunday shows
6/27 leave as is
6/28 Potus speech
6/28 (t) ops/intel
6/28 SD LKL
6/29 SD/Casey/petreaus press brief
Leave rest as is.

Tnx

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Barber, Allison, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 4:36 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA
Subject: outreach

hi there

just wanted to keep you posted that the outreach activities continue to grow. babs is working labor leaders and the summits, tara is working military analysts and townhall. (important to note that they are not only working america supports you projects)

since i am not filling the vacancies until hollen is on board, i am going to detail vince ogilvie over to com rel to help out.. he was a pa officer and an ma so he can help work the issues in the bldg, especially since betsy is gone.

lots to do...
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From: (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 3:15 PM
To: Di Rita, Larry, CIV, OSD-OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Lt Col OASD-PA; (b)(6) Capt. USMC, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; (b)(6) Intern, OASD(PA); (b)(6) LCDR, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA; (b)(6) OASD-PA; (b)(6) LTC, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA; Bucci, Steven, Dr., OSD; (b)(6) COL, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OSD; (b)(6) Lt Col, OSD; (b)(6) CIV, OSD; Stavridis, James, VADM, OSD
Subject: TP's Retired Military Analyst 6-16-05 Final Cards 1
Attachments: Military Analysts TP FINAL CARDS 1.doc

See Attached. Left on Mr. Di Rita's 3rd Floor chair.

Talking Points - Retired Military Analyst Outreach
6-16-05
FINAL CARDS 1



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From: (b)(6) CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 9:16 AM
To: (b)(6) LTC OASD-PA
Cc: Merritt, Roxie T. CAPT, OASD-PA; Ruff, Eric, SES, OASD-PA; Whitman, Bryan, SES, OASD-PA; Lawrence, Dallas, OASD-PA
Subject: mil analyst question
Attachments: Picture (Metafile)

good morning

one of our military analysts would like more information about the rescue of the australian hostage in iraq - who was involved? was anyone killed during the operation, etc.

any information you can provide would be helpful.

thanks

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Respectfully,

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