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CIA INTERROGATION PROGRAM

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OBJECTIVES

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- To brief pursuant to the annual [redacted] review.
- To provide facts about the interrogation program, in light of recent erroneous press coverage and other inquiries.
- To affirm that the program is consistent with U.S. policy.

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OVERVIEW

- Certain "enhanced" techniques are employed in the interrogations of a limited number of detainees.
- The techniques are drawn from methods used in DOD interrogation resistance training at the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape ("SERE") schools.
- The techniques have been approved by the Attorney General and fully disclosed to the SSCI and HPSCI leadership.
- The use of the techniques has produced significant results.

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LEGAL AUTHORITIES

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PROGRAM BRIEFINGS TO POLICY MAKERS

- Executive Branch (White House, NSC, DOJ)
 - Spring and Summer 2002
 - Winter, Spring and Summer 2003

- Congress (Chair and Ranking Minority Members – HPSCI and SSCI)
 - Summer and Fall 2002 - HPSCI chairman Goss and Ranking minority member Pelosi; SSCI chairman Graham and Ranking minority member Shelby
 - Winter 2003 – HPSCI chairman Goss and Ranking minority member Harman; SSCI chairman Roberts and a representative of Ranking minority member Rockefeller

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SAFEGUARDS

- Psychological screening of interrogators.
- Interrogator training and "certification."
- Written guidelines and signed understandings of compliance.
- Headquarters approvals required.
 - Limited number of approvals (13 detainees).
 - Limited duration of approvals (60 days).
 - Approvals are detainee-specific, technique-specific, and interrogator-specific.
- Medical officer is present at all times.
- Psychologist is present at all times.

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SAFEGUARDS (continued)

- Team approach: multiple "eyes on" each detainee.
- Remote CCTV monitoring.
- Required daily reporting by cable.
- Chief of Base and Headquarters oversight.
- Ongoing legal review.
- Infractions remedied (two incidents, no harm).
- Inspector General review (January-April 2003).

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INTERROGATION METHODS

Non-Enhanced Measures

- Sleep deprivation up to 72 hours
- Modified diet
- Loud noise/music under 79 decibels
- Constant light, constant dark
- Water dousing

Enhanced Measures

- Slap (open-handed)
- Facial hold
- Attention grasp
- Abdominal slap (back-handed)
- Sleep deprivation over 72 hours
- Walling
- Stress positions
 - Kneeling
 - Forehead on wall
- Cramped confinement (boxes)
- Waterboard (up to 40 seconds)

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RESULTS: MAJOR THREAT INFO

• **KSM: Al-Qa'ida Chief of Operations**

- Attack plans against US Capitol, other US landmarks
- Attacks against Chicago, New York, Los Angeles; against towers, subways, trains, reservoirs, Hebrew centers, Nuclear power plants.
- Identification of Iyman Faris, Majid Khan Family, Saifullah Paracha.
- Heathrow and Canary Wharf Plot
- Africa-based plotters and their plans
- SE Asia structure, JI and targets
- Saudi-based attacks vs. Israel

• **NASHIRI: USS Cole Bomber**

- US Navy Ships in Straits of Hormuz, US Embassy, Sana
- Residential Compounds in Saudi Arabia
- Attacks in Gulf Region using SAM and Aircraft

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RESULTS: MAJOR THREAT INFO (continued)

- **BIN AL-SHIBH: 9/11 Facilitator**
 - Attacks against Nuclear Power Plants, Hebrew Centers
 - Identified Hawsawi

- **BIN ATTASH: KSM Deputy**
 - Attack against U.S. Consulate in Karachi
 - Karachi airport attack plans

- **ABU ZUBAYDAH: Senior Al-Oa'ida Lt**
 - Identification of Padilla, Richard Reid
 - Attacks on banks, subways, petroleum and aircraft industries
 - Info on AQ using toys as concealments for weapons, explosives

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HIGH VALUE DETAINEES (HVD)

- 24 HVDs interrogated at CIA controlled Sites:
 - 13 interrogated using enhanced measures
- Detainees produced 1500 disseminated Intel reports:
Circa 50% of all HUMINT CT reporting on Al-Qa'ida
Terrorist plans and intentions

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RESULTS: ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL LEADS

- Financial Support/ [redacted] 1.4(c)

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- Photo Identifications of Active Terrorists and Detained Suicide Operatives

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SUMMARY OF INTERROGATIONS

Total

SUBJECT	SESSIONS	DATES	WB
ABU ZUBAYDAH	42	4-23 AUG 02	42
AL-NASHIRI	24	NOV 02 to 9 JAN 03	2
KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD	18	4-24 MAR 03	19
RAMZI BIN AL-SHIBH	13	8 FEB 03 - 7 MAR 03	0
MUSTAFA HAWSAWI	11	20 APR to 17 MAY 03	0

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SUMMARY OF INTERROGATIONS (continued)

SUBJECT	SESSIONS	DATES	WB				
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AMMAR AL-BALUCHI	5	18-20 MAY 03	0				
BIN ATTASH AKA KHALLAD	3	17-19 MAY 03	0				
MOHD FARIK BIN AMIN AKA ZUBAIR	7	23-25 JUN 03	0				

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REAFFIRMATION OF CIA'S INTERROGATION PROGRAM

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- Termination of this program will result in loss of life, possibly extensive.
- Major threats were countered and attacks averted.
- 50% of intelligence reports issued this year were derived from the interrogation of these HVDs.

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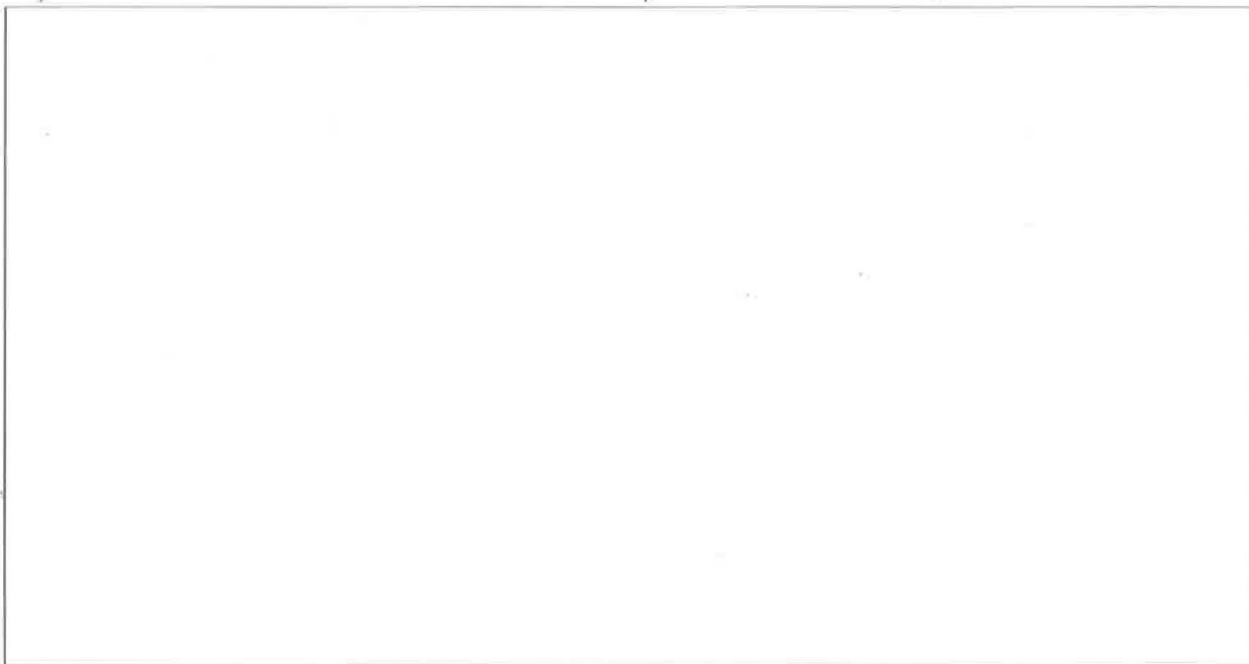
- Blowback due to public perception of "humane treatment."
- ICRC continues to attack USG policy on detainees.
- Congressional inquiries continue.

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Observations concerning "Enhanced Techniques" from AQ detainees Abu Zubaydah and Khallad Bin Attash

- Abu Zubaydah said that commitment to Islam could either help or hinder in obtaining information from HVDs. He said that providing information to enemies is a sin; however, [redacted] Islam allows brothers to provide information without sin, if they believe that they have reached the limit of their ability to withhold it. According to Abu Zubaydah, each brother is different. Some brothers will have to endure harsh treatment, even the water board, while others will not have to be pushed that far.

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- During the interrogation, Khallad said he knew he could not hold out against the interrogation, so he had no reason to try to hold back. [redacted]

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(Khallad has not been subjected to the waterboard. Since the most recent use of enhanced techniques against him, his resistance to interrogation has grown stronger.)

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ISSUES

- Public and NGO misinterpretations of Administration statements that all detainees are treated "humanely."
- Congressional inquiries.
 - Leahy letter (June 25)
 - Specter letter (June 25)
- ICRC and other NGO inquiries.

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