

## RIGHTS WARNING PROCEDURE/WAIVER CERTIFICATE

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1. LOCATION <b>CAMP DOHA KUWAIT</b>	2. DATE <b>24 FEB 04</b>	3. TIME <b>0933</b>	4. FILE NO. <b>NA</b>
5. NAME (Last, First, MI) <b>JORDAN, STEVEN, L.</b>	8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS <b>CJTF-7 (C2) Unit 91400 APO AE 09342</b>		
6. SSN [REDACTED]	7. GRADE/STATUS <b>LTC / USAR</b>		

### PART I - RIGHTS WAIVER/NON-WAIVER CERTIFICATE

#### Section A. Rights

The investigator whose name appears below told me that he/she is with the United States Army, IS-6 INVESTIGATING OFFICER and wanted to question me about the following offense(s) of which I am suspected/accused ARTICLE 107 FALSE STATEMENT AND ARTICLE 92 DERELICTION OF DUTY

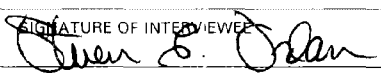
Before he/she asked me any questions about the offense(s), however, he/she made it clear to me that I have the following rights:

1. I do not have to answer any question or say anything.
  2. Anything I say or do can be used as evidence against me in a criminal trial.
  3. *(For personnel subject to the UCMJ)* I have the right to talk privately to a lawyer before, during, and after questioning and to have a lawyer present with me during questioning. This lawyer can be a civilian lawyer I arrange for at no expense to the Government or a military lawyer detailed for me at no expense to me, or both.
- or -
- (For civilians not subject to the UCMJ)* I have the right to talk privately to a lawyer before, during, and after questioning and to have a lawyer present with me during questioning. I understand that this lawyer can be one that I arrange for at my own expense, or if I cannot afford a lawyer and want one, a lawyer will be appointed for me before any questioning begins.
- If I am now willing to discuss the offense(s) under investigation, with or without a lawyer present, I have a right to stop answering questions at any time, or speak privately with a lawyer before answering further, even if I sign the waiver below.

5. COMMENTS (Continue on reverse side)

#### Section B. Waiver

I understand my rights as stated above. I am now willing to discuss the offense(s) under investigation and make a statement without talking to a lawyer first and without having a lawyer present with me.

1a. NAME (Type or Print) <b>Steven L. Jordan</b>	3. SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE 
b. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS AND PHONE	4. SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR
2a. NAME (Type or Print)	5. TYPED NAME OF INVESTIGATOR
b. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS AND PHONE	6. ORGANIZATION OF INVESTIGATOR

#### Section C. Non-waiver

1. I do not want to give up my rights
- I want a lawyer  I do not want to be questioned or say anything

ATTACH THIS WAIVER CERTIFICATE TO ANY SWORN STATEMENT (DA FORM 2823) SUBSEQUENTLY EXECUTED BY THE SUSPECT/ACCUSED

1 AR 15-6 INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW

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3 At Camp Doha, Kuwait, on 21 February 2004:

4 MAJOR GENERAL ANTONIO M. TAGUBA, U.S. Army, CFLCC Deputy Commanding  
5 General deposing.

6 MASTER SERGEANT JOHN E. DAVIS, U.S. Army, CFLCC-SJA, Senior Court  
7 Reporter, has been detailed reporter for this interview and has been  
8 previously sworn.

9 LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEPHEN L. JORDAN, U.S. Army, was sworn, and  
10 testified as follows:

1 Q. Has anyone in your chain of command, or chain of  
12 supervision informed you of the nature of this interview?

13 A. Not really, sir.

14 Q. Okay. With that in mind, let me go ahead and give you the  
15 background. I'm Major General Taguba. I'm The Deputy Commanding  
16 General of the Coalition Land Forces Component Command, as  
17 headquartered here at Camp Doha, Kuwait. Lieutenant General David  
18 McKiernan, the Commanding General of CFLCC, has appointed me as the  
19 Investigating Officer under the provisions of Army Regulation 15-6,  
20 under the direction of General John Abizaid Commander of CENTCOM.  
21 This investigation will gather all relevant facts and circumstances  
22 surrounding recent allegations of maltreatment of detainees at the  
23 Abu Ghraib Prison also known as the Baghdad Central Confinement [sic]

1 Facility. As well as detainee escapes and accountability lapses as  
2 reported by CJTF-7. Our investigation will further investigate  
3 training, standards, employment, command policies, and internal  
4 policies concerning the detainees held at the Abu Ghraib Prison. And  
5 finally, we will be assessing the command climate and the supervisory  
6 presence of the 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade chain of command.  
7 You've already met the members of the investigation team. We will  
8 record your responses as well as my inquiry to you verbatim to ensure  
9 that we have accurate information with regards to the completion of  
10 the investigation. Do you have any questions at all?

1 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Alright. For the record would you please state your name,  
13 your rank, your social security number, your unit of assignment, and  
14 your current duty position?

15 A. Alright, sir. Stephen Lee Jordan, [REDACTED], Lieutenant  
16 Colonel, Civil Affairs, I'm currently assigned to the Combined Joint  
17 Task Force-7, C2 Staff Liaison Officer for Brigadier General  
18 promotable, Barbara Fast.

19 Q. Please state the nature of your duty position at Abu Ghraib  
20 and when was that-- when was the effective date of that assignment?

21 A. Sir, I arrived at Abu Ghraib on 17 September 2003 in  
22 liaison role for CJTF-7 C-2. Had a title at times as Director of the

1 Joint Interrogation Debriefing Center, and or Chief of the Joint  
2 Interrogation Debriefing Center.

3 Q. So, your supervisory chain was immediately towards to  
4 Brigadier General Fast?

5 A. Umm-- initially sir it was to Colonel Steve Bolts, the  
6 Deputy CJ2, umm- the C2 there, and then to General Fast and  
7 eventually it changed over to a new Deputy, a British Colonel, Chris  
8 Tarrington, with evaluation input comments by the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade  
9 Commander, Colonel Tom Pappas, sir.

10 Q. State again when you started your mission there at Abu  
1 Ghraib?

12 A. Sir, I arrived at Abu Ghraib on the late afternoon of 17  
13 September 2003.

14 Q. Okay. And when Colonel Pappas arrived on or about, I  
15 believe, 19 or the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, were you then assigned to him, or  
16 attached to him?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Not at all?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Would you please describe your duty position as a Liaison  
21 Officer?

22 A. Sir, my direction on going out, because there was not a  
3 defined duty description, just to back track slightly, I was brought

1 on orders from a one year recall to INSCOM, Fort Belvoir, to CENTCOM,  
2 to come to CJTF-7, to be the Deputy C-2. During that transition,  
3 orders being cut what have you, Colonel Bolts being the C-2, they  
4 brought in Flag Officers to be the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, what have you, they  
5 just moved all the O-6's down to the Deputy. So, on the books, I  
6 think I'm still probably carried as the Deputy C-2 while Colonel  
7 Bolts was carried excess. But-- and when I arrived this was  
8 explained to me, they said they had a new facility. They were  
9 combining the interrogation facilities from Camp Cropper another  
10 facility, Bucca, all out at Abu Ghraib, would like me to go out and  
11 assist based on some of my civilian skills working with the  
12 Immigration Service. Doing intelligence operations, target forward  
13 production, as well as what I do, intelligence operations for the Air  
14 Marshal Program. I said, "Fine." Came out, again, it was more of a  
15 liaison role, assisting. Understood that there was a Active Duty  
16 component, a Reserve Component, and found out later there was an  
17 additional Guard Component. Any number of civilian employees, both  
18 linguists, and folks with the Khaki Corporation, that provide  
19 screening personnel, analytical personnel, interrogation personnel,  
20 and basically try to assist and get things up and running, because  
21 they had just brought this together I believe somewhere about early  
22 to mid August with the 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, and had just moved out  
23 other folks I believe from 325, and 323 MI. Somewhere either late

1 August, or early September, but they were already on the ground when  
2 I got there, sir.

3 Q. So, you were a Liaison Officer from whom, to whom?

4 A. From the C2 Staff to the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade.

5 Q. The 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. From September on, but your duty location was at Abu Ghraib?

8 A. Correct, sir.

9 Q. Okay. So you were from the CJ2, which is Brigadier General  
10 promotable Fast?

1 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Liaison to the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Reporting to Colonel Pappas?

15 A. Roger that, sir.

16 Q. Okay. So, that was the chain, in your capacity as an MI  
17 Officer, or in your capacity as a Civil Affairs Officer?

18 A. Sir, I'm Civil Affairs, but I have an MI background on  
19 Active Duty.

20 Q. Okay, but what was the nature of your liaison duties?

21 A. Well, sir it was MI related.

22 Q. Collection?

.3 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Okay. Was that also understood prior to Colonel Pappas  
2 being located at Abu Ghraib since you've got MI units there, 519<sup>th</sup>  
3 you've mentioned, and the 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion, of your specific role  
4 and the extent of your responsibility?

5 A. Umm----

6 Q. Did you know Lieutenant Colonel Phillabaum?

7 A. Yes, sir I do know Lieutenant Colonel Phillabaum?

8 Q. Did he understand what your mission requirements were?

9 A. Sir, I can't speak on behalf of a conversation between him  
10 and Colonel Pappas, but I know that he and I spoke and I highlighted  
11 things that Colonel Pappas had indicated that he would like to be put  
12 together. I also spoke with the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant  
13 Colonel Whalen, for the 519<sup>th</sup>, to kind of get guidance because they  
14 had already been on the ground, exactly how they had organized and  
15 how they were evolving. They didn't have the entire battalion there,  
16 they had one Company, Alpha 519<sup>th</sup> that was kind of orchestrating or  
17 serving as the headquarters element for that entire JIDC  
18 organization, for lack of a better term.

19 Q. Principally though, doctrinally, a liaison officer works  
20 under the direction of the commander.

21 A. Roger that, sir.

22 Q. Okay, but in this particular case was that how you  
3 understood your liaison duty was, as a staff officer?

1 A. Oh, yes, sir. Colonel Bolts---

2 Q. Specifically working with MP's and also engaging in  
3 interrogation operations?

4 A. Umm-- I'm not sure of the nature of the question, sir. Uh--  
5 --

6 Q. Well sir, the nature of the question is that the all-- all  
7 the interviewees have-- have substantiated the fact that you were  
8 engaged in being present at the hard site----

9 A. Oh, yes sir.

10 Q. ----tier 1A, which is by nature an MP operation.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And you was also umm-- discussed with us at least for  
13 information was provided to us, but that your mission was purely  
14 collection and interrogation, which will confine you to the "ICE" or  
15 confine your duties to the JIDC, but then your presence at the Tier 1  
16 site on numerous occasions would somehow place you over that  
17 particular role as an intelligence officer.

18 A. Yes, sir. Part of my role defined of me by Colonel Pappas  
19 was to, attend at the time, when the MP Battalion was the host unit,  
20 the morning host unit staff call that everybody attended whether it  
21 was an Intel Unit, Engineering Staff, Medical Staff, what have you,  
22 to consolidate and take a look at that. Operations, anything that  
23 had to do that affected soldiers there. Operation on the Intel side,



1 things that we needed to conduct operations, supplies, billeting,  
2 things of this nature.

3 Q. So, was it rather broad?

4 A. Yes, sir, it was very broad.

5 Q. Very broad that included being present or supervising those  
6 who are guarding detainees in the Tier 1, and 1B-- Tier a-- Tier 1 at  
7 the hard site?

8 A. Sir, I never supervised anybody guarding and or doing  
9 interrogations in that facility. As far as I understood all the  
10 interrogations-- all the interrogations that I witnessed were either  
11 initially in the tents before we built what we refer to as site wood  
12 and site steel.

13 Q. Okay. Colonel Jordan, several statements were made that you  
14 were present at-- during interrogations in locations inside the hard  
15 site, the shower room, cellblocks, another facility inside Tier 1A,  
16 and 1B----

17 A. Sir----

18 Q. ----to include several MI interrogators that we have  
19 interviewed this past week.

20 A. Sir I'm going to tell you that I never witnessed any  
21 interrogations in any of the shower facilities.

22 Q. Okay.

1           A. I've never witnessed any interrogations, quote unquote,  
2 anywhere within the Isolation Arena. I've witnessed folks being  
3 taken from the Isolation Area to the interrogation facilities. I've  
4 witnessed folks being brought in by the MP's, being housed in the  
5 Isolation Area of which the Intelligence side of the house the JUDIC  
6 had 50 cells allocated to put in the more high value detainees that  
7 were going for the initial strong interrogations for intelligence  
8 value. And to this point, I can never remember ever seeing an actual  
9 interrogation go on within that site.

10          Q. I want to remind you sir, that you're under oath.

11          A. Sir, I'm telling you I can not remember at this time ever  
12 witnessing----

13          Q. Again, I want to remind you that under oath.

14          A. Yes, sir.

15          Q. Okay. Do you know of any of the MP's that operated as  
16 guards in Tier 1A, and 1B?

17          A. Sir, I know quite a few of the MP's that operated----

18          Q. Would you tell me who they are that you know?

19          A. Sir, are we looking at a specific unit, because there's been  
20 a cross level. Originally it was the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company that was there--  
21 --

22          Q. Well sir, you spent a lot of time over there since  
23 September----

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. ----and then your duties was that to be engaged with  
3 facilities, interacting with people inside the facilities----

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. ----our inside the camp so, I would imagine that with your  
6 experience as an interrogator-- military intelligence person, that  
7 you would recall some of these people----

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. ----and the units to who they belonged to.

10 A. Okay, sir. Well we'll start off with when we were first  
11 there. The 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company was the unit that had the initial  
12 assignment there, I believe at Abu Ghraib, entirely for the 320<sup>th</sup>.  
13 They were the unit that provided the, what do I want to say, the  
14 initial-- when I was there, MP's that supported the isolation cell as  
15 well as working with the Iraqi correctional personnel. Company  
16 Commander was Captain Armstrong, First Sergeant----

17 Q. This is for the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP?

18 A. Roger that, sir.

19 Q. Okay, in September?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And they left, sir I want to say somewhere late October  
3 possibly, somewhere in that timeframe.

1 Q. Who then replaced him?

2 A. The 372<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, sir.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. But back to the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, there was uh-- I want to  
5 say-- I can't think of names right now, if I see the faces uh--  
6 Sergeant um-- it began with a "C", an Hispanic last name, I can't  
7 remember it right now, and there was another specialist that were the  
8 two primary folks that I was aware of that I would deal with if there  
9 had been some issues or anything that would come up on the intake, or  
10 numbers, or how many folks did we anticipate coming over from the  
11 Camp Vigilant area or something along those lines. I dealt  
12 specifically with Captain Armstrong in early October when he brought  
13 it to my attention that there were statements made by MP's on his  
14 staff. That there were members of the MI community couldn't  
15 designate a unit just yet, that had come over and had done a late  
16 night interrogation of two female detainees. One turned out to be a  
17 MP detainee hold, I believe an 18 year old, and I brought the  
18 statement of the SIR I submitted, sir, and the other was a 17-year-  
19 old MI security detainee. Initially I believe being held for  
20 information about Fedahdeen [sic] members in the Baghdad area where  
21 she had been recruited or something of this nature.

22 Q. You mean Fedahyeen?

1           A. Fedahyeen, yes sir. I'm not good with the pronunciation.  
2 Thank you sir. They had reportedly come in late at night with a Titan  
3 translator, taken the females off to a NCELL in the upper deck of the  
4 Tier there to supposedly interview them. Umm-- when the statements  
5 were provided to me I immediately contacted Colonel Pappas uh-- told  
6 him that we had a very sen-- serious sen-- uh situation, because it  
7 was kinda landline, kinda went around what it was. We got the legal  
8 officer Captain Fitch on the line. They asked me to go check with  
9 the magistrate cell that was there at Abu Ghraib. Colonel Pappas  
10 authorized me to read the Article 31 rights to the soldiers, and to  
11 provide all that information to Captain Fitch the following day,  
12 which we did. Long story short sir, the Criminal Investigation Unit  
13 came out and did a thorough investigation. For some reason, I guess  
14 they could not find reason enough to take the folks to trial, it  
15 dragged on for a couple of months, and I believe some time in mid to  
16 late November Colonel Pappas wound up doing Field Grade UCMJ. I've  
17 never read the Article 15's, but it was based on unauthorized  
18 interrogation, not at the appointed place of duty in time, breaking  
19 force pro rules, things of that nature, sir.

20           Q. So, this particular interrogator was remanded to you because  
21 you were her supervisor?

22           A. Sir, it was uh-- three interrogators.

.3           Q. That was under your supervision?

1 A. No, sir. They were at the JIDC the actually----

2 Q. Who was-- who was-- who was supervising the JIDC?

3 A. There-- there line of chain of command was the JIDC ICE OIC,  
4 Captain Carolyn Wood, and they had a section sergeant from the 519<sup>th</sup>,  
5 can't remember her name at this point in time.

6 Q. So, you were not supervising any of those folks?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Not at all? Who was the OIC of the JIDC?

9 A. Sir, if you want to say the overall JIDC?

10 Q. Yes.

1 A. The timeframes depending how Colonel Pappas put it, at times  
12 I was the OIC of the JIDC, at times I was the Commander of the JIDC,  
13 as a matter of fact I got numerous invitations to attend various  
14 briefings held by the 320<sup>th</sup> MP as Commander JIDC, and numerous times  
15 I'd have to correct them and say, "I'm not the commander, I'm a  
16 Liaison Officer. I'm out here. I work for Colonel Pappas, as  
17 everybody does. I take his guidance, pass it back and forth."  
18 Anytime we had a issue of anything that would come up with the MP's,  
19 or what have you, Major Thompson, the OPS Officer who was actually  
20 assigned to the 205<sup>th</sup> couldn't get in touch with either Major Williams  
21 or Colonel Pappas then I would contact Colonel Pappas and ask for  
22 guidance and kind of serve as a liaison, a bridge back and forth  
.3 between him and the 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion.

1 Q. So, you're telling me that nobody was in charge of the JIDC,  
2 the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center?

3 A. Well sir, I'm telling you in my opinion, since I rated  
4 nobody, since I had no input or evaluations, had no responsibility,  
5 had no-- had no resources, Colonel Pappas was the Commander of the  
6 JIDC.

7 Q. So, you were using-- being used as a liaison, kind of  
8 strikes me that your liaison duties goes beyond what is a liaison.

9 A. Okay, sir.

10 Q. A liaison is just kind of a throughput. Basically has no  
11 responsibility but passing information, or collecting information not  
12 necessarily involving interrogation, and not necessarily involved in  
13 intelligence collection.

14 A. First of all sir, I was never involved in any  
15 interrogations.

16 Q. Okay. Are you absolutely sure?

17 A. Yes sir, I'm absolutely sure.

18 Q. Witnesses have remarked that you have been placed in there,  
19 but we'll go on with this whole process.

20 A. Roger that, sir.

21 Q. Since you had some intelligence background----

22 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. ----then you must know some of the provisions of  
2 intelligence gathering?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Have you had any specific training in your military side of  
5 what constitutes interrogation operations with regards to detention  
6 operations?

7 A. No sir, I'm not a CI HUMIT Officer.

8 Q. I'm not saying you're a CI HUMIT Officer----

9 A. All right sir.

10 Q. ----but telling them----

1 A. Other than MI Officer Basic, MI Officer Advanced Course.

12 Q. Okay. You've got an extensive resume here. Imagery  
13 Exploitation, 35 Charlie, Electronics Warfare, that sort of thing.  
14 Civil Affairs Advance Course, you've had an extensive assignments  
15 throughout the world, that sort of thing, so surely you must know  
16 something about doctrine and regulations and the sort?

17 A. Passing familiarity, yes sir.

18 Q. Could you give me some indications of your familiarity, or  
19 at least some knowledge with regards to things that have something to  
20 do with intelligence gathering or interrogation or whatever have you,  
21 because you just indicated to me that you were there specifically at  
22 Abu Ghraib not to do any kind of facilities things, but there was a  
3 purpose of why there's an Abu Ghraib Confinement Facility.



1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. All right, so----

3 A. My direction when it came to the Joint Interrogation  
4 Debriefing Center, was to setup a structure target folders on  
5 individuals----

6 Q. That's not what I'm asking you----

7 A. All right, sir.

8 Q. ----I'm asking you about your familiarity with doctrine or  
9 policy, things of that nature.

10 A. Sir, other than whatever the "One over the world," pieces  
11 that you get at the MI Basic Course, MI Officer Advance, things of  
12 this nature, I have not gone to a Interrogation Course, Debriefing  
13 Course, things of that nature. But I am aware of the CI HUMIT role  
14 and of some of the operations that they do. More specifically for  
15 the JIDC, I was very much aware of the Rules of Engagement for  
16 interrogation that General Sanchez----

17 Q. What are some of those?

18 A. Well, they been modified one time that I'm aware of sir, but  
19 initially when I was there um-- there was use of various methods,  
20 Fear Up; Fear Down; Love of Family; Love of Country; there were  
21 restrictions placed on the amount of hours of Sleep Deprivation,  
22 modified food sources, i.e., MRE's versus regular hot meals things of  
3 that nature. I understood that interrogators depending on how well,

1 or how cooperative a person being interrogated would be especially in  
2 the isolation arena, would maybe allow them to have a mattress,  
3 cigarettes, a cold soda, something of this nature, based on  
4 cooperation going with specific questioning that they wanted----

5 Q. So, you're saying there's an Interrogation Plan?

6 A. Yes, sir there is an Interrogation Plan. There was not an  
7 Interrogation Plan sir, however, when I first arrived. There was not  
8 a designated Interrogation Plan at the time when I arrived on 17  
9 September.

10 Q. All right, who-- who then initiated an Interrogation Plan,  
11 who directed that Interrogation Plan be----

12 A. Colonel Pappas directed that we sit down and we-- being  
13 myself at the time the OPS Officer there, Major Mike Thompson,  
14 Captain Carolyn Wood----

15 Q. Okay, backup for a second.

16 A. All right, sir.

17 Q. You said there was a 519<sup>th</sup> MI----

18 A. Company, sir.

19 Q. MI Company?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. So, in your-- in your estimation who was then in charge of  
22 all of the MI assets at Abu Ghraib at that time?

23 A. Colonel Pappas, sir.

1 Q. No, no, Colonel Pappas was not there at the time. He was  
2 not there. At Abu Ghraib Confinement Facility there's a unit.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And that unit has a Unit Commander. Who was in charge?

5 A. Sir, there's not a Unit Commander at Abu Ghraib.

6 Q. Not at all?

7 A. No, sir. There was a Company Commander-----.

8 Q. Who was that Company Commander?

9 A. -----for the 519<sup>th</sup>-- changed over just after I got there, it  
10 was Captain Lewis, and First Sergeant McBride, but they were  
11 according to Colonel Pappas, only there in a Headquarters role as far  
12 as providing vehicles, fuel, things of that nature.

13 Q. So you were actually, as a Liaison Officer, working for  
14 Colonel Pappas as the Senior Officer, non MP Civil Affairs, MI, that  
15 sort of thing at that site?

16 A. In the MI arena there, yes sir, I was the MI 0-5 that was  
17 there, so by merely being the 0-5, and other 0-4's, yes sir, I was  
18 the senior.

19 Q. You were the senior man there?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. Did you interact-- well let me backup. Back to the  
22 references, based on your background I would assume that you'd at  
23 least have some basic knowledge with some Field Manuals or things of

1 that nature that has anything to do with intelligence collection,  
2 since that's your job?

3 A. Yes, sir. But, sir there's a distinction between  
4 intelligence collection, and intelligence interrogation, imagery  
5 intelligence----

6 Q. I'm very familiar with that.

7 A. Okay sir, I'm just trying not to lump the two together,  
8 because there's a distinction between the two.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Intelligence collection, being a Collection Manager, I've  
11 done that kind of work sir, before.

12 Q. Sure.

13 A. I fully understand tasking out commanders RFI's, getting  
14 information back, handling those kind of things.

15 Q. So you're familiar with treatment of detainees that are  
16 being interrogated since you were involved at least that's what  
17 you're saying with the JIDC whether you were observing or Liaison?

18 A. Sir, when I first got there, because I'm not a trained  
19 interrogator, not a CI HUMINT, I actually asked at the time the OPS  
20 Officer, Major Mike Thompson, if I could attend a couple of the  
21 interrogations and kind of see what they all entailed, and I'm going  
22 to correct a statement I made earlier sir. I did go in with a  
3 Sergeant Eckroff from the 519<sup>th</sup>, who did an interrogation inside the

1 site, or the Isolation Area, with an MI detainee, because he took me  
2 in there because I believe the booths were not yet being built or  
3 finished off, or something like that, and they were going to do the  
4 interrogation, and I went and stood outside the area as they did a  
5 30-45 minute, and I want to say it was more of a background update.  
6 I think this was only the second time-- third time that Sergeant  
7 Eckroff had spoken with this detainee, and quite frankly sir it was  
8 kind of tough to get permission to do that. The -- I got the  
9 impression they----

10 Q. Pretty tough?

1 A. ----felt that I was an outsider. I was not part of the  
12 519th and they were the only Active Duty Component there, and there  
13 was----

14 Q. Everybody should be on Active Duty right? If you're  
15 mobilized?

16 A. Sir, I'm going to tell you, I'm going to look you in tell  
17 you sir, that's not the environment that's out there, sir. There's  
18 and Active Duty environment and there's the Guard, Reserve  
19 environment that came in, especially with the 519<sup>th</sup> Command element  
20 that permeated that. I can tell you that Colonel Pappas tried to  
21 massage that, make that work between all the units that were there,  
22 and to-- at some point he actually had the 519<sup>th</sup> remove Cap Lewis and  
3 First Sergeant of the 519<sup>th</sup> Headquarter-- Alpha Element, that he had

1 kind of made a Headquarters Element, I believe, and brought up folks  
2 from the 323<sup>rd</sup> MI in Kuwait that were cross leveled 141 National Guard  
3 folks out of Utah, to try to come in and facilitate common soldiers  
4 skills, you know, FU Funds for equipment, and all those kinds of  
5 things. So, sir there was a----

6 Q. You're a reservist yourself?

7 A. Yes, sir, but I also have a strong Active Duty background.  
8 I've got about even experience in both.

9 Q. But most of those folks were also-- had some even experience  
10 in both. So, profiling-- at least understanding the profile, but  
11 that's not the issue right now.

12 A. All right, sir. But-- sir, I'm just telling you that when I  
13 came on board I had the impression that the 519<sup>th</sup> felt that we had  
14 all-- we all, people that were not 519<sup>th</sup>, had come in and taken over  
15 what their mission was and what they were doing. There were numerous  
16 comments about how professional they were, how they'd all gone to  
17 Afghanistan. Done this for a year, and then had gone to Fort Bragg  
18 for just a few days and had come back and had been doing this mission  
19 since April, May, what have you, things of this nature. There was  
20 very, very, tough acceptance of anybody that was not with the 519<sup>th</sup>.  
21 I believe that over a period of time that that resistance of trying  
22 to make it a team effort and work together as all part of the 205<sup>th</sup> MI  
3 Brigade, eventually came to play, but there was significant

1 resistance. And sir, I can look you in the eye and tell you that if  
2 you were sitting there as the Brigade Commander, and I can't  
3 pronounce the good Colonel's name there, Klucla----

4 LTC Kluka: K-L-U-K-A.

5 A. Kluka, was sitting there as the 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion Commander  
6 sir, they wouldn't speak to one another, they wouldn't look at one  
7 another, and he had been his Battalion XO in Korea in another  
8 command, but sir, I don't know what that was about but that's just  
9 the situation that I came into at that point.

10 Q. Let me go back then. What specific guidance did General  
11 Fast give you when she directed you to be the Liaison Officer of the  
12 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade?

13 A. She just asked me to go out there and assist getting a  
14 reporting structure going. Helping that in to----

15 Q. A reporting structure?

16 A. Right. In to the----

17 Q. Did she know your background?

18 A. Oh yes sir.

19 Q. There was a reason why you were assigned that section right?

20 A. I believe so, sir.

21 Q. Did she----

22 A. She didn't tell me that in particular, but Colonel Bolts  
23 did.

1 Q. What did Colonel Bolts tell you?

2 A. He said that umm-- again, the reporting requirements that  
3 they were looking to put this together had serious implications, in  
4 fact the white house staff, to pull the intelligence out----

5 Q. What kind-- what kind of reporting?

6 A. From the interrogations for any of the anti coalition  
7 issues, foreign fighters, terrorist issues----

8 Q. Sensitive stuff?

9 A. Very sensitive, yes sir.

10 Q. Yes.

1 A. And that they wanted to get it into some sort of a  
12 structured format that wasn't there yet. And that a lot of the CI  
13 reporting throughout the theatre needed to have some sort of a common  
14 pull and focus being brought in. And before I came over in the arena  
15 to do this, my boss back at INSCOM pulled me in, who had been down as  
16 a J-2 at CENTCOM and highlighted----

17 Q. You mean General Kemmins?

18 A. Yes, sir, General Kemmins, had highlighted how the structure  
19 of intel kind of was in the theatre, the short falls in his  
20 estimation on CI HUMINT, how the ISG was structured, how some of these  
21 other different intel organizations were over there. And the fact  
22 that some of the units like Task Force 121, were somewhat cowboyish,  
23 out running around, maybe getting good stuff but not sharing it in,



1 not being part of the overall intel effort. His direction to me was,  
2 "I hope when you get out there if you get to meet these folks, that  
3 with your experience and what you do in civilian life, that maybe you  
4 can bridge that gap and get more information coming into the CJ2X,  
5 and or support the C2, General Fast.

6 Q. And that was the context of your Liaison duties was to  
7 assemble reports and put them in a context where it is formalized,  
8 structured so because of the sensitive nature. Um-- wouldn't that be  
9 kind of strange that that goes outside the bounds of being a Liaison  
10 Officer?

1 A. Well sir, there was no truly designated information in  
12 there. I sat down before I was going out, Colonel Bolts introduced  
13 me to Colonel Pappas, said, "Here's what we'd like him to do, get  
14 things going for C-2." Colonel Pappas said, "Good, I would like to  
15 use him in other aspects."

16 Q. So, you're really in a specific mission requirement couched  
17 under the Liaison duty title.

18 A. Sir, it was a large couch Liaison title to tell you the  
19 truth.

20 Q. All right, I got it. So, again, you were more-- your mission  
21 requirements were specialized in such a manner that you were going to  
22 act as a Liaison Officer, some C-2 to 205 MI Brigade----

.3 A. Roger that.

1 Q. ----specifically reporting to Colonel Pappas to ensure that  
2 the requirements sent to you by General Fast and Colonel Bolts was  
3 clearly understood?

4 A. That sir, to tie in the requirements of CJ2X, as well as the  
5 interrogation requirements that have been sent down by General  
6 Sanchez on specific guidance to do those.

7 Q. All right. Back to specific guidance with regards to  
8 handling of detainees that either you observed or you have first hand  
9 knowledge of: Did you receive any kind of training or reminder of  
10 sorts with the contents of the Geneva Convention?

1 A. Oh yes sir, I did.

12 Q. When did you get that?

13 A. I got it from the Magistrate Cell. I went personally----

14 Q. Which Magistrate Cell?

15 A. At Abu Ghraib, I'm sorry sir.

16 Q. Who was that?

17 A. [pause]

18 Q. And when was that?

19 A. It would have been in the September timeframe sir, when I  
20 first got there because I was curious about the difference between a  
21 detainee, and a prisoner. And I understood that there was a  
22 significant distinction between the two. And I went and I spoke with

1 Captain, I believe at the time it was Captain Avery, Captain Shaunty,  
2 were the folks at the Magistrate Cell.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And they highlighted what the requirements were under the  
5 Geneva Convention.

6 Q. Did he also amplify to you, since you were there until the  
7 17<sup>th</sup> of September, of a memorandum that was signed by General Sanchez  
8 on the proper treatment of Iraqi people during combat operations?

9 A. Umm----

10 Q. Were you familiar with that memo?

11 A. ----sir, I'm familiar with that memo. I don't believe that  
12 they mentioned it at that time, but I've seen the memo.

13 Q. In your capacity as a senior leader, in your capacity having  
14 to work with the MI Unit at Abu Ghraib, were you ever-- seen or  
15 remember the context of that memo, the content of that memo?

16 A. Sir, I want to say that we had that memo posted like we did  
17 General Order Number 1 and a few others, but I could not look you in  
18 the eye and tell you 100% that I saw it posted on the board.

19 Q. In your dealing with folks at the hard site or any of those  
20 internment facilities in your, as you say, "Your limited interactions  
21 with the MP's," do you know if they have any knowledge or that thing  
22 ever existed?

1           A. Sir, the MP's directly-- in either 72<sup>nd</sup>, or 372<sup>nd</sup> MP Company,  
2 that were working in the detention facility, I would have to say,  
3 "No," but I do know that Colonel Pappas-- I'm sorry, sir, Colonel  
4 Phillabaum, the Battalion Commander, specifically addressed this  
5 memorandum to the International Red Cross who had come out, and sir  
6 I'm going to pull a SWAG on the timeframe, I'm going to say October,  
7 and had gone into Camp Vigilant and I'm sure you aware of the  
8 difference between Ganci and Vigilant, I'm not going to bore you with  
9 that, and to the isolation area of the prison area. So, based on  
10 that I would guess that he provided that to his Company Commanders on  
11 down the chain of command, but I don't know for sure.

12           Q. Do you recall ever seeing a memorandum that was also signed  
13 by I believe General Sanchez with regards to interrogation and  
14 counter resistance policy?

15           A. Sir, I know that there had been specific guidance put out by  
16 Colonel Pappas about that as well as the Rules of Engagement for  
17 interrogations, and I think those two combined, I think they both  
18 came out together, and if I remember correctly sir, we had everybody  
19 assigned to the unit, per Colonel Pappas, sign off on the Rules of  
20 Engagement for Interrogations, and as I said later on I want to say,  
21 maybe mid November, maybe late November somewhere, those Rules for  
22 Engagement for interrogations were modified where you had to go in  
\_3 for specific permission for things like, the 72 hour sleep

1 deprivation, I believe some of the physical activities, some of those  
2 other things that were specific things that you had to go in, were  
3 still authorized, but you had to go in and request permission to get-  
4 - before you could implement them in.

5 Q. Who do you request permission from?

6 A. Sir, everybody there that requested permission went up the  
7 chain of command to Colonel Pappas to go in. I believe it was in to  
8 General Sanchez to get the approval for the modification-- or the--  
9 those rules that were authorized but-- needed authorization to do, to  
10 include things like staying-- being housed in isolation for more than  
11 30 days.

12 Q. Did you notice, or at least have any knowledge of detainees  
13 being segregated or being placed in that special treatment plan as  
14 part of the interrogation plan?

15 A. Sir, I-- I don't follow you. Could you repeat that, sir?

16 Q. Okay, do you-- let me rephrase that. Do you have any of any  
17 of the detainees following interrogation, as part of their  
18 interrogation plan, as a treatment plan----

19 A. Oh, to be put into isolation?

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Good enough, okay. Do you know who would approve such a  
23 plan?

1           A.  Again when the screening process-- when the detainees first  
2  came in, they were screened to see-- first of all they were put into  
3  the MP BAT system, they were screened to see if they had any  
4  intelligence value and or if they were of-- what they called "High  
5  Intelligence Value."

6           Q.  "High intelligence value?"

7           A.  "High Intelligence Value."

8           Q.  Okay.

9           A.  Syrian terrorists-- alleged Syrian terrorists.  Somebody  
10 caught with explosives and mortar tubes.  Things of that nature as  
11 maybe as a group and they end up in a pickup.  And when that case  
12 came in those cases were referred to Colonel Pappas to say, "yea or  
13 nay," if they were to be put into isolation.  I believe the ICE  
14 Chief, Captain Wood, and in her absence, Chief Graham, who worked the  
15 night shift, would monitor the 30 day window and then they would send  
16 up information if they needed a extension beyond 30 days, based I  
17 believe on how responsive or unresponsive the individual may have  
18 been into the interrogation process and or getting him out of  
19 isolation as maybe a reward for being more forthcoming.

20          Q.  Okay.  Several of those I interviewed to include those that  
21 we've read statements from, those who were accused of detainee abuse  
22 mentioned you several times as having been in the site itself, Tier  
3  1A, and 1B.  Let me be a bit more specific.

1 A. Okay, sir.

2 Q. On the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of November there was a shooting  
3 incident.

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. But prior to that there was an informant who supposedly had  
6 knowledge that weapons were smuggled into the prison compound. What  
7 was your involvement in that?

8 A. Sir, there's been a big 15-6, but I can tell you  
9 specifically how it came into----

10 Q. The 15-6 is completed right?

11 A. Yes, sir. I've never seen the results so the----

12 Q. The 15-6 also places you there.

13 A. Yes, sir and I wrote up the Serious Incident Report on what  
14 happened. I've got a copy here if you'd it sir, for the record.

15 Q. No.

16 A. Umm----

17 Q. We'll go back to the SIR too.

18 A. Okay sir, Hooah. Umm-- actually because of the holidays,  
19 those kind of things, we had some people folk that were getting ready  
20 to leave some MP's that I had known. I had just come by with----

21 Q. You'd had just gone by there.

22 A. Had-- was walking by from the LSA coming back through that  
3 site----

1 Q. But you stated that you needed permission to get by there?

2 A. Yes, sir, and I did cut through----

3 Q. So, where did you the information-- permission from?

4 A. The--the--because it was evening after chow, and I had swung  
5 by to make sure because there was a pre-thanksgiving thing or  
6 something going on. Make sure the MP's were aware of it, if not we'd  
7 send people over with tray packs what have you, and it was either  
8 Sergeant Elliot or Sergeant Fredrick that was the NCOIC on shift.

9 A. Was that the SOP that those sergeants could give you task  
10 that approval or should you get that permission from their Company  
11 Commander, or from their Battalion Commander?

12 A. Sir----

13 Q. Was that common knowledge that you could just ask a sergeant  
14 and say, "Let me go by and get you, or "Come by and see you?"

15 A. Well sir, I stood outside a secure gate, identified who I  
16 was, asked if I could enter, brought in and actually went into the MP  
17 OPS area, not down in the isolation area but they had like a separate  
18 OPS area. And at that point, I believe it was Sergeant Fredrick  
19 said, "Sir, one of the translators, and it was one of the translators  
20 that had worked for JIDC and I believe had been transferred because--  
21 a CAT II due to security clearance, over to the MP's. But I knew the  
22 individual, Adel, as saying that we may have some information about



1 weapons within the facility. Prior to this, and that was the same  
2 day that they had a riot over at Camp Ganci and----

3 Q. That morning-- that afternoon, right?

4 A. That afternoon, yes sir. And if I remember correctly 12 or  
5 13 injuries with 3 initial deaths and I believe the 4<sup>th</sup> one died at a  
6 later timeframe.

7 Q. So, you were in this site and you were talking to some  
8 people and somebody brings you this information that we may have  
9 somebody that might have smuggled a weapon?

10 A. Exactly-- and sir, I want to say it was Sergeant Fredrick  
11 that brought it.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And at that point he came in----

14 Q. Do you know Sergeant Fredrick?

15 A. Yes sir, I'd seen him there since he had arrived----

16 Q. Did you know where he worked?

17 A. Uh-- sir, he-- they kind of had like a split shift, day  
18 shift, night shift. The Company Commander, Captain Reese, First  
19 Sergeant Lipinski normally from my impression, ran other issues for  
20 the entire company, which included Vigilant and that area. They had  
21 a-- for lack of a better turn, Deputy XO Liaison Officer by the name  
22 of Captain Brinson who kinda was like OIC or in that area pretty much  
during the daytime early evening, what have you.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Sergeant Joyner and some other folks that I normally would  
3 see occasionally coming in or out or seeing them when I would go in  
4 during the day for taking tours through or with highly uh-- uh--  
5 visiting dignitaries what have you. And then somewhere and I don't  
6 know what the shift change was 1600, 1800, but basically I believe  
7 they did 12 hour shifts. The night shift was headed up by I believe  
8 by Sergeant Fredrick, Sergeant Elliot, depending on who had a day off  
9 or a day on, and Sergeant Cathcart. At that point I said, "Who you  
10 talking about?" and they said, "Well we've got--" and one of the  
11 things that would happen out there in screening when people would  
12 come in as a group sometimes they would give them a name just to  
13 identify who they were. This group happened to be [REDACTED] Syrian's and  
14 [REDACTED] Iraqi [REDACTED] so I just remembered it was like----

15 Q. How did you know they were Syrian's or Iraqis?

16 A. Because of their information folder and target files that  
17 we'd put together and things of this nature. And when the name gave  
18 to me I said, " Isn't that the [REDACTED] related to the [REDACTED]  
19 Syrian's?" Sergeant Frederick said, "I believe so," and I said,  
20 "Well, we've got some INTEL that has been coming back and forth about  
21 potential riots in Ganci and Vigilant." There's some specific Iraqi  
22 General Officers that were in Vigilant that were supposedly scheming

1 to put Port to Potties over the wire. Take MP's captive inside the  
2 Sally Port things of this nature.

3 Q. Go back again to what-- the question that I asked you. How  
4 did the information get passed to you when you were visiting that  
5 evening that there was an informant or such that was passing  
6 information to weapons being smuggled in there?

7 A. From the-- from I believe it was Sergeant Fredrick sir. It  
8 said that the informant was chatting with the translator Adel. Would  
9 I be willing? Could I come help pull the information out further  
10 what was going on? I said, "Sure, I'm fully aware of this specific  
11 detainee. Haven't spoken with him that much, but I'm aware of he and  
12 of his group." Specifically, what was unique about this group was  
13 how they had come across the Syrian border, the information that they  
14 had provided on safe houses, how they got to Baghdad, how they had  
15 setup attacks for Coalition Forces, how they were setting up the  
16 IED's, how they're doing their ambushes. There was very, very, well  
17 thought out and trained which was one of the first instances where we  
18 actually saw----

19 Q. Did you see detainees in the-- Tier 1A, or were they in the  
20 other general populations?

21 A. These were in Tier 1A, sir.

22 Q. Okay. So, what action did you take?

1 A. At that point I came in said, "Let me talk to the [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED], and to Adel and see what we have going on here to make sure."

3 Q. The [REDACTED] is the informant?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. He's [REDACTED].

7 Q. And he's at the hard site?

8 A. Yes sir, he's at the hard site.

9 Q. He's inside the Tier 1A?

10 A. Yes, sir. Took me in and they had Adel and [REDACTED] I  
11 guess for security. They didn't want anybody else in the Tier to  
12 know. They were in a old shower area with a bed sheets on or  
13 something. The guy seemed very nervous and Adel was explaining to me  
14 saying, "Sir, here's what he's saying. He's saying that the  
15 individual has a handgun, couple of knives----

16 Q. Okay, stop-- stop right there.

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. This Adel guy is a translator?

19 A. Yes sir, he's a Titian----

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. ----linguist.

22 Q. And he was there by himself?

1 A. He was there with other MP's that were working the Tier's,  
2 sir.

3 Q. Okay, so there was an interrogation ongoing in that  
4 particular site then?

5 A. Sir, I don't know if it's an interrogation or if he was just  
6 giving information. He was translating.

7 Q. Sir, that's interrogation.

8 A. Alright sir, I'm telling you sir, there were no MI folks----

9 Q. Now----

10 A. ----doing an interrogation----

11 Q. ----let's try not----

12 A. ----sir.

13 Q. ----let's be precise----

14 A. Alright.

15 Q. ----because you're a trained MI guy----

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. ----and so just specify because you're under oath.

18 A. Yes, sir. Sir I'm going to tell you to me an interrogation-

19 ---

20 Q. Hang on. Hang on. Let me just go back and you've got a  
21 translator already there.

22 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Other MP's were already there inside the site.

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Whereby you just told me previously that interrogations  
3 should not be done inside that site, that they were done outside the  
4 confines of Tier 1A, and 1B.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. But you are-- there's an interrogation that going on in  
7 there whatever you want to call it----

8 A. Sir, I'm telling you sir, it's not an interrogation they way  
9 I would call interrogation.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Again, I'm not a police officer, I'm not a corrections  
12 officer, but I would say if somebody is providing information and an  
13 informant, is providing information to me that's totally different  
14 then somebody coming in with an interrogation plan saying, "I want to  
15 ask you specific questions. I want specific answers. I have a  
16 specific theme." Somebody's coming in reporting something to this  
17 and ----

18 Q. Was the company commander or anybody above Sergeant  
19 Fredrick's up there at the time?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. None?

22 A. Not that I'm aware of that point in time.

1 Q. Did you seem-- kind of notice that that was-- if you say  
2 that that was kind of an MP kind of-- part of the operation because  
3 they're trying to get information from this particular informant by  
4 the use of the translator?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Wouldn't strike you that your presence there in kind of  
7 broke the authority line? That you were being invited to participate  
8 in an MP operation in your capacity as an MI Officer?

9 A. Sir, I didn't look at it that way.

10 Q. You didn't look at it that way?

11 A. No sir, I didn't.

12 Q. Would you have asked as an experienced officer with active  
13 duty experience that that is exclusive to an MP operation thereby  
14 perhaps providing guidance to the senior NCO's that were present  
15 there, that they ought to get their company commander at least report  
16 that to their company, or to the battalion commander, or even the S-  
17 3?

18 A. Well sir, I did ask them if Captain Brinson was around  
19 Captain Reese. Had they called anybody, they said they couldn't  
20 reach anybody on the hand held. At that point didn't know who else  
21 was calling. They said, "We're trying to call." At that point I was  
22 just listening to what Adell was telling me the individual was saying  
, that was reported in there.

1 Q. Who does Adel work for, Titan----

2 A. Titan Corporation, and I believe he had moved over to work  
3 for the 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion as one of their CAT II linguists.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And sir, I'm saying I believe him.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Then what happened after----

9 A. At this point, he came in he identified-- [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED], had identified a specific individual in a specific cell and  
11 told he had a weapon. And I caught the name, and I said, "I think  
12 that's one of the Syrian's that I've seen being interviewed in Site  
13 Wood, Site Steele, because you have a entryway where you can watch  
14 and see what' going on. Who has a very anti coalition presence, a  
15 very anti American presence, "I want to kill folks, I'm on a Jihad,"  
16 what have you. So, I asked the MP's, "Excuse me, do you still have,  
17 you know the little baseball card photo's with all the file things  
18 that we put with everybody that-- when they come in here that they--  
19 that the interrogators provide for me?" He said, "Yeah." I said,  
20 "Can we pull that?" We pulled that and looked at the individual and  
21 I said, "I know this guy." I've seen him very, very many times on  
22 interrogations because they were-- going after him, and he was very,  
, very, forthcoming with the routing and what they did and how they



1 planned attacks, and he couldn't wait to-- to-- to-- to kill us all,  
2 sir.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And----

5 Q. So, in your estimation you were getting this information,  
6 what happened next?

7 A. Well sir, this kind of tied into Intel reporting that had  
8 been coming out of interrogations that there was going to be a  
9 possible either a attack on the Abu Ghraib facility to cause a  
10 disruption for possibly corrections officers from the Iraqi Ministry  
11 of Justice, I think is how they reported it.

12 Q. So, did you notify Colonel Pappas at that time, or Colonel  
13 Phillabaum, with based on your estimation of the tie in?

14 A. Sir, I asked for the MP's to contact the Battalion 3,  
15 because it was like, I want to say, 1830, 1900, somewhere in there---  
16 -

17 Q. Did you get-- did you notify Colonel Pappas?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. Because I was still gathering what the information was being  
21 as far as the threat at the time, sir.

1 Q. Okay. So, your judgment was notifying at least piliminarily  
2 that you were gaining some information, at least give him an initial  
3 SITREP?

4 A. Sir, with Colonel Pappas being at Camp Victory, my not  
5 having comms on me at the time, with the intel that I heard about  
6 possible threat and I'm going to expand on that, were the coalition--  
7 or not the coalition, the Iraqi corrections officers were going to  
8 have weapons already hidden in the facility, they were going to take  
9 over and try to breakout high value detainees. Nobody designated,  
10 identified at that point in time.

11 Q. With that notification, based on that basic knowledge, would  
12 have at least notified the battalion commander or Colonel Pappas that  
13 perhaps put the IRF on alert?

14 A. Well I-- I did ask Sergeant Fredrick to request-- I didn't  
15 call it IRF; I called it QRF, to come----

16 Q. But Sergeant Fredrick never notified anybody because he was  
17 engaged with you.

18 A. Not when I asked him to make the call sir. Because I went  
19 back and asked Adel specifically, "Is he sure. Has he seen the  
20 weapon? Does he know?"

21 Q. Right.

1 A. Said, he hadn't seen the weapon, but had been told as of  
2 Thursday, I want to say, sir, that he was going to get weapons, was  
3 this guy going to be with him? Later on----

4 Q. Let me move forward-- let me move forward.

5 A. All right sir.

6 Q. So, the discoveries were made, and there was information  
7 that was passed, names were given, that sort of thing, indication  
8 that somebody did smuggle a weapon in there, or weapons, whatever the  
9 case may be.

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. What-- what subsequently happened?

12 A. At that point one of the other NCO's came in, Sergeant  
13 Cathcart, they were putting on their battle rattle, their vest  
14 plates, everything like this. I asked what the procedures were that  
15 they were doing. They said, "We're going to lock down the cells.  
16 We're going to do a cell search. Sir, we could use the assistance."

17 Q. They're doing a cell search and you were still in there?

18 A. Sir, I was up in the Sally port right next to where the  
19 informant [REDACTED] had been talking to----

20 Q. But you were still in that particular area----

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. ----Tier 1A, and 1B?

23 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. At that time none of the company chain of command, none of  
2 the battalion chain of command had-- were present at the time?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Were not present at the time.

6 Q. And Colonel Pappas was still-- still has not been notified?

7 A. No sir, and you're talking about this all happening in a  
8 period of about three, four, five minutes, sir.

9 Q. Sure, okay. That's pretty quick when your trying to  
10 interview and interrogate a detainee and trying to get information.  
11 That's pretty darn impressive all in the span of three or four  
12 minutes. Okay so what was the plan of action?

13 A. They were going to go-- they being the MP's were going to do  
14 a cursory sweep of some of the cells to have the folks step forward  
15 secure, when they do that I guess on a normal basis they said.

16 Q. But they already knew----

17 A. Where they were going.

18 Q. ----you said you already knew who had those weapons and who-  
19 ---

20 A. Who they thought had the weapons.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And at that point I said, "Let me stop you all here for just  
3 a second before you go take this action." I said, "You know that

1 this [REDACTED] and this Syrian terrorist, there are [REDACTED] other  
2 Syrian terrorists, are they still here in the Isolation Facility?"  
3 And they said, "Believe so." "Where are they at?" One was across the  
4 Tier, there were a couple down below. I said, "You may be getting  
5 yourself set up for ambush, or somebody maybe saying, "Hey, somebody  
6 has a Tier they want you to go-- or a weapon, go down the Tier." You  
7 do that and you get shot from behind, or maybe it's a setup and there  
8 is going to be a crossfire kind of situation.

9 Q. So you led that effort supervising those folks in a search  
10 process?

11 A. To go down to do a cell search I said I will assist and  
12 provide----

13 Q. Okay, who's job was that supposed to be, yours or the  
14 company commander or their battalion commander, or the S-3?

15 A. Well sir, and I don't want to sound flipped to you, but I  
16 would say if you had extremely adequate notice, something along those  
17 lines obviously, Battalion Commander, Sergeant Major, Company  
18 Commander, Company Commander, First Sergeant, QRF, to do that. But  
19 at that time, I felt strongly that there was something serious that  
20 was likely to occur just because [REDACTED] had nothing to  
21 lose. He was----

1 Q. Sure, but then General-- Colonel Pappas will still have not  
2 been notified, so conceivably the whole camp would have been placed  
3 on alert don't you think?

4 A. Umm----

5 Q. Because of the incident that happened that afternoon?

6 A. Well sir, that incident that happened was very much in my  
7 mind as well as like I say the intel of the fact of corrections  
8 officers looking to do some sort of diversion and break out who they  
9 felt were high value detainees, some of the black list folks, but  
10 sir, they weren't even there, but that's kind of beside the point. I  
11 think the intel structure that they had made them believe that there  
12 were people there that were not----

13 Q. Well what my point is Colonel Jordan is you're the senior  
14 officer on the site.

15 A. Yes, sir I was the senior officer on the site.

16 Q. So you're basically directing traffic----

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. ----and directing those MP's and you've mentioned earlier  
19 that you don't do MP stuff, and the limit of your duties and  
20 responsibility was just coach in the boundaries of collecting  
21 information and not interrogation or things of that sort. So, on  
22 your best judgment, you were giving instructions to those MP's absent  
.3 any presence of or notification of those MP's chain of command,

1 Brinson, Synder, all those folks, and absence the presence of and  
2 notification of your brigade commander in your capacity as a liaison  
3 officer?

4 A. Sir I would say it's my capacity as an officer to ensure  
5 health and welfare of all soldiers at that point in time. Yes sir, I  
6 was the senior guy there sir, and sir I was there when they went to  
7 do that cell search and I was there to provide covering fire if  
8 necessary, and sir----

9 Q. Did you have a weapon on you?

10 A. Oh yes sir, I did have a weapon on me sir, I had two weapons  
11 on me.

12 Q. You carry a weapon inside the hard site?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. All the time?

15 A. Not all the time, sir.

16 Q. Did you brandish it?

17 A. Did I brandish it?

18 Q. I mean did you-- was it present-- was there an SOP that says  
19 weapons are not allowed in Tier 1A until such time as it's authorized  
20 to do so?

21 A. Sir, when I was asked to come in there by Sergeant Fredrick  
22 I did ask about the weapons policy because normally when we did go in

1 there weapons were kept out and he said, "We believe we've got an  
2 incident, sir, bring your weapons with you."

3 Q. Okay----

4 A. So-- sir, I brought my weapons with me.

5 Q. So you were getting information from Sergeant Fredrick and  
6 even then you know you did not give them any kind of information or  
7 any direction that at the time you received that initial information  
8 to let's wait until your battalion commander or your S-3 shows up  
9 before we proceed down there because then it's not your  
10 responsibility as an MI officer to be proceeding down there because  
11 that was a search and searches are done by MP's.

12 A. Sir, given all the time in the world, yes sir, I would agree  
13 with you.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. I would say that at that point in time and place sir----

16 Q. Yep, don't you think it was kind of hasty at the time  
17 because you didn't exactly know what your role and responsibility  
18 was?

19 A. Sir, I thought my role and responsibility was care for any  
20 soldier at that point in time.

21 Q. That's everybody's responsibility.

22 A. Check sir.



1 Q. Okay, but those people belong to somebody else. They have a  
2 chain of command, colonel.

3 A. All right, sir. Check. I hear what you're saying sir. I  
4 wasn't trying to usurp anybody chain of command. I was trying to  
5 make sure the soldier was safe sir.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And sir I'm going to tell you on the night of 20 September  
8 myself and 14 other soldiers were wounded at Abu Ghraib I had 2  
9 soldiers die----

10 Q. Hold that thought----

11 A. All right, sir.

12 Q. We will cover that for that matter. I just want to ensure  
13 that we focus on your responsibility sir----

14 A. Check sir.

15 Q. ----and your involvement with a shooting incident that has a  
16 serious implication because your name was mentioned on the  
17 investigation at that point in time.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. So, you proceeded to take action, directed the MP's, give  
20 them instruction on how to proceed to this particular cell?

21 A. No sir, I did not.

22 Q. Okay so who was the leader of sorts of that search team?

1           A. Sergeant Fredrick was the one who was directing, "Sergeant  
2 Cathcart when we get there I want you to use the keys. Sergeant  
3 Elliot I want you to instruct the individual to place his hands  
4 through the cell, step forward, etcetera, etcetera."

5           Q. All right, then what happened?

6           A. He said, "Sir, I'd like you to provide covering fire across  
7 the Tier." I said, "Check, we'll do that." "Sergeant Synder will  
8 come down the other side as well just in case there is a crossfire."  
9 And at that point----

10          Q. Did you have a protective vest on at the time?

11          A. Sir, I had a protective vest on at the time, but sir I did  
12 not have plates on at the time.

13          Q. Okay.

14          A. Because I did not have plates issued at the time sir.

15          Q. Did you have-- well none of them were issued plates I don't  
16 think.

17          A. Sir, all the MP's had plates sir.

18          Q. Did they have their helmets on?

19          A. Yes, sir they had their helmets on.

20          Q. Did you have yours also?

21          A. Sir, I'm trying to remember, I can't tell you. I can't tell  
22 you sir, I can't remember.

23          Q. Okay. So, the shooting starts?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. What happened next?

3 A. Quite frankly the individual A [REDACTED] I believe was given  
4 the command four or five times by Sergeant Elliot, Sergeant Cathcart,  
5 "Step forward, show your hands." "No." "Step forward, show your  
6 hands." "Why?" "Step forward, show your hands." "No." At that  
7 time I believe Sergeant Fredrick had told Sergeant Elliot to be  
8 prepared to fire. I said, "Sergeant Elliot what do you have  
9 chambered?" Because Colonel Pappas had been very, very adamant about  
10 use of non-lethal rounds to make sure that they didn't misplace a  
11 lethal round with a non-lethal round what have you. Said, "Non-  
12 lethal." Somewhere a few seconds after that, "There's movement.  
13 He's got a gun," and A [REDACTED] fired one to two rounds initially.  
14 Sergeant Elliot fired back, I believe the first two rounds which were  
15 non-lethal I believe he hit him with one of those two rounds.  
16 Stepped away from the door. I stepped up to look to see. He  
17 continued to fire. Sergeant Elliot fired three more rounds, I'm  
18 guessing that were 12 gauge lethal rounds, things stopped for a  
19 minute or two, individual went and fired. Again movement you could  
20 just out of the corner of your eye just kind of things fired,  
21 Sergeant Cathcart yelled, "I got hit." I believe he'd gotten a  
22 ricochet and hit him in the vest. Sergeant Elliot was handed another

1 shotgun by Sergeant Synder who again fired a couple of more non-  
2 lethal rounds.

3 Q. Sergeant Synder was shooting then?

4 A. No, sir. Handed another shotgun over to Sergeant Elliot  
5 because Sergeant Elliot had expended all the rounds in the shotgun  
6 that he had had. Two, three, four, rounds in that weapon, he fired  
7 those waited a second continued to tell the detainee, "Throw out our  
8 weapon, throw out your weapon, cease fire." Wait a second take a  
9 look with the mirror fire a couple of more rounds. Sergeant Elliot--  
10 --

11 Q. Who was doing the mirror thing?

12 A. I believe it was Sergeant Cathcart, sir, and then Sergeant  
13 Elliot fired a couple of 9 mil rounds and then the detainee at this  
14 point, didn't know that for sure, but was out of ammunition, and  
15 through the weapon outside the cell door block. He was made to put  
16 his hands out by Sergeant Elliot. He was cuffed by Sergeant  
17 Cathcart, swung out immediately called for medics, medical staff had  
18 actually been there because they normally did a daytime, nighttime  
19 check from what I understood of the detainee's and he had wounds in  
20 his legs and he had an indentation in his chest which I thought might  
21 have been a 9 mill round that had come in from an angle that turned  
22 out to be one of the less than lethal rounds that had hit him and he  
was medivaced out. At that point went back and contacted Colonel

1 Pappas the Battalion 3, and initiated an SIR report. Colonel Pappas  
2 was there on the premise. Gave him the information best I had it. He  
3 typed up what he could. I said, "Sir, another detainee was wanting  
4 to speak." He said go back and pull whatever information you can. I  
5 went back to speak with this detainee. Don't remember his real name  
6 but his name was thumbee because he had blown his fingers in a  
7 coalition attack with a hand grenade. He came and spoke with me as  
8 well as a couple of other folks that were present there and I don't  
9 remember right now off the top of my head.

10 Q. Was Colonel Phillabaum and Captain Reese there at that time?

1 A. I don't think Captain Reese was there yet. I think he was  
12 enroute, but I believe First Sergeant Lepinski had gotten there.  
13 Sergeant Centers, Platoon Sergeant. I'm not sure if Captain Brinson  
14 had made it in there yet or not.

15 Q. Was there an understanding from your experience there since  
16 September up until you were assigned to the 205<sup>th</sup>, actually you were  
17 already assigned but you then operated with the 205<sup>th</sup> who was then the  
18 FOB Commander, what was the understanding of who was in charge of  
19 Tier 1A, and 1B, MI or MP's?

20 A. Well sir it was always understood that the MP's ran that  
21 Tier, and there were a number of incidences were non MI folks non MP  
22 folks would come in that tier and I'm going to be specific on an  
23 occasion of Task Force 121 who had come in and portrayed themselves as

1 being OGA, Other Government Agency, and I'm not sure what everybody's  
2 clearance level is in here, but we can all kind of understand who OGA  
3 is. They came in supposedly said, "We're with OGA to drop off a  
4 couple of detainees. And I'd gotten a phone call from Chief Rebus on  
5 one of those little hand helds that they had finally gotten out there  
6 to say, "Sir, there's seems to be and issue here."

7 Q. This during-- after the shooting or before the shooting?

8 A. This was after the shooting sir. I'm feeling it was after.  
9 I want to say late November, early December. Anyways, they had come  
10 inside when they went to drop off the detainees to the MP's and  
11 beyond making sure that all their belongings had already been turned  
12 over to the MP's to be processed. I guess they started running the  
13 Tier to check and see who the different folks that were being held in  
14 isolation. I understood that one of the MP's, and I wasn't given a  
15 name, had said, "What are you doing?" "We're with OGA. We're  
16 checking this out. We're authorized," whatever the case may be.  
17 Kind of a very cowboy kind of affair. Chief Rebus for some reason  
18 happened to be coming up in that area maybe back from and  
19 interrogation I didn't ask him what he was doing there sir. Called  
20 me, said, "Hey we've got this incidence. I said, "Can you still  
21 track him down because we need to stop this and we need to stop this  
22 now because we're having problems with 121 bringing folks to the gate  
3 and just dropping them off and leaving. Not into the facility where

1 detainees are kept like out front at the entry control point and then  
2 just bailing. An actually a lot of times it wasn't even the 121  
3 folks it was a armor unit or something that was just transporting  
4 folks. We had and incidence were 121 came back that same night  
5 because Chief Rebus had caught them at the gate and said, "Listen,  
6 nobody is authorized just to go trailing in there. There is an MP  
7 set of rules there. You have go through the MP's to get permission.  
8 There are specific things that you have to do to do that. We don't  
9 appreciate you doing this." They came back in that evening and I  
10 want to say it was about 2200, 2215, and came in and said, "We're  
11 signing out a prisoner that they had dropped off on a quote of quote  
12 un-OGA hold. But, sir it wasn't a OG hold-- OGA hold, but they said  
13 we've talked to Lieutenant Jordan. Well sir, there was a Lieutenant  
14 Colonel Jordan at 121. All the MP's knew is they heard Lieutenant  
15 Colonel Jordan, they thought it had been an authorized MI thing  
16 because it wasn't an MP hold. They allowed an E-5 from this unit to  
17 sign a female wife out, and I forget which black list it was. I  
18 think it might have been six; it might have been Al Dorie, I don't  
19 remember, took her off. Sir, she came back 72 hours later, or just  
20 less than 72 hours later. When they landed the chopper they came up  
21 with these people and they came out there and they said, "Hi, are you  
22 the MP that's going to accept the detainee?" I said, "No I'm not the  
\_3 MP. I'm not going to accept the detainee." And we've got into quite

1 a battle, sir on-- I said, "Do you have a file folder on the  
2 detainee?" "Well no, we're just the transportation." "Were did you  
3 come from?" "Well, Tikrit."

4 Q. In that particular sense, Colonel Jordan, it appears that  
5 your MI folks were involved with transfers of detainees just based on  
6 what you've described to me.

7 A. Sir, 121 is not MI from what I understand they're----

8 Q. I understand. OGA-- there's----

9 A. ----out there.

10 Q. ----all sorts of detainee----

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. ----operations over there.

13 A. Yes, sir. Okay.

14 Q. So, but in any case what we're going to do right now is take  
15 a ten minute break. I need to refresh the recording machines----

16 A. Roger that sir.

17 Q. ----and give you some time to go to the bathroom and we'll  
18 resume the interview here at about 15 after.

19 A. Roger that sir.

20 Q. And please don't disclose anything. Don't make any phone  
21 calls or whatever have you. Just wait outside, and if you need to go  
22 to the restroom, please convey it as to where your presence is going  
J to be.



1 A. We talked about a copy of the SIR----

2 Q. We can discuss this when----

3 A. Later, all right sir.

4 Q. Okay. Good thank you very much.

5 **[The session recessed at 1603 hours, 21 February 2004.]**

6 **[The session resumed at 1620 hours, 21 February 2004.]**

7 MG Taguba: Have a seat there Colonel Jordan.

8 LTC Jordan: Yes, sir.

9 Q. All right, we'll continue with our interview here. Let me  
10 remind you again please that we are being recorded.

1 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And that you are still under oath. Several of those who  
13 are-- have been accused of detainee abuses, some of them horrible as  
14 you can imagine, and those that I've interviewed had the  
15 understanding that and I quote from one interviewee, "That Wing 1 was  
16 supervised mostly by Lieutenant Colonel Jordan. Lieutenant Colonel  
17 Jordan was very involved with the interrogation process and the day  
18 to day activity that occurred." Which is just one of several who  
19 have had the understanding that your presence there, even though you  
20 indicated that you were there infrequent and had to ask permission  
21 for access, understood that your duty was to supervise or at least  
22 have control of Tier 1A, and 1B.

1           A.  Sir, all I know is that anytime that we went on-- anybody  
2  ever went over there you always had to request permission to come in.  
3  Always had to leave your weapon if you had a weapon with you if the  
4  MP's----

5           Q.  Did you have an understanding with the battalion commander  
6  that your access was authorized or was necessary in regards to your  
7  liaison duty with the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade?

8           A.  Sir, quite frankly when I first got there I sat down with  
9  Colonel Phillabaum because I know Colonel Phillabaum from a prior  
10 Reserve assignment, he was the G-1 of a CA Unit I was in Philly, so I  
11 know him friendly, not hunting buddies or anything like that, but  
12 knew him, "I remember you, how are you doing?" He, I, his S-3, the  
13 OPS Officer for Colonel Pappas, Mike Thompson, Chief Rebus, all of us  
14 at one point in time would set and discuss the movement, and it was  
15 more movement of detainees in regards to military police than it was  
16 interrogation only.

17          Q.  What kind of movement?

18          A.  Movement from either Camp Ganci or Vigilant to the  
19 interrogation booths, the interrogation tents, or to and from  
20 isolation area.

21          Q.  Why would you be concerned with that?

22          A.  Well sir, because there weren't enough MP's to do the escort  
3  duties and we had to tap into MI soldiers to do that.

1 Q. But I thought that was the responsibility of Colonel Pappas  
2 and an MI Battalion Commander who was subsequently assigned there?

3 A. Sir, the only MI Battalion Commander I know that was ever  
4 assigned out there was Lieutenant Colonel Walters-- Waters, somewhere  
5 December-- in December somewhere around that, so up----

6 Q. It's earlier than that, November.

7 A. It could have been sir, I'm trying to guess.

8 Q. I mean if you're concerned with movements in your capacity  
9 as a liaison officer, because there was a shortage of MP's, why would  
10 you take it upon yourself to be involved in that while in essence  
11 that was the responsibility of the MP's to ask for reinforcements in  
12 that regard.

13 A. Sir, just per guidance from Colonel Pappas, "Please check  
14 with the Battalion 3. Please check with Colonel Phillabaum. Please  
15 have them understand my intent is to conduct the interrogation  
16 operations not to have MI soldiers moving detainees. Not to have----

17 Q. So you're checking whether MI soldiers were being used as  
18 guards?

19 A. Uh---

20 Q. Or augmenting the MP's?

21 A. Augmenting the MP force and at one point sir, there had an  
22 issue where the 320<sup>th</sup> is a Host Command. Wanted to utilize MI  
23 soldiers, either supporting the entry control guard force, and at one

1 point there was a FRAGO that was cut putting MI supposedly in charge  
2 of two towers 24 7 in essence pulling 12 MI soldiers out away from  
3 interrogation operations and again Colonel Pappas and his 3 said,  
4 We'll handle this. We'll let them know that. They can't come over  
5 and task the soldiers to go do non-interrogation operations. This is  
6 our focus. This is what I want you to do. Make sure they understand  
7 that. So sir, I was-- basically relaying information between. Like  
8 Colonel Pappas wanted back in forth with the 320<sup>th</sup>.

9 Q. Did that include-- did that include people in the hard site,  
10 because according to your brigade commander his responsibility, if  
11 that, was placing guards of the ECP and also manning the tower, but  
12 nothing in the capacity of putting MI soldiers guarding the compounds  
13 meaning Vigilant and Ganci nor the hard site, so what you're  
14 intimating to me that you were in the hard site checking something  
15 that is outside the bounds of your responsibility and duties and  
16 roles as a Liaison Officer?

17 A. Sir, I think we've crossed paths here.

18 Q. Yeah.

19 A. When I was saying that I talked to Colonel Phillabaum and  
20 them about MI soldiers being utilized it was what you were just  
21 discussing Entry Control Point guard towers, things of this nature.  
22 We never from my understood had ever seen MI soldiers being tasked to  
perform security functions in the isolation arena, but they did have

1 to move folks from isolation because of a shortage of MP's from the  
2 isolation area to the Site Wood, Site Steel, for interrogations.

3 Q. So using MI soldiers to move from one site to another site?

4 A. From one site back to interrogation-- back to the isolation  
5 cell----

6 Q. Who did you interact with that?

7 A. Say again, sir?

8 Q. Who did you interact with that?

9 A. Umm----

10 Q. Colonel Phillabaum, the guards directly, the company  
11 commander. I find it kind of strange that a Lieutenant Colonel is  
12 acting directly with soldiers. Does that tell me that there is no  
13 one underneath you that could interact that Colonel----

14 A. Sir, I'm saying that inter-- I interacted with Colonel  
15 Phillabaum, Major Dinenna the S-3 in concert with our OPS Officer, so  
16 there was a full understanding of our concern conveyed by Colonel  
17 Pappas of pulling MI soldiers away to go do these kind of operations.  
18 "One, we're really not trained to move detainees, they didn't have  
19 the equipment to move the detainees, and the issue came down is we  
20 have x amount of MP's, we're losing MP's, we're not getting any more  
21 MP's, we're getting more detainees, we can't do it. Colonel Pappas  
22 what do you want us to do?" "Get with Mike Thompson, get with other  
23 folks, get some of these folks trained up, MI soldiers trained up by

1 the MP's so they can at least do it in a protective manner as much as  
2 possible." We didn't have plates. We didn't have the new vests.  
3 Signed for some of those from the MP Company, I think it was from the  
4 372<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, and I believe that Sergeant First Class Johnson the  
5 OPS ICE NCOIC went and signed for those to give them to the soldiers  
6 so they could move detainees. And a lot I think were moving them  
7 that were also conducting the interrogations, so added to the length  
8 of time spent on interrogations.

9 Q. All right. So, that was the understanding, but your  
10 understanding was that you had limited access by asking permission to  
11 be present in the Tier 1A, and Tier 1B?

12 A. Sir, every time that I was there and every time I saw  
13 anybody else go into that facility whether it was somebody coming for  
14 a visit or to interview or what have you.

15 Q. Were you on an access roster?

16 A. I believe I was sir.

17 Q. You believe? Did you have a copy of that access roster?

18 A. No sir, I believe we provided a access roster of folks  
19 assigned to the JIDC to the MP's to say, "These are the folks."

20 Q. There was an NCOIC of the hard site and there was an OIC of  
21 the hard site and you mentioned Captain Brinson and the other person  
22 you mentioned was Sergeant Fredrick, was there anybody else between

1 Sergeant Fredrick and Captain Brinson that you interact with with  
2 access?

3 A. I would say that the list probably initially went to the  
4 Battalion 3, to Major Dinenna to say these were the folks, I believe  
5 we included Colonel Pappas and the Sergeant Major and anybody else  
6 who'd be coming in.

7 Q. Who was anybody else, I mean that's-- that's-- you just  
8 mentioned that those are high valued detainees?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And not anybody else would have access to those unless they  
11 were authorized or had any business with that.

12 A. Sir, I'm saying Colonel Pappas, Colonel Whalen, because he  
13 was Battalion Commander if he happened to come by to see where his  
14 soldiers were working his Sergeant Major.

15 Q. What was the nature of your access there, I mean what kind  
16 of business as a liaison officer, not as an interrogator, would you  
17 have with access to those detainees?

18 A. Umm-- kind of checking to make sure that we weren't  
19 violating the 30-day rule. That we had an updated roster as far as  
20 the identification cards. Those kinds of things to make sure that  
21 everybody had the proper information. That we knew who was where.

22 Q. Okay, but you just mentioned to me that you were limited in  
3 your capacity as a liaison officer, collecting reports, formatting

1 reports, and sending that up to the C-2. But all of a sudden as a  
2 liaison officer you were given additional guidance by Colonel Pappas  
3 check on the conditions of the detainees?

4 A. Sir, that was never----

5 Q. You took that as your own initiative?

6 A. Sir, I never checked on the condition of the detainees as a  
7 primary duty.

8 Q. But you just said that whether they were being-- the  
9 interrogation plan or post treatment was being carried out whether  
10 their-- not have exceeded 30 days of that, that sort of thing.

11 A. Yes sir, because there was a roster on-- when somebody came  
12 in or something like that just-- and we kept one in the JIDC OPS area  
13 too just to take a look, "Hey we're getting close. Someone has been  
14 in there 24, 25 days. Captain Wood have you sent up a request to  
15 Brigade to make sure that we don't violate the 30 day policy," things  
16 of that nature. So, ----

17 Q. So, you were helping out, so to speak, there's nobody else--  
18 I'm still trying to make a determination Colonel Jordan of your  
19 specific duties as an Liaison Officer, but every time you say  
20 something it kind of expands beyond what you described was your  
21 specific duties.

22 A. Sir, whatever guidance I would get from Colonel Pappas if I  
3 didn't think it was an illegal order or something, and it would be,



1 "Steve can you do?" "Check sir, I can do that for you, or Sir, are  
2 you aware this, this, and this, because this came up in a nine  
3 o'clock meeting?"

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. "Or this came up at 1600 FORCEPRO, Sir you weren't here  
6 today, you're coming in tonight," what have you.

7 Q. So basically you weren't receiving any kind of guidance from  
8 your Brigade Commander. That is clearly understood that it could be  
9 outside the bounds of their responsibility as MI Intelligence  
10 Officer, or as MI Interrogation Officers?

11 A. Oh yes sir, because I wound up doing things such as  
12 assisting in the MWR development, and procuring a weight system and  
13 getting the DFAC up and running and getting showers and finding out  
14 who the ACS Contractor was for living support type items and things  
15 of that nature.

16 Q. Okay, so that was-- again outside the bounds of the  
17 specifics duties, because you were just helping out. There's nobody  
18 else there to do but----

19 A. Sir, that's what I----

20 Q. And your Brigade Commander relied on your capacity to do  
21 that?

22 A. Sir, that would be his taskings, "Where do we stand with  
3 this? How come the DFAC is not up? How come we don't have shower

1 points for these soldiers yet?" "Hey sir, here is statements of work  
2 by, you know, ASC, you know. Here is what the engineering board said  
3 what the status is." So I was kind of like-- like I say his liaison  
4 to attend the meetings that was being hosted by the 320<sup>th</sup>, but it  
5 wasn't all just MP functions, sir there was all the other issues that  
6 were involved and at the time he had like I say, removed the  
7 headquarters support role from the 519<sup>th</sup> and there was nothing there.  
8 He had given a requirement to the 323<sup>rd</sup> MI Battalion at BIAP, but sir  
9 I want to say I probably saw that Battalion Commander and Sergeant  
10 Major twice in four and a half months out there.

1 Q. So you might say you're Colonel Pappas' trusted agent?

12 A. Sir, can I be frank with you. I want to say that I respect  
13 Colonel Pappas but Colonel Pappas and I never hit our stride. I  
14 don't think we're ever going to send Christmas cards to one another,  
15 but sir I can look you in the eye and tell you, that Colonel Tom  
16 Pappas would ever tell a soldier to do something illegal or do  
17 anything immoral or would he cover up anything had he been made aware  
18 of anything that had gone on. And so, I respect Colonel Pappas for  
19 his position and his rank. I can tell you quite frankly that there  
20 were times that we disagreed when I'd bring up issues, sir. Are you  
21 aware, I'm trying to protect you on-- sir, and it had nothing to do  
22 with detainee operations. I'm talking, you know awards, or possible  
23 congressional issues and I'm hearing being brought to me because I

1 actually lived in the same little environment where all the soldiers  
2 lived. And I'm saying from E-5 to O-5, we all had a very small  
3 environment. And-- so-- whatever he would come back and say, "Steve  
4 this is what I want, this is how I feel about it." All right, again,  
5 back to the incident with the three interrogators from the 519<sup>th</sup> that  
6 did the unauthorized interrogation of two females, etcetera,  
7 etcetera. He's the one who said, "Let me get Captain Fitch, I'll  
8 give you a call back." Got Captain Fitch on the line. "Want you to  
9 go to the Magistrate Cell, want you to do the Article 31 rights  
10 warning." "You've done these before?" "Yes, sir, I've done them  
11 before." "All right here's what I want you to do. I want you to get  
12 all the statements, things of this nature." So, sir, that's way  
13 outside the line, I think, of any liaison officer role. But, I think  
14 he felt confident-- safe in me doing that or he wouldn't have told me  
15 to do it, sir.

16 Q. You're not supposed to ask, do you feel like you are his  
17 trusted agent?

18 A. Sir, you know when you say trusted agent, you know,  
19 there's-- there's trust and maybe there's friendship and maybe I'm  
20 running the two in there. But I think, sir, that he trusted my  
21 judgment, I think he trusted me with the soldiers out there. I think  
22 the soldiers respected me and I think I could get the soldiers to  
3 soldier up in a very austere, tight environment.

1 Q. So, based on that trust, Frederick, Elliott, Cathcart, they  
2 would follow your instructions?

3 A. Sir, I don't know about MPs, sir, you know I----

4 Q. But you interacted with them frequently.

5 A. Sir, I didn't-- I-- I have to disagree. Sir, I didn't  
6 interact with them frequently. I knew who worked what shifts; I knew  
7 who was in what company, just because it's a very small environment,  
8 you're there 24-7. Matter of fact, the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, and then  
9 eventually the 680<sup>th</sup> provided mess facilities on MKT with us. So, I  
10 never gave any direction to MPs on anything other than on the night  
11 of 24 November when the shooting came down; and, sir, I still feel  
12 confident that that was a soldier safety issue based on the other  
13 intel reporting that even I don't believe the MPs had at that time.  
14 Where the information had come in with-- and it had been coming in  
15 for two or three weeks about outside attacks, inside attacks all  
16 combined, things of this nature.

17 Q. When Colonel Pappas showed up there on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
18 November, 19-20<sup>th</sup> of November, in what capacity was he moving his  
19 Brigade down there, do you remember?

20 A. He was moving in to be designated as the FOB Commander, FOB  
21 Abu Ghraib.

22 Q. Abu Ghraib. What was the command relations then, of the  
23 subordinate units that were already there?

1           A.    Sir, you asking me, between 205<sup>th</sup> and 800<sup>th</sup>? Or are you  
2 asking me 205<sup>th</sup> and all the subordinate units?

3           Q.    And the subordinate units. 320<sup>th</sup>, 519 if they were still  
4 there, any units that were there already. Then you got the 205<sup>th</sup> that  
5 shows up, what was then the command relations? It was either  
6 expressed to you or you had knowledge of?

7           A.    Sir, I would have to say that there was significant  
8 resentment towards Colonel Tom Pappas. The 205<sup>th</sup> MI, no, sir, let me-  
9 ----

10          Q.    You say resentment; I mean, leave the emotions----

11          A.    ----sir, I'm gonna say resentment to the point where we  
12 all-- we all, in the element were lumped into MI and everybody else  
13 at Abu Ghraib. To the point where the 680<sup>th</sup> MP Company, there were  
14 signs because we shared an LSA and I'll give you some examples of  
15 that later sir, if you want. Where it was like, no MI allowed spray  
16 painted on a wall in a joint LSA.

17          Q.    What was the command relations there, Colonel?

18          A.    Sir, I never saw any----

19          Q.    Did you see any FRAGO?

20          A.    I saw a FRAGO, yes sir, of the 205<sup>th</sup>----

21          Q.    Do you recall what the command relationship was on that?

22          A.    That everybody responded to Colonel Pappas as the FOB  
3 commander.

1 Q. You didn't see anything like ADCON, OPCON, attached,  
2 assigned, TACON?

3 A. Sir, I've read so many FRAGOs, I don't wanna say, cause I--  
4 I, but the concept was everybody there was under the guidance of  
5 Colonel Pappas, and specifically I remember a conversation being held  
6 after one of these 0900, 1600 type----

7 Q. Sure. Well, because you were a liaison from General Fast  
8 down to him, liaisoning works both ways.

9 A. Ch, yes, sir.

10 Q. So, obviously you were getting some information from that  
11 particular side of the house, and----

12 A. Well, sir, sir, I'm going to get there to it for you, sir.-  
13 ---

14 Q. ----you were probably reporting. But I'm just trying to  
15 clarify, based on your experience, your educational background,  
16 military experience, that surely you had some knowledge of what the  
17 command relationship would be.

18 A. Ch, yes, sir. Sir, I knew-- I worked for Colonel Tom  
19 Pappas. I understood when he came out as the FOB Commander,  
20 everybody there worked for Colonel Tom Pappas.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Explicit. What I'm saying is that there was a specific  
3 conversation where he had to take the Battalion S-3 from the 320<sup>th</sup>

1   aside, Major Dinenna, and highlight, say, "I am in charge."   And I  
2   believe----

3           Q.   You were there when that happened?

4           A.   Sir, I was within earshot.   Now I'm gonna----

5           Q.   Did he talk to Colonel Phillabaum about it?

6           A.   No, sir.

7           Q.   No.   Did he talk to General Karpinski about it?

8           A.   Did who talk to General Karpinski, Colonel Pappas?

9           Q.   Colonel Pappas.

10          A.   Sir, he indicated that he had sent her significant e-mails  
11   about it.   But before I go to General Karpinski, can I go back to  
12   what I was saying about the three in that conversation, sir?   Just  
13   because I remember this distinctly, Major Dinenna then said something  
14   about, "Sir, we know you're in charge, you're a Brigade Commander,  
15   you're a Colonel."   Or something like that.   "But you're causing a  
16   division, a diversity between yourself and everybody else out here.  
17   And Colonel Pappas said, "No I'm not, I'm bringing everybody back  
18   under one strict regime command."

19          Q.   Did you ever ask General Fast why that was occurring that  
20   you have an MI Brigade Commander there that was appointed by the  
21   CJTF-7 Commanding General to be the FOB Commander?

22          A.   No, sir, I never----

1 Q. Never. Did she ever say anything to you why that was  
2 occurring?

3 A. Oh, yes, sir, she did, she had come out on a visit and she  
4 had actually taken me aside and had asked, you know, how is  
5 everything going, how'd the relationship working? And I said, "Ma'am  
6 there is some resentments, some hesitation, whatever you want to call  
7 it from the 320<sup>th</sup>, engineer, everybody that had kinda been there  
8 before, of falling under an MI-type command." And she said, "All  
9 right, thank you, and how's it working?" I said, "You know, Colonel  
10 Pappas is driving on. He's got a sergeant major helping out. He's  
11 bringing Colonel Walters and the 165<sup>th</sup> down to enhance the force pro."  
12 There had been issues of detainees escaping or the potential for more  
13 detainees to escape. Colonel Pappas and myself at times, at his  
14 direction, went inside the compounds to take a look at the physical  
15 security aspects, force pro aspects, things of this nature. And,  
16 sir, I'm gonna tell you, a couple times, I said, "Sir, you don't need  
17 to be going down in there by yourself or even with me, you know you  
18 can have other people go do that for you." But he wanted a hands-on  
19 approach.

20 Q. Did you go down there by yourself?

21 A. No, sir. I never went into Camp Ganci by myself, or  
22 Vigilant.

23 Q. What about the hard site?



1           A.    Sir, I could never say that I was in the hard site on my  
2 own. I either went in with other of my soldiers, or I went in with.

3           Q.    Who are some of those that accompanied you, you know?

4           A.    Major Mike Thompson, Chief Rivas, Major Matt Price, Colonel  
5 Pappas,-----

6           Q.    Chief Rivas is out there right now?

7           A.    Yes, sir, he is.

8           Q.    Okay, we'll call him afterwards.

9           A.    Check, sir.

10          Q.    So you were always there with somebody?

11          A.    Sir, there's always some JIDIC person-----

12          Q.    Except for the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>?

13          A.    Actually, sir, there was an interrogation team that was  
14 waiting; I believe to take out somebody for an interrogation. There  
15 was a Staff Sergeant Usaff and a Sergeant Cleckowich as well.

16          Q.    Were they in civilian clothes?

17          A.    No sir, they were in DCUs or they may have had their  
18 blouses off, but November I'm thinking it was probably cool enough  
19 they probably had their blouses on, sir.

20          Q.    So the two there waiting, but were you both together as you  
21 were entering or just coincidentally they were there?

22          A.    Just coincidentally and, like I said-----

23          Q.    Did they participate in the shooting action?

1           A.    No sir.  No sir, they were off to a separate area based on  
2 going down to do a cell sweep.

3           Q.    Okay.

4           A.    But, yes, sir.

5           Q.    Who is Specialist Luciana Spencer, do you know?

6           A.    Specialist?

7           Q.    Luciana Spencer.

8           A.    Specialist Spencer, I know Specialist Spencer, yes sir.

9 She was one of the interrogators on one of the Tiger Teams.  And, I'm  
10 sure you've been told what a Tiger Team is, so I'm not going to bore  
11 you with that.  All right, sir.

12          Q.    Sure.  What was her function?

13          A.    She was a interrogator with one of the-- I think she was  
14 in, again I may be wrong on this possibly, the Foreign Fighter Cell.  
15 We had different breakouts for different groups.  She headed up a  
16 team-- Tiger Team's made up of an interrogator, an analyst, and a  
17 linguist.  Sometimes we were short analysts and sometimes you have  
18 one analyst supporting two or three Tiger Teams.  We normally had  
19 more interrogators than we did analysts.

20          Q.    Did you investigate any of her-- or look into her  
21 interrogation practices and techniques?

22          A.    Oh, yes, sir, and I'm going to be very specific that on the  
23 evening of 15 November at approximately 2200 hours, Specialist

1 Spencer with a analyst by the name of Specialist Cruz, I forget the  
2 linguists name at this point, had scheduled to do an interrogation  
3 from a detainee in the Vigilant Facility and I believe they used the  
4 site steel. It came to my attention the following morning that they  
5 had used an unauthorized interrogation technique for that  
6 interrogation. And the way we had set up and structured the  
7 interrogation folders was first of all you had to have an  
8 interrogation plan. And that included what you were going to use,  
9 what kind of techniques and we kind of scripted out kinda like a  
10 Coach Walsh from the old forty-niners side of the game. At least ten  
11 questions if you could, that you were going to go with. And that  
12 might spin something else out. If somewhere along those lines the  
13 interrogation that you decided this wasn't working, you want to do  
14 something else. You stop the interrogation, either set them up for  
15 another time to go back, talk to your chain of command, and try  
16 another approach. Or you go talk to your chain of command at that  
17 time. Cause you have a night shift under Chief Graham, Sergeant  
18 Johnson and day shift under Captain Wood.

19 Q. So you did have, you did provide some instructions to the  
20 interrogators with regards to how to conduct an interrogation plan?

21 A. Yes, sir. And this was a planned process that, sir, I'm  
22 telling you we sweated blood for, I don't know, a couple weeks.

1 Q. But you did not conduct interrogations, per se, but you  
2 have knowledge of interrogation techniques and practices and how to  
3 conduct an interrogation plan?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. All right. How many MI interrogations----

6 A. Let me finish what she did on it, sir, if you wanna know  
7 what happened. Somewhere along this process on her interrogation the  
8 detainee, according to her statement, was not becoming compliant.  
9 And she started using removal of clothing as a motivating factor.  
10 Somewhere along, and I don't know how long the interrogation took, I  
11 don't remember at this point. Specialist Cruz sent a note over and  
12 said, are you sure that this is authorized. She wrote back to  
13 Specialist Cruz, cause I interviewed them both with their NCOIC there  
14 and Captain Wood, the interrogation OIC and she said, "Yes, it's  
15 authorized." The bottom line was they had the detainee remove all  
16 his outer clothing and took him back to Camp Vigilant like that at  
17 22, 2230 hours in the evening. So, it was getting cold that time of  
18 the year. Was not an authorized interrogation. I went to Colonel  
19 Pappas after I read the statements and told him what happened. Told  
20 him the immediate action was that I requested that they pull both  
21 Specialist Cruz and Specialist Spencer from the Tiger Teams and  
22 reassign them temporary duties pending Brigade Commander's decision  
3 on it. I said, "Sir, here's some options we can do. Keep them out

1 like that and monitor them. Give them a counseling statement. Sir,  
2 you can give them UCMJ action, whatever case you want to do, take it  
3 with." I believe he spoke to Chief Rivas and Major Matt Price on it.  
4 One of them went to work CMD, Collection Management Dissemination.  
5 The other went to the Fusion Cell. Both of them, I understand,  
6 soldiered up, did very well in those arenas. I believe Specialist  
7 Spencer has been put back on the Tiger Team.

8 Q. All right, you don't think that was a violation of a  
9 command directive, signed by General Ricardo Sanchez?

10 A. Sir, that was my question to the Brigade Commander, was,  
11 "Sir, removal of clothing, especially in cool evening hours and then  
12 walking back kind of a slap in the face, so to speak. Matter of  
13 fact, when I spoke to both soldiers, I gave them a reverse scenario.  
14 I said, "What if all of us coalition U.S. forces were inside Camp  
15 Vigilant, the Iraqi security forces were guarding us, and you,  
16 Specialist Spence came back with your clothing removed or portions of  
17 your clothing removed late at night. How would you expect us as  
18 American soldiers, or coalition forces to react?" And at that point,  
19 I believe, the light bulb kinda came on there, sir.

20 Q. So they-- she didn't get an Article 15?

21 A. Colonel Pappas chose not to go Article 15, sir.

22 Q. So you're saying that the Brigade Commander, somehow,  
23 disregarded this thing called, the purpose of all interviews and

1 interrogations to get the most information from a security detainee  
2 with the least intrusive method applied in the humane and lawful  
3 manner with sufficient oversight by trained investigators or  
4 interrogators?

5 A. Sir, that's what I'm saying----

6 Q. Slap on the hand, wasn't it?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Anybody else that were disciplined in a similar manner by  
9 the Brigade Commander that you know of? Since you are an instructor  
10 of sorts.-----

1 A. Sir,-----

12 Q. -----Given in-- that sort of information that there's a  
13 certain standard here that was issued.

14 A. Yes, sir. Sir-----

15 Q. So you don't think you're responsible for that as well?

16 A. Sir, I have no UCMJ authority. My only alternative at that  
17 point was to take it up to General Sanchez or to General Fast.

18 Q. And you didn't do that?

19 A. Sir, I was told to stay in my lane.

20 Q. Who told you that?

21 A. Colonel Pappas told me that.

1 Q. Colonel Pappas told you that. Seems to me that most of you  
2 were kind of knocking heads with regards to compliance with  
3 standards.

4 A. Well, sir, I'm gonna tell you that this is probably not the  
5 first FRAGO that I was told to ignore by Colonel Pappas. And, sir,  
6 there were times that I stood up to Colonel Pappas and refused to  
7 execute what I felt was an unlawful order and asked for clarification  
8 in writing. And, sir, I never got it. And I----

9 Q. Let me read you something, Colonel Jordan. AR 190-8, which  
10 is a joint regulation and it, states on here: the inhumane treatment  
11 of EPW civilian internees and retained personnel is prohibited. It's  
12 not justified by the stress of combat or with deep provocation.  
13 Inhumane treatment is a serious and punishable violation of the  
14 International Law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So  
15 you're telling me that your Brigade Commander somehow took it upon  
16 himself, based on your recommendation, to remove this person from any  
17 interrogation practices or mission and that she just was given  
18 probably a verbal reprimand or admonition and is now being placed  
19 back into interrogation?

20 A. Sir, my recommendation was that he pursue UCMJ as was  
21 Captain Woods, as was Sergeant Adams recommendation. And what he  
22 asked me was, "What have I done at the time? Are they still on the  
23 Tiger Team?" I said, "No sir, I pulled them off the Tiger Team and

1 have asked for them to be reassigned to other duties. Sir, this is  
2 where they've been reassigned based on Major Price and Chief Rivas'  
3 recommendation."

4 Q. Were there any other interrogators that were accused of, or  
5 suspected of, or punished for inhumane treatment of detainees by  
6 virtue of their interrogation practices?

7 A. Sir, we go back to the night, October 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> where the  
8 three interrogators from the 519<sup>th</sup> ----

9 Q. Those were the only ones?

10 A. Sir, that's the only ones that I'm aware of.

11 Q. What punishment did they get?

12 A. Sir, they got Field Grade Article 15, I believe. According  
13 to Colonel Pappas, sir, I never saw the documents, but I did see-- I  
14 handled the statements that were provided to me by the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company  
15 Commander based on two or three MPs. And, quite frankly sir, I got  
16 chastised for writing an eight-page SIR on exactly what occurred.----

17 Q. Who chastised you?

18 A. Sir, Colonel Pappas.

19 Q. Boy, you guys are having such a great working relationship-  
20 ---

21 A. Sir, sir, we never had a great working relationship. And  
22 you can ask General Fast that I even came to her late October, early  
3 November timeframe, I believe, and asked if there's any way I could



1 be reassigned any other duties. Because I felt since I wasn't  
2 assigned to the Brigade, I wasn't on the Brigade staff, that I was  
3 constantly butting heads. Not only on issues like this, but issues  
4 like a soldier coming in theater without a weapon and being at Abu  
5 Ghraib for-- and Balad, being in theater for three weeks without a  
6 weapon. And this Company Commander didn't know about it, Battalion  
7 Commander didn't know about it, Brigade Commander obviously didn't  
8 know about it when I informed, they took action. Soldiers being sent  
9 out without ammunition by the Brigade staff or Battalions. Civilians  
10 being sent out without their protective gear. Abu Ghraib, sir, you  
11 obviously know gets mortared, gets hit, missiles everything all the  
12 time. And, sir, I just couldn't understand that. The safety issue.  
13 I was directed, matter of fact, on the evening of the incident of 20  
14 September where we lost two soldiers and-- I get emotional about that  
15 because if Sergeant-- Specialist Brown and Sergeant Frederick hadn't  
16 been where they were at, myself, Chief Rivas, Major Thompson probably  
17 wouldn't be here to day cause they took the brunt of the blow.

18 Q. How do you feel about those detainees being inhumanely  
19 treated?

20 A. Sir, I----

21 Q. They don't count?

22 A. No, sir, I never said that, sir. And I've told everybody  
\_3 and you can ask these soldiers in formation I talked to them and

1 highlighted what Colonel Pappas would say about how you treat folks  
2 and that there are Rules of Engagement and I stressed that, and I  
3 stressed, and I stressed that, sir. I never stressed that to the MPs  
4 sir, because I never felt that was my lane. I understand that they  
5 had their own rules of how they handle detainees, prisoners, what  
6 have you, and there are two different categories out there.

7 Q. But given the fact that you were involved with  
8 interrogation operations for whatever reason,-----

9 A. Yes, sir.-----

10 Q. -----in a liaison capacity, do you know that postings of the  
11 Geneva Conventions have to be done in such a manner where everybody  
12 could see it, to include both U.S. Military and detainees in both  
13 English and Arabic so they understand the left and right limits?

14 A. Sir, I do know that the Magistrate Cell at Abu Ghraib had  
15 provided those, and I do know that there were times that they needed  
16 additional linguist support for those that were illiterate to  
17 understand and help sign their Geneva-- I think it's called a rights  
18 waiver-- that the-- and I know that they had gone to the linguist  
19 manager, I think Chief Rummager, to get those folks to go do that  
20 and-- and-- and insure that. I had seen it-----

21 Q. Based on your presence-- based on your presence there, and  
22 giving advice to the MPs, you didn't see any of that happen?

23 A. Any negative behavior on detainees?

1 Q. Well, detainees, of course, or the MPs as you said you had  
2 limited access into Tier 1A and 1B that given the instructions by the  
3 magistrate on the Geneva Convention that they would have at least  
4 told you the provisions or highlighted the provisions of AR 190-8.

5 A. Sir, I would hope that if they were aware of anything that  
6 had gone against the rules of treating people humanely, I'd have  
7 heard about it. And, sir, if I had, I would have probably reacted  
8 like I did the night that the shooting went down and Colonel Pappas  
9 had instructed that a lock down of the correctional officers on duty  
10 be held because of concern of weapons being smuggled and prior  
11 intelligence.

12 Q. Colonel Pappas ordered the lock down of everybody?

13 A. Of the correctional officers, yes, sir.

14 Q. Of the correctional officers.

15 A. Yes, sir. And he went into----

16 Q. So does that tell me then, that Colonel Pappas was then--  
17 had control and didn't need to coordinate with the MP Battalion  
18 Commander to lock down everybody in that prison? Why would an MI  
19 Batt-- Brigade Commander order the lock down to which those people  
20 were not under his command and control; which you just stipulated as--  
21 --

22 A. Sir, I believe they were under his command and control at  
.3 that point in time as the FOB Commander.

1 Q. As the FOB Commander?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. So, that would include then, Tier 1A and 1B?

4 A. I'm not sure of the question on that, sir.

5 Q. Question is, you have a hard site.-----

6 A. Yes, sir.-----

7 Q. -----That hard site was shared by both Iraqi-----

8 A. MP, MI, yes sir, and Iraqi prisoners-----

9 Q. -----so you just said that he ordered the lockdown to  
10 everybody there, to correctional officers and the whole thing. Who  
11 did he order that lock down to? The MI personnel or to the MPs?

12 A. Sir, I believe he ordered it to the MPs on duty at the  
13 time. Sergeant Fredrick

14 Q. So, in other words, that would then imply then that he had  
15 authority to order.

16 A. Oh, yes sir.

17 Q. Sure.

18 A. And matter of fact, it continued on to-----

19 Q. Tier 1A and 1B?-----

20 A. Tier 1A, 1B-----

21 Q. The whole complex, right?

22 A. The whole complex and included the shifts two and three  
23 that came on the subsequent days.

1 Q. Yeah. I'm just trying to understand from what you just  
2 said previously that MI had no control over those folks.

3 A. Sir, we're talking a different time frame from when he came  
4 in as the FOB Commander. At that point, everything fell under  
5 Colonel Pappas whether certain folks wanted it to or not.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. All right, sir. I did question him about locking people  
8 down. Second group coming in, third group coming in and they work  
9 24-hour shifts, kinda like firefighters, sir. So they came in and we  
10 were all ordered to meet them at the gate, screen them all, and any  
11 of those that had contraband or suspect to take and lock them down,  
12 and we act-- I think the final count, sir, was 47 or 48 of which I  
13 believe 18 are facing prosecution to include 4 for smuggling a weapon  
14 and things of that nature. Some got fired, some got fined; but there  
15 was a bad presence.

16 Q. So then that placed in the custody of whom?

17 A. The MPs, sir.

18 Q. The MPs. Do you know a Master of Arms First Class Kimbro?

19 A. I can't place the name, sir.

20 Q. He's a dog handler.

21 A. Okay, sir. Navy petty officer or something like that, I'm  
22 guessing? Okay. There were three canine teams that had come out to  
23 Abu Ghraib, yes sir.

1 Q. Just three?

2 A. As far as I know there were only three canine units there,  
3 sir.

4 Q. There was five.

5 A. Okay sir.

6 Q. All right. So how do you know MA1 Kimbro?

7 A. Just, when you say dog handler, I'm just assuming I saw  
8 there were a couple Navy folks in DCUs that had dogs.

9 Q. How did you know he was Navy?

10 A. You said Master Chief, sir, so I'm assuming Navy.

11 Q. Did you ever see him in the hard site?

12 A. Sir, I couldn't pick him out of a lineup, but I'm gonna  
13 say----

14 Q. Did you see him during the evening of the shooting at the  
15 hard site? Was he there?

16 A. If he was part of the QRF that had been called in to go in  
17 because the subsequent information was that there might be  
18 explosives, there might be hand grenades, things like that, I believe  
19 at that point in time, and I don't know who authorized-- they just  
20 showed up because I was chatting with Colonel Pappas and he was  
21 putting together an SIR interim report to send up to the JOC. He  
22 asked me to go back and check on what the status, who was there and  
23 whatever and the QRF was doing a shake down of the lower tier cells

1 with dogs looking for explosives and I believe there were two dog  
2 handler teams in there.-----

3 Q. Okay.-----

4 A. -----And I just remember the dogs because-----

5 Q. On the night of the shooting you said you notified Colonel  
6 Pappas following the shooting.

7 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

8 Q. According to interviews, he was never notified by you. He  
9 was notified by somebody else. Cause you mentioned there was no way  
10 for you to contact him inside the hard site.

11 A. I may have called-- I may have called Captain Wood and  
12 asked her to go down and tell Colonel Pappas at that point.

13 Q. Why would you do that if you were-- were there telephones  
14 in the hard site?

15 A. I had to go down to one of the other offices there and pick  
16 up a DVNT line to make a call over.

17 Q. All right. I just want to, for the record, he denies you  
18 ever reporting to him that incident.

19 A. Okay, sir.

20 Q. That he was notified after the shooting by General  
21 Karpinski. So-----

22 A. Sir, he was there at the-- living there at night.

1 Q. I mean during chronologically there was a shooting that you  
2 said you never saw the Battalion Commander or the Company Commander  
3 during the entire time prior to going into the cell to do whatever  
4 interviews you did with the [REDACTED] which is a search on that  
5 particular side of the house. Or a search of a suspect that may have  
6 subsequently did have the weapon, which is another search. And then  
7 you were in fact had control of those guards taking action that  
8 resulted in the shooting of a guard and then you mentioned that you  
9 then reported that incident to Colonel Pappas to which he denies on  
10 his sworn-- since he was under oath yesterday-- he said he never  
11 received any report from you and that he in fact received the report  
12 from General Karpinski because General Karpinski was notified  
13 afterwards.

14 A. Sir, I totally disagree. Here's a copy of an e-mail that  
15 says, quote "From Colonel Pappas at 2023, it says 8:23 AM here, says  
16 we've got the weapon here, can't tell anything about it except that  
17 the Chinese star on the handle means that it wasn't a U.S. 9mm for  
18 which I am grateful. Am getting details from Lieutenant Colonel  
19 Jordan today. Frankly this is pretty straightforward: enemy shoots,  
20 we shoot back, no Rules of Engagement or training issues whatsoever.  
21 I am very concerned about the incident at Ganci because the  
22 circumstances are much less clear cut. One are the staff needs to  
23 get involved in my assessment, as long as IP guards have the run of



1 the facility and we don't have MPs to supervise them full time, which  
2 we should, but somehow don't, especially at the access point to the  
3 High Value Detainee area. One thing I'm looking at doing is cutting  
4 off access to all iso cells blocks and making U.S. only. More to  
5 follow."

6 Q. Okay. What do you think is the implication of that, at  
7 least the intent that he had already taken control or wants to take  
8 control of the facility?

9 A. Sir, my basis is that I informed Colonel Pappas immediately  
10 after the shooting, I want to say it went through Captain Wood, back  
11 and forth because I would get a couple of calls back, please come and  
12 help get the interim report going while the dog teams were back and  
13 forth. And then I would be sent back and forth to update Colonel  
14 Pappas. Matter of fact, Colonel Pappas came into and asked me to  
15 escort him down to the hard site cell and handled the 9 mil and  
16 pulled off the Chinese star and all these kind of things, off it,  
17 sir.

18 Q. Is it your understanding that up until the 19<sup>th</sup> of November,  
19 that's the date that he received the FRAGO stipulating that he was--  
20 or appointing him to be the FOB Commander, that-- that nobody was in  
21 charge of the hard site? MPs were in charge of the hard site at that  
22 time. But on the 19<sup>th</sup> and subsequently after that that the MI Brigade

1 Commander had control of all the facilities, to include the camps,  
2 the detention camps and as such----

3 A. Sir, there's no doubt in my mind it was readily discussed  
4 with me at great length sometimes by Colonel Pappas to go relay  
5 information from him to the battalion three, to Colonel Phillabaum---  
6 -

7 Q. Why relayed through you? Why didn't you just tell him?

8 A. Sir, my impression of Colonel Pappas is a very smart  
9 individual, very bright, does not like confrontations, and therefore,  
10 uses someone else to send his message.

11 Q. So, in your capacity as liaison officer, you conveyed that  
12 to whom?

13 A. If he asked me to go see Major Dinenna or he asked me to go  
14 see Colonel Phillabaum----

15 Q. Regards to stating that I am now the FOB Commander, I'm now  
16 in charge of that facility, or I'm now in charge of detention  
17 operations. You said that he just used you or he utilized you to  
18 convey that particular order----

19 A. Sir, back to the conversation I mentioned where he and  
20 Major Dinenna after-- and I want to say normally he had a 0900  
21 morning meeting, he came in one afternoon, I believe Colonel--  
22 Lieutenant Colonel Walters was there as well, he introduced who  
23 Lieutenant Colonel Walters was, Sergeant Major Harris, few of the

1 other folks, what his focus was now as the FOB Commander, few other  
2 things. There was some rolling of the eyes by Dinenna, some other  
3 comments, and that's when he took him outside and highlighted that he  
4 was in charge of everything there at Abu Ghraib as the FOB Commander,  
5 to include----

6 Q. To include the confinement facility?

7 A. Everything, sir.

8 Q. Okay. And that was your understanding?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Was that conveyed verbally to everybody in that meeting?

1 A. Oh, yes sir. And I'm talking engineers, quartermaster,  
12 everybody that would come to those normal, base camp-type meetings.

13 Q. This is after he had been appointed as the FOB Commander?

14 A. Yes, sir. Now, I can't tell you if it was the 19<sup>th</sup> or the  
15 29<sup>th</sup> or whenever it was, but it was right in the timeframe and just  
16 prior to that, he had pulled myself in, Major Price--and I want to  
17 say it was after 15 November, because Major Thompson wasn't there,  
18 that's when he departed--Chief Rivas, Captain Wood, whoever else was  
19 there, Colonel Walters, I think maybe his Brigade legal officer, and  
20 indicated, showed the FRAGO, I've now been appointed the FOB  
21 Commander Abu Ghraib in charge of everything that is running here. I  
22 understand, not firsthand knowledge, but through other folks that

1 there was a major falling out between him and the sergeant major  
2 about that issue----

3 Q. Who was this again?

4 A. Sergeant Major Brown.

5 Q. And the Brigade Commander. And that for some reason  
6 Sergeant Major Brown felt that he-- the Brigade Commander had made a  
7 mistake in pursuing or accepting FOB Command and from what I  
8 understand, they didn't speak for about 30 or 45 days. Matter of  
9 fact, Sergeant Major Brown stayed at Camp Victory. Colonel Pappas  
10 pulled his ops sergeant major, Sergeant Major Harris out to be his  
11 acting FOB Sergeant Major, for lack of a better, and that's the role  
12 that Sergeant Major Harris played out there was as the FOB Sergeant  
13 Major.

14 Q. Let me shift gears a little bit. Colonel Jordan, did you  
15 ever give any of the MP guards in Tier 1A and 1B any instructions  
16 with regards to detainee treatment. More specifically, how to treat  
17 them to prepare them for interrogation the next day or during that  
18 day with such comments as "give him the special treatment, or give  
19 her a special treatment, make it easy for us when we interrogate him  
20 the next day?"

21 A. No sir, I would never do anything like that. If I said  
22 anything to anybody, it would be, "You let me know if anything has  
23 gone awry on any interrogations." I would talk to even doc Anderson

1 who kind of headed up the medical team that would go in, I guess once  
2 in the morning and once in the afternoon to give prescriptions and  
3 things of this nature, and said----

4 Q. Who's this person?

5 A. Lieutenant Colonel Anderson. They were with-- I think a  
6 109<sup>th</sup> Medical unit-- they provided all the medical care for us, but  
7 also for the detainees. ----and said, "Please let me know if you're  
8 aware of anybody that appears to have been mistreated and any of  
9 these kind of natures. I need to know immediately, very sensitive."  
10 I had a good relationship with doc Anderson to a point where he would  
11 come to me and say, "Hey, Steve, out in Camp Vigilant we have a 73  
12 year old man who has brain cancer. I don't know what intelligence  
13 value he has. Can you check and see if we can get him released  
14 because he's going to die. And he's going to die soon." And we had  
15 a couple of those kind of instances where, again, there was a  
16 procedure Colonel Pappas had in place on any released detainees.  
17 We'd have to go get time, say sir, "Pulled the file, I've looked at  
18 it, I've talked to the interrogations folks. I've talked to either  
19 Matt Price, Major Price, Major Thompson, Chief Rivas. There's no  
20 real intelligence value, we're just kind of holding him. This person  
21 is a security detainee. Sir, if this was my dad, I'd like to have  
22 him go home and die at home." In most all those cases, Colonel  
\_3 Pappas went with the recommendation of releasing the individual out

1 and do that. And I appreciate-- quite frankly, sometimes I got tired  
2 of doc Anderson coming by and saying, "Hey, we really need to check  
3 on this guy for dental care," or something like that, you know. But  
4 I would pursue it, "Thanks doc. Let me take this up and go do it."  
5 And he had a very caring heart that went out beyond Iraqi, American,  
6 what have you. His whole team did a great job. Never once did he  
7 come and tell me of a detainee in either Ganci, Vigilant, or in the  
8 hard cell site showing any signs of abuse, or anything along those  
9 lines.

10 Q. You've never seen anybody walking around naked or at least  
11 raise any curiosity of-- in your infrequent checks of seeing a  
12 detainee naked in his or her cell. You never saw any of that?

13 A. Sir, I never saw any female detainees unclothed.

14 Q. What about male?

15 A. Sir, I had seen, at times, male detainees that didn't have  
16 all their clothing-- you know, had shorts on, or what have you. I  
17 never saw any detainee totally naked.

18 Q. When was that? I mean, you see folks without their  
19 clothing in the dead of winter----

20 A. No, sir, I'm not saying-- I'm talking September, October  
21 timeframe.

22 Q. I'm talking about after----

23 A. Sir, I never saw anybody----

1 Q. Not at all?

2 A. Never, never. I did get report from the International Red  
3 Cross that they wanted to-- what do I want to say-- chat with  
4 detainees, but they had female Red Cross personnel and they could not  
5 chat with detainees that were naked. And they mentioned this in  
6 front of me and Colonel Phillabaum and I said, "I'm not aware of any  
7 thing that prohibits clothing a detainee to talk to somebody from the  
8 International Red Cross." And again, sir, I met with some resistance  
9 from the 519<sup>th</sup> element of like, Colonel Jordan you're a tree hugger  
10 or-- I'm like-- look, you want to talk to the International Red Cross  
11 if the removal of clothing is part of the interrogation plan for the  
12 compel them to be a little more compelling with information, I see no  
13 harm in somebody putting on their orange jumpsuit or something and  
14 talking to the International Red Cross. And I said, "We had  
15 allegations of detainee supposedly being electrocuted-- this by the  
16 International Red Cross, I never saw the report, but this is what  
17 Colonel Pappas told me, underwear on their heads, being made to  
18 dance.

19 Q. You had reports of that nature?

20 A. Sir, I was told by Colonel Pappas that the International  
21 Red Cross finding of one visit that those were a couple of instances.  
22 But they were hoping that all detainees would have Iraqi hot food,

1 not MREs, that they would hope that all detainees would have  
2 mattresses, things of this nature. And he asked me----

3 Q. Well, given the fact that you wanted to go inside the hard  
4 site, the Tier 1 and-- Tier 1A and 1B to check whether there was  
5 compliance of sorts. You mentioned that based on these reports or  
6 allegations from ICRC or anybody else for that matter. None of that  
7 sort was occurring?

8 A. Sir, not to my knowledge. I'm telling you sir, I'm looking  
9 you in the eye, if I was made aware of it, I would have stopped it.  
10 You'd probably do a 15-6 on me for putting a boot in a soldier's  
' butt. All right, sir, I'm telling you I was never made aware of  
12 that. And matter of fact, when the International Red Cross came from  
13 their visit, Colonel Phillabaum specifically asked me to take them  
14 over to the iso area and escort them over and help them out in any  
15 area that they had-- if they had any questions about security  
16 detainees.

17 Q. Let's talk about that, in the iso area. You said there was  
18 a roster of who was in there and who was not.

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Okay. Were there specific instructions to put somebody in  
21 segregation? And how was that conveyed? Verbal or written?

22 A. I'd say it was probably provided verbally and then there  
\_3 should have been some sort of written annotation----



1 Q. Some sort.-----

2 A. -----in the detainees-- why they were in segregation. What  
3 was the specific goal to have this person in segregation?

4 Q. Who should sign those? Who should sign those?

5 A. [Pause]

6 Q. Interrogator or somebody.

7 A. I would say probably the ICE chief for day shift or night  
8 shift because they were the ones monitoring and scheduling the  
9 interrogations; they were the ones that were kinda held accountable  
10 to make sure that the interrogation folders were up-to-date and  
11 current. So if any time anybody came to review them and they were  
12 briefed off of, and sir, I spent more time running around, being an  
13 aide-de-camp, no offense, to visit general officers and folks from  
14 the White House, and explaining what a Tiger Team is, and walking  
15 them through the ICE and things like this, than I can shake a stick  
16 at. But there was a lot of those.

17 Q. Well, I will tell you that those have to be as-- based on  
18 the interrogation Rules of Engagement that was approved by General  
19 Sanchez, that they either have to be signed by him or signed by  
20 Colonel Pappas, nothing less.

21 A. All right sir, I never, ever saw anything signed by General  
22 Sanchez in anybody's interrogation folder that I saw.

1 Q. Right, but you're familiar with interrogation plans and  
2 things of that nature, based on what you just said about Specialist  
3 Spencer because she wasn't following her interrogation plan.

4 A. She wasn't following her directed interrogation plan, yes,  
5 sir.

6 Q. So, that's part of the interrogation plan is if I want to  
7 have this particular detainee was non-compliant, or we sense he  
8 doesn't want to comply or answer the questions, he or she is given  
9 some sort of a treatment that would either be segregation or some  
10 sort of a sleep management plan or meal management plan, and that was  
11 either conveyed to somebody, to the MPs, you said either in writing  
12 or verbal followed and signed by somebody else.

13 A. Yes, sir. Sir, I would say for isolation, but I know on  
14 that case with Specialist Spencer that the person had come out of  
15 Camp Vigilant.

16 Q. Right.

17 A. So that it was not a----

18 Q. But everybody's being interrogated----

19 A. ----sleep management or something like that, there was not  
20 a----

21 Q. Everybody's getting interrogated, whether they liked it or  
22 not. That's the whole purpose of having a detention operation.

1           A.    Yes, sir.  And at this point I can't understand, sir, if  
2 this was just an initial interrogation, first time, second time, I--  
3 I can't tell you at this point.

4           Q.    So, you're not-- are you familiar with Interrogation Rules  
5 of Engagement?

6           A.    Yes, sir.

7           Q.    Which one?

8           A.    As far as Rules of Engagement for Interrogation?

9           Q.    The Rules of Engagement before Colonel Pappas arrived or  
10 was there a subsequent one after he arrived?

11          A.    Sir, there were two sets.  There was a first set and I  
12 remember specifically Colonel Pappas directed me to make sure that  
13 everybody read it and signed it immediately on my arrival, so I want  
14 to say 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, somewhere around there, September----

15          Q.    Do you recall any of the contents of that?

16          A.    Yes, sir.  It was like, you know, what was authorized as  
17 far as sleep management, meal modification, things of that nature.

18          Q.    Who gets to approve?  Does it stipulate on there who gets  
19 to approve and disapprove, that sort of thing?

20          A.    The way that, if I remember correctly, the way that  
21 everything was set down to us from the Brigade was read the Rules of  
22 Engagement, make sure everybody's aware of them, down to the very

1 lowest sldier. Any questions sign the document and make sure they  
2 understand it. At this point I----

3 Q. Do you recall seeing that in the Brigade TOC?

4 A. Sir, I was never in the Brigade TOC, unless you're talking  
5 about a Brigade TOC at Abu Ghraib.

6 Q. Brigade Headquarters at Abu Ghraib?

7 A. No, sir. Cause I would call the Brigade Headquarters at  
8 the time, the small office that Colonel Pappas maintained and I never  
9 saw that posted.

10 Q. So you never ventured in the admin area of the Brigade  
11 Headquarters? I would imagine that since you're the liaison officer  
12 you would have kind of free reign in that particular area.

13 A. Sir, he never had his 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, nobody out there.

14 Q. When he went down to the FOB?

15 A. No, sir, never did.

16 Q. Never been in there?

17 A. Sir, I've been in there, but he didn't have his Brigade  
18 staff, that's what I'm telling you, sir.

19 Q. But he had an office in there?

20 A. He had an office, yes, sir, and I was in there, yes, sir.

21 Q. Would you venture in his office? I went to his office.

22 A. Only invited, sir.

23 Q. Only invited.

1 A. Yes, sir, I never went in unaccompanied.

2 Q. That's kind of strange, I mean, you were working for him as  
3 his liaison officer, and you had to be invited?

4 A. Sir, I would knock on your door out of common courtesy,  
5 like anybody else, cause a lot of times he would take a power nap or  
6 something. He had a Brigade legal officer with him, he had an  
7 Assistant 3, Captain Chimaral that lived there, and occasionally a  
8 Sergeant First Class Chinzano. So, a lot of times there were notes  
9 on the door, do not disturb, whatever. A lot of times that was the  
10 only DSN line we had, if the Brigade Commander----

11 Q. So it was kind of-- it wasn't kind of an open setting?

12 A. Oh no, sir, there was nothing open about it, it was very---  
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14 Q. It's kind of hard to imagine there, Colonel Jordan, but let  
15 me now show you this, have you seen that?

16 [MG Taguba hands LTC Jordan a document.]

17 A. Sir, I saw this sometime in early January.

18 Q. In early January?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. When in early January.

21 A. When I happened to venture out to the facility, sir. I left  
22 Abu Ghraib to do a separate mission on 22 December,----

23 Q. Right.-----

1 A. ----came back and picked up some gear----

2 Q. Right.-----

3 A. ----and that was posted----

4 Q. Okay.-----

5 A. ----inside the JIDIC when you walked into the main door.---

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7 Q. Okay.-----

8 A. ----But I had never seen it posted prior to that time, sir,

9 and I never saw it-----

10 Q. None?-----

11 A. ----in his-- in his office, no sir.

12 Q. So, based on the memo from General Sanchez, dated 12

13 October 2003, you're stipulating that Colonel Pappas never did do

14 anything to update the Interrogation Rules of Engagement until early

15 January?

16 A. No, sir, I'm saying I never saw this physical sign.

17 However, when the modification of the Rules of Engagement came down,

18 Colonel Pappas again directed that an entire formation be held,

19 everybody be read the Rules of Engagement,-----

20 Q. And you sign a piece of document?-----

21 A. ----and then you read them again yourself, and you sign

22 them and it's maintained by, at the time I believe Sergeant First

23 Class Johnson.

1 Q. Did you sign it? Sign your portion of it?

2 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

3 Q. I think we have records of that, but we'll take a look.----

4 A. Yes, sir. And I signed it also, like I say, 18 or 19, the  
5 original one.

6 Q. Would it surprise you that it has been prominently  
7 displayed in the Brigade office area that you mentioned that you had  
8 no free reign in since early December? But you did not, since you  
9 were not inside there all the time, you never noticed it.

10 A. Sir, you'd have to show me where it was displayed because  
11 there was never any large display----

12 Q. Okay. Well, we have pictures of where it was displayed----

13 A. Okay, sir.-----

14 Q. ----and it was in the front entrance to the right, you make  
15 a left to go to another office, I think, and it was right there, as  
16 big as the moon.

17 A. Check, sir.

18 Q. So one would not be surprised as to miss it.

19 A. Sir, all I'm telling you is, that I only remember seeing  
20 that when you first walked in the door in the JIDIC in early January.

21 Q. Okay.

1           A.    But I'm saying, sir, that Colonel Pappas was very adamant  
2 when the modification came down from General Sanchez that everybody  
3 read it and signed off on it.

4           Q.    So, nobody-- did you have any knowledge of any allegations,  
5 suspicion or recorded detainee abuses?

6           A.    No, sir.

7           Q.    None whatsoever?

8           A.    Other than what the International Red Cross supposedly came  
9 down that Colonel Pappas shared with us.

10          Q.    Okay.

11          A.    I never imagined anything going on other than normal  
12 operations.

13          Q.    Since you were involved in interrogation and detention  
14 operations, with your presence as the liaison officer from C-2, and  
15 the fact of the matter is that you said you were familiar with  
16 certain regulations and formats and based on your own experience as  
17 an MI officer and your assignments here, looking at your experience  
18 factor; Hawaii you were with JITPAC, you were IPAC, you were with  
19 732<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion at Scofield Barracks, Civil Affairs Brigade, that  
20 sort of thing, and all that kind of background. Never heard of AR  
21 190-8?

22          A.    The title is?

23          Q.    Title is, oh glad you asked that question.



1 A. Thanks, ARs can run together, sir.

2 Q. Title is: Enemy or Prisoners of War, Retained Personnel,  
3 Civilian Internees and other Detainees, dated 1 October 1997. Army  
4 Regulation 190-8, OPNAV Instruction 3461.6, AFJ131-304 of Marine  
5 Corps order 3461.1.

6 A. Check, sir.

7 Q. Never heard of that? Not in any of the schooling that you  
8 had with-- at the Defense Intelligence College?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Not at Leavenworth, not being as a intel analyst, chief  
11 special operations LIC branch at IPAC, company commander, none of  
12 that?

13 A. No, sir. The only time that I've even discussed EPW type  
14 issues versus detainees was at Abu Ghraib with the Magistrate Cell  
15 when it came down to Geneva Convention and then it was pointed out  
16 that there's a difference between the rights for EPWs and detainees.  
17 The only time that I've----

18 Q. None of that, ever been associated with that?

19 A. Roger that, sir.

20 Q. So you never really worked with detainees until you arrived  
21 in theater?

22 A. On the military side of the house?

.3 Q. Yeah.

1 A. Correct, sir.

2 Q. Not at all?

3 A. Correct, sir.

4 Q. So there you did not-- what you're stipulating here is you  
5 never received any training whatsoever with either interacting or  
6 being involved with detainee operations or interrogations operations?

7 A. Sir, the closest I even came would be in a division where  
8 you run an exercise and you might have EPWs sent back to the RACKO  
9 area-- guarded by MPs.

10 Q. So, nobody ever gave you any kind of special instructions  
11 of what your presence was there as an LNO officer?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. So, did you take it upon yourself at all to try to do some  
14 self-paced instructions on that?

15 A. Well, sir, that's why I said I went to the Magistrate Cell  
16 to ask differences on that. That's why I asked the folks----

17 Q. I meant to ask you, who's the Magistrate Cell? Who did you  
18 talk to, a lawyer, or captain?

19 A. Yes, sir. There's JAG officers that run that Magistrate  
20 Cell. My bad, my bad. Captain Shaunty, forget the other officer  
21 that was there.

22 Q. So, they didn't give you anything specific?

23 A. Just highlighted under the Geneva Accord the differences.

1 Q. That's kind of strange; let me read you something here.

2 A. All right, sir.

3 Q. Paragraph, I mean, Section 2.6, says, "To protect the  
4 persons from acts of violence, bodily injury and threats of reprisals  
5 at the hands of fellow detainees, for that matter, a copy of the  
6 following notice in the detainee's language will be posted in every  
7 compound. EPWRP who fear for their lives, who fear that their lives  
8 are in danger or that they may suffer physical injury at the hands of  
9 EPWRP will immediately report the fact personally to U.S. armed  
10 forces personnel at this camp without consulting any representative."  
11 You'd never heard of that? That it should be posted somewhere? That  
12 anybody who felt threatened by other detainees or for that matter  
13 being threatened by guards.

14 A. Well, sir, if I was aware of that, I would obviously report  
15 it. To look you in the eye and tell you am I specifically aware of  
16 that verbiage and that regulation;----

17 Q. Right.-----

18 A. ----nc, sir, I'm not. Do I have common sense enough to  
19 know that you don't mistreat prisoners? Yes, sir. And sir, if I was  
20 aware of any prisoners being mistreated, other than the serious  
21 incident report that we had with the interrogation----

22 Q. When would you typically visit the site? I mean if you had  
-3 permission to visit the site. Daytime, nighttime?

1 A. I would say probably----

2 Q. After midnight?

3 A. ----after 10 PM because we normally had a 08 meeting, 0830,  
4 09, so 10, 1030, somewhere around there to maybe early afternoon if I  
5 happen to come in----

6 Q. So you go after like, 2200?

7 A. Oh no, sir. I was too busy involved in the Brigade  
8 Commander's update putting together slides for the next day. Doing  
9 PowerPoint-- how many interrogations have been done, how many are  
10 pre-planned, how many Tiger Teams, how many personnel losses were  
11 gone, what the status of the showers were.

12 Q. So you typically did your visits during the day?

13 A. Sir, I was normally not even in there after 1600, if that.  
14 And normally that was because mortar time normally began about 1930  
15 to 2000 hours and I wanted to make sure that everybody, not just MI  
16 soldiers-- that everybody had their gear on, they were protected.  
17 Matter of fact, I was chastised at one point in time, by Colonel  
18 Pappas by not having nighttime interrogations going on. Having folks  
19 being removed from the ISO area to just the one timeframe, the wood  
20 interrogation area because I felt, due to force pro issues and  
21 limited computer support that we could hopefully get everybody get  
22 their work done as far as interrogations during the daylight hours

1 and then use the computers at night to get the reports in and get  
2 them taken care of.

3 Q. Okay. Listen, we're going to have to take another ten  
4 minute break here.

5 **[The session recessed at 1735 hours, 21 February 2004.]**

6 **[The session resumed at 1746 hours, 21 February 2004.]**

7 Q. All right, we'll continue, and hopefully finish up here. I  
8 just need to ask you several more questions for clarification.  
9 Again, reminder that we're being recorded.

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. In your day to day involvement with Colonel Pappas or  
12 elements of this Brigade, or for that matter, was there pressures  
13 from higher headquarters that was conveyed to Colonel Pappas or to  
14 you that we need to operate 24-7 and we need to get going on  
15 intelligence collection?

16 A. Yes, sir. Very much so.

17 Q. Who conveyed that then?

18 A. I don't know who conveyed that to Colonel Pappas, but  
19 Colonel Pappas conveyed that to me and other folks that worked there,  
20 Major Thompson, Chief Rivas, Major Price, Captain Wood, the worker  
21 element there.

22 Q. Sure.

1           A.    Many, many, many times, sir.  I think I told you before I  
2 was chastised after we lost soldiers and I wasn't comfortable with  
3 having them move detainees out at night that we could still get the  
4 work done to do that.

5           Q.    Who do you think was giving him-- who did he work for?

6           A.    Sir, he works for General Wodjakowski and General Sanchez.  
7 We all know----

8           Q.    Who was he giving emails to or conveying intelligence  
9 information to-- directly to?  General Fast, or conveying it to you  
10 to give it to somebody?

11          A.    Sir, he never conveyed-- he took what we produced, or what  
12 the team produced.  A lot of it went into this reporting thing called  
13 the HOC, that I believe----

14          Q.    Human Operations Center, right?----

15          A.    Yes, sir.

16          Q.    It was all given to the HOC?  Who operated the HOC?

17          A.    The HOC actually belongs to Colonel Pappas and the-- as far  
18 as the development and the worker bees, I think the 165<sup>th</sup> kind of  
19 headed up for the entire time that I was out there----

20          Q.    Tactical Exploitation Unit, right?

21          A.    Yes, sir.  I believe he also sent a lot of the reporting  
22 into the CJ2X, Colonel Summers, who's on General Fast's staff.  How  
23 much he sent directly to her, I'm not sure.  A lot of the products

1 also went to the intel fusion cell at Camp Victory, which is, again--  
2 --

3 Q. Sure. Did he attend those meetings, did he carry this  
4 information with him personally, or was that conveyed, or was that  
5 given to you to carry to the HOC or the intel fusion cell?

6 A. It was electronic setup where you kinda dump it into a  
7 portal----

8 Q. Got it. Then it goes, it gets flashed.

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay. So you felt that there was a pressure to get  
11 information going and get this suckers going and----

12 A. Sir, I'm gonna give you a couple instances where I feel  
13 that there was additional pressure.

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. One is that we had a White House staff visit from a  
16 representative on Condolessa Rice's staff purely on detainee  
17 operations and reporting. And we also had a fact-finding visit by a  
18 retired colonel by the name of Harrington, and a couple folks from  
19 UCOM and I think CENTCOM that came down----

20 Q. Did somebody include-- did that somebody else also include  
21 Major General Miller from task force GITMO?

22 A. Sir, I think he was there before my time.

3 Q. Do you remember Major General Rider who came there?

1 A. Oh yes, sir. I remember his visit distinctly, yes sir.

2 Q. All right, so there was pressure to get-- were you involved  
3 in any of the discussions?

4 A. Sir, I was just told a couple times by Colonel Pappas that  
5 some of the reporting was getting read by Rumsfeld, folks out at  
6 Langley, some very senior folks. There was some pressure at the very  
7 beginning supposedly, again according to Colonel Pappas, that he was  
8 getting pressure that the JIDIC was not producing. Eventually it was  
9 discovered that the reports were going into a portal to DIA and  
10 somebody was stripping off the 205<sup>th</sup> or the JIDIC label and putting it  
11 out as DIA products. This was discovered actually by a team from  
12 GITMO, a six man team that had come out to assist the structure and  
13 organization and who does what and getting a behavioral science team  
14 and things of that nature, ongoing. So, I would say it is a true  
15 statement, sir, that Colonel Pappas was under a lot of pressure to  
16 produce, sir, and to produce quality reporting.

17 Q. Are you familiar with FM 34-52?

18 A. Title, sir?

19 Q. Intelligence Interrogation.

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. None?

22 A. I've seen----

\_3 Q. The unit was conducting intelligence interrogations.



1           A.    Yes, sir.  The unit had the FM; I've seen some excerpts out  
2 of it.  Have I been trained on it, did I read through the whole  
3 thing; no, sir, did not.

4           Q.    Never referred to it?  Never opened it?

5           A.    Sir, I looked at it for some guidance on maybe creating  
6 target folders because I was going off of civilian experience on  
7 doing target folders and what I thought Colonel Pappas was looking  
8 for and we eventually, like I said before, got there to it.

9           Q.    Are you familiar with one of the annexes in the back?

10          A.    Sir, if it really didn't talk about target folders and----

11          Q.    Didn't talk about target folders, you weren't interested in  
12 it?  You're not interested in Appendix J, Geneva Conventions?

13          A.    Sir, I did review the Geneva Convention with the-- with the  
14 legal side there at the magistrate cell.

15          Q.    Okay.  Prohibition against use of force?

16          A.    Sir, that was stated repeatedly in various FRAGOs and  
17 discussions with Brigade Commander, yes, sir.

18          Q.    If this was stated repeatedly, how come those four  
19 individuals, at least three got an Article 15, you got one that you  
20 had to recommend disciplinary action for, was repeatedly emphasized?

21          A.    Sir, again, your question?

1 Q. If this is repeatedly emphasized throughout the Brigade,  
2 then why Luciana Spencer or the three others that were disciplined  
3 for violations of it-- those particular----

4 A. Well, sir, the first three interrogators from the 519<sup>th</sup>, and  
5 I wanna say that happened very shortly after us closing-- 519<sup>th</sup> was  
6 there about a month before everybody else got there sir.

7 Q. Well, let's talk about October and beyond.

8 A. All right, sir. What I'm saying, sir, is the 519<sup>th</sup> had  
9 already been there. I understand from the investigation that one of  
10 the individuals, or two individuals were involved with the death of a  
11 detainee in Afghanistan previously, so sir I think there was a couple  
12 bad eggs there, and again, CID could not prosecute. Colonel Pappas  
13 did go with UCMJ. That is the only instance that I'm aware of, other  
14 than the Spence-Cruz interrogation which he chose not to use UCMJ on.

15 Q. In the chapter 8, joint interrogation facilities, you're  
16 familiar with that? Whereby you JIDIC the principals of the JIDIC is  
17 related to the formation or establishment of a joint interrogation  
18 facility. No?

19 A. Not especially, no, sir. But I did look at the FM that the  
20 MPs had on running a detention facility and what their FM  
21 responsibilities were versus the MI----

22 Q. Ah, 3-1940? So you're familiar with that one?

1           A.    If that's the correct FM, yes, sir.  I went and looked at  
2 that one.

3           Q.    This one, 3452, establishment of not just EPW facilities,  
4 which doesn't talk too much about that.  But it does talk about joint  
5 interrogation facility to which you are very familiar with, the  
6 JIDIC.  And in the context of responsibilities, it says, "JIF is  
7 responsible for the following functions," and there's about a dozen  
8 and one on here.-----

9           A.    Okay, sir.

10          Q.    -----And it says, "Coordinate with the provost marshal for  
11 all site operations."

12          A.    Okay, sir.

13          Q.    So, you're not familiar with this particular?

14          A.    No, sir, but I'm-----

15          Q.    You are now.

16          A.    Yes, sir.  And I would say that the Brigade coordinated  
17 significantly with the MPs-- provost marshal MPs.

18          Q.    Okay.

19          A.    And, again sir, I would have to say it wasn't overly well  
20 received.

21          Q.    Well, it doesn't matter if it was overly received or not.  
22 There are rules you gotta apply.  You just don't start making things  
\_3 up on your own.  I mean,-----

1 A. Yes, sir.-----

2 Q. ----you're somewhat familiar with intelligence collection.  
3 You're somewhat familiar with-- based on your own experience in which  
4 you've experienced up there at Abu Ghraib.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay. You mentioned that you had to-- you and Colonel  
7 Pappas had crossed wires a couple of times-- a few times, with  
8 regards to illegal orders or guidance that you received from him.  
9 What were some of those illegal guidance? Things that you believed  
10 in to be illegal and you wanted clarity on it and he gave you  
1 guidance on it. What were some of those?

12 A. Sir, I got a phone call one afternoon from the Brigade S-3,  
13 Major Williams, who said that they were looking to do an operation on  
14 black list one, Saddam. And that they wanted to have at a ready  
15 call, four interrogators and four civilian linguists. And that they  
16 would provide two gunship support because the requirement by Brigade  
17 Commander and his FRAGO was minimum three vehicles per convoy, one  
18 crew-served weapon. And sir, there were no crew-served weapons at  
19 Abu Ghraib until sometime towards mid-November, something like that.  
20 Said, okay, that's great, got gunships, Major Thompson, got a call,  
21 you were out, here's the mission. Tell you what, why don't you get  
22 with Chief Rivas, pick the best four interrogators you think, get  
\_3 with Chief Rummager, maybe pick the four best linguists, whatever you

1 want. Get back with Major Williams, be prepared to go, let them know  
2 what's going on. So they went through this drill, came back later in  
3 the afternoon, Major Thompson was gone somewhere, Major Williams  
4 called and said, "Hey, the gunships fell out," I want to say it was  
5 about 1430 that we got the initial call, so the gunship issue fell  
6 out around 1730, no about 1430. And said, "Tell you what, can you  
7 get us," and it was supposed to be MP gunships from, I don't know  
8 which Brigade, which Battalion, didn't ask. "Can you get us two  
9 gunships from Camp Victory to come pick the folks up. Major Thompson  
10 get them staged at the ECP, they can go in there and be ready beck-  
11 an-call if they have to go. Or bring choppers in, vehicles are  
12 already 100 meters staged off with all the gear, troops just gotta go  
13 in and get." About two and a half hours later, Major Williams,  
14 called back, spoke with Major Thompson, said, "No gunships, no air  
15 support, as of 2200 hours, be prepared to go outside the wire and  
16 come into Camp Victory." Major Thompson brought this to me and said,  
17 "Sir, I said, that can't be the clarification. Because we have no  
18 crew-serve, we have no nods, we have no tactical communications, and  
19 basically thin-skinned HMVEEs. So he's asking basically for another  
20 transportation company from Fort Bliss to happen." I said, "Let me  
21 call and verify with Major Williams." So I called down and asked  
22 Major Williams, said, and I used his first name, "Mickey, are you  
3 sure that this is the old man's intent?" And the response I got was,

1 in front of witnesses. "We all know that there's bad guys out there,  
2 this is a war zone, be prepared to execute." I said, "That's a  
3 violation of the FRAGO by the Brigade Commander who says minimum  
4 three vehicles and a crew-served. There's not even a crew-served in  
5 Abu Ghraib that we can go sign for." I said, "There's also a Sanchez  
6 FRAGO out there that iterates this same type thing. And I said, "I'm  
7 not comfortable with this, I'm not going to authorize this, I don't  
8 believe Major Thompson's going to authorize this. Would you please  
9 get us an e-mail, get us a phone call by the old man, fax us  
10 something that approves this." Major Williams said, "Roger, out."  
11 Never heard back that night. Sir, the unusual thing is that that  
12 frickin' phone rang and rang and rang from early morning 'til two,  
13 three in the morning on questions.

14 Q. So, what was the guidance? What lead you to believe that  
15 was not correct?

16 A. Sir, it was in violation of the Brigade FRAGO of minimum  
17 three vehicles and crew-served cause we had no-- had no crew-served,  
18 we didn't even have the three vehicles.

19 Q. You went up to Colonel Pappas and confronted him with that?

20 A. Sir, I went to Major Williams and asked to speak to Colonel  
21 Pappas and he said he'd relay it out and never got a call back.  
22 Called in to speak to Colonel Pappas, was intercepted by the Deputy

1 Commander, Major Potter said, "Colonel Pappas doesn't want to speak  
2 to you."

3 Q. Okay, so what else was there?

4 A. That was-- that was the key one because I felt very bad  
5 doing this without having some guidance and if they were strongly--  
6 they'd have signed off and we would have done it. And, basically,  
7 sir----

8 Q. Were there others?

9 A. I was----

10 Q. You mentioned already about----

11 A. A 15-6, sir on the death of Sergeant Frederick and  
12 Specialist Brown.

13 Q. The death of Sergeant Frederick?

14 A. A different Sergeant Frederick---

15 Q. F-R-D-----

16 A. ----yes, sir, the two MI soldiers that were killed the  
17 night we were injured. The 15-6 officer came down to interview  
18 everybody, and I had highlighted that the evening I arrived on 17  
19 September, there was a mortar attack. And again, sir, you see I'm  
20 not a ranger, I'm not a Delta guy, I'm not a Group guy, but I do got  
21 some training and I wasn't born last night. Came out the next  
22 morning and said, "Well, we've got a work area here in tents, the  
23 Trojan, the communications systems over here. We're all living 50

1 feet over in a hardened old laundry area. There's a very viable open  
2 building that's part of the correctional facility but not being  
3 utilized. Why can't we just move soldiers in here? Because we got  
4 hit last night 200 meters away, and I understand, according to  
5 somebody else that Camp Vigilant, where they were outside working in  
6 August, had had six detainees killed and sixty-one wounded." And I  
7 was told, Brigade says no, I guess it belongs to CPA. So I went to  
8 Brigade and asked permission to move the soldiers in there  
9 temporarily set, you know, up the communication, just move everybody  
10 inside, something hardened other than a tent, and or could I please  
11 get sandbags so we can build sandbags up and harden the facility. At  
12 this same time I had also gone to the MPs and said, "Why don't we  
13 have sandbags maybe out by the tents where the detainees live because  
14 of mortar attacks, obviously. And I was told that they refused to  
15 have them,----

16 Q. Who's they?----

17 A. They, the detainees. ----that they feel that whatever God  
18 will happen, and-- and that's that. I said, "Well, I think I would  
19 still put up some sort of minimal protection from the 8260----

20 Q. So the detainees did not want that to happen, but----

21 A. That's what I was told, sir. I didn't----

22 Q. You were told that.-----

\_3 A. ----speak to detainees and ask them.



1 Q. Did you talk to Colonel Pappas about this?

2 A. Yes, sir. And he said at that time it was an MP function  
3 type thing to do that. So, like I say, sir, that's my second day out  
4 there. I called back to Brigade, I said, "Well who owns this  
5 facility and why can't we move in?" And I was told by----

6 Q. Colonel Pappas was not there yet as the FOB?----

7 A. No, sir, this was all the 320<sup>th</sup> MP, this is early-- late,  
8 late September.-----

9 Q. All right, got it.

10 A. ----September 17, 18.

11 Q. Where was the Brigade stationed at? At Victory?

12 A. I think they were split between Balad and Victory, sir.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Okay. But Colonel Pappas probably spent on a average three  
15 nights a week out at Abu Ghraib. A lot of times coming in after  
16 dark, sir. you know you got an SUV you stick out out here, you know  
17 these kinds of things. But, back to the facility, they said, "Well  
18 it belongs to CPA, Ministry of Justice, or whoever owns corrections.  
19 We can't have it." I said, "Well don't they have a representative  
20 out here we can go talk to? I'm just asking to occupy space. We'll  
21 move when they want to put detainees or prisoners or whatever."

22 Q. So what happened? I'm just trying to move you along.

1           A.    All right, sir. Was denied that, unfortunately, sir, I  
2 wasn't bright enough to figure I should have knocked the lock off the  
3 door and moved soldiers in and asked permission later. And like I  
4 say, two nights later, two soldiers died and I carry that because,  
5 had they been inside, sir, they-- they wouldn't have been out in the  
6 open and they wouldn't have died.

7           Q.    Was there a----

8           A.    When the 15-6 was done on that, I highlighted who I'd gone  
9 to. I'd been told that they had done a risk assessment, that the  
10 Brigade felt that it was acceptable risk to-- how they had everybody  
11 positioned out there and I said, "Well, then why do you have people  
12 sleeping under and other people out working? Shouldn't you have  
13 everybody under or everybody out if it is an acceptable risk?"  
14 During the 15-6 and before that I asked for copies of that risk  
15 assessment repeatedly from Major Potter and Major Williams and, sir,  
16 never got it, and I look you in the eye and tell you sir, I don't  
17 think one existed. And when I made my 15-6 statement by the MI major  
18 that was doing it, I was told command had looked at the statement.  
19 That I needed modify my statement because this 15-6 was only for the  
20 families and we didn't want to rub any additional wounds into the  
21 family because I did highlight that I'd never seen the risk  
22 assessment, that I'd asked for sandbags, that I asked for permission  
\_3 to move into a hardened site. After this, General Karpinski came out

1 and actually gave us the hardened site, and from what I understand,  
2 worked with CPA to give us the whole facility. But after the fact,  
3 sir.

4 Q. To your knowledge, was Colonel Pappas directly involved in  
5 detainee operations?

6 A. Sir, I would say, selectively. There would be certain high  
7 value detainee operations that he seemed to take an interest in.  
8 That he would either go into the booth or be right outside monitoring  
9 what was going on----

10 Q. Besides interro-- that's interrogation, but was he ever  
11 directly involved with Colonel Pappas giving him direction on how to  
12 treat, feed----

13 A. Oh, did Colonel Phillabaum, sir?

14 Q. Yep.

15 A. Pappas to Phillabaum?

16 Q. Pappas to Phillabaum.

17 A. Sir, I know that there was numerous discussions about food,  
18 the bad source of food by the contracting element, this is also  
19 highlighted by the Battalion S-4----

20 Q. What about guards? Guard mounts, things of that nature?

21 A. Oh, yes, sir, he and Sergeant Major Harris routinely went  
22 and did----

23 Q. Would go over there----

1 A. ----guard mounts.

2 Q. He was giving instructions to Colonel Phillabaum?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Or was giving instructions to members of the Battalion?

5 A. Of the MP Battalion. He would find soldiers up in the  
6 tower with Gameboys, things of this nature. And when I say soldiers,  
7 MP soldiers, they were the only ones that were up there, sir.

8 Highlight that, sergeant major would bring it back into the NCO  
9 chain, but then he would come back, call me in and be all fired up  
10 and I-- I would, "Sir, what do you want me to do to help you out?  
11 You want me to go check towers at night?"----

12 Q. So he wasn't really-- when he found deficiencies or  
13 shortcomings, he would not go directly to Colonel Phillabaum, he  
14 would go to you?

15 A. Actually, go to his sergeant major, tell sergeant major to  
16 go get with the MP sergeant major and work it out and then he'd come  
17 back and he'd vent to me. I say, "Sir, I'll go talk to the Battalion  
18 3 and----

19 Q. He just doesn't like talking to Colonel Phillabaum, the  
20 Battalion Commander?

21 A. Sir, I just don't think he likes confrontations. I'm  
22 serious sir, I just don't think he's at ease with-- with doing that.  
23 And I don't think he likes to lose his temper, I've seen him do it a

1 couple of times, and then he'll come back and apologize when, sir, he  
2 was right to lose his temper, and-- and-- and chew somebody out.

3 Q. So, he used you-- what specific-- give me a couple of  
4 instances of what specific guidance that he asked you or directed you  
5 to convey to Colonel Phillabaum.

6 A. Sir, about the-- the quality of chow, professionalism of  
7 soldiers. One of the things the MPs had was that inside the LSA or  
8 outside the LSA, they didn't have to wear full battle rattle until  
9 after like 1700 in the afternoon. Colonel Pappas came to me and  
10 said, "What do you"; I said, "Sir I think we should have our battle  
11 rattle on anytime we're outside the LSA." "All right, that's what I  
12 want, implement that, put that out." So, Colonel Pappas' standard,  
13 which I executed, was we go to this, no matter what the MPs do, this  
14 is what we want. I got chastised by the MP element of, ya know, MI  
15 guys doing this, MI guys doing that. I said, "We're one team."

16 Q. What's kind of interesting-- let me stop you for that.  
17 Pappas used you quite a bit----

18 A. Yes, sir, he did.----

19 Q. convey something, but he had a Deputy Commander named  
20 Potter----

21 A. She was never out there, sir. She never spent one night at  
22 Abu Ghraib.

23 Q. Okay, you had an S-3, okay, that chain of command.

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. But he referred to you as his deputy.

3 A. I've never heard that sir.

4 Q. Cause I asked him directly.

5 A. All right, sir.

6 Q. He said, "He was my deputy."

7 A. Well, sir, I take that as a complement, I guess never  
8 thought that he thought that highly of me, sir.

9 Q. All right, so with that particular reference to you--  
10 besides chow, what about direct operations with those guards in Tier  
11 1A and 1B?

12 A. Nobody had any real handle on anything in there, sir. I  
13 mean, occasionally Colonel Pappas would even take a stroll, with  
14 Sergeant Major Harris or somebody, he never found anything in there  
15 that I'm aware of, sir.----

16 Q. Was it an understanding that that particular operation with  
17 the detainees in there on both sides, with MP guards there, dual  
18 shift, daytime, nighttime----

19 A. Yes, sir.----

20 Q. ----was it a common understanding, to your knowledge, that  
21 that was under the command and control of the MI Brigade?

22 A. I would say as of 17 November, yes sir, before then, I  
23 would say it was under the MPs and basically Captain Brinson, I

1 believe it was Captain Reese's deputy or XO just for that, he had no  
2 other role that I understand in that unit, other than that  
3 corrections-type role.

4 Q. Did you ever meet General Karpinski.

5 A. Sir, I saw her out there probably three, four times----

6 Q. Did you have any direct contact with her?----

7 A. ----and in a couple briefings. Sir, just asked her one  
8 time what she did in real life, cause I was curious what a-- quite  
9 frankly a female, MP Brigade Commander Reserve does because I'd heard  
10 a statement she made one time that, it's not that detainees don't  
1 have rights, it's just that they don't have as many rights.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And she said-- I believe she's from South Carolina and  
14 she's some sort of business consultant. So she wasn't in law  
15 enforcement or corrections or something that I would assume that a  
16 Reserve MP officer to be in.

17 Q. Sure. Okay, so, again I just want to reiterate that it was  
18 common understanding, yourself included, that Tier 1A and 1B because  
19 of the high value of those detainees when they're under the command  
20 and control of the 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade, under the context of being the  
21 Forward Operating Base Commander.

22 A. As of 17 November----

23 Q. As of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November----

1 A. Check, sir, if that's the right day, sir----

2 Q. Yes, it was about the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

3 A. Check.

4 Q. Okay. Who are you assigned to now?

5 A. Sir, I'm on a two-year recall to Intelligence Security  
6 Command, Fort Belvoir. I was attached for a six-month, one of those  
7 179 CENTCOM day tours to CJTF-7. Been extended out, I volunteered to  
8 extend out an extra three months, based on a request from General  
9 Fast, I'm doing a couple other issues.

10 Q. Who's your rater?

11 A. My rater right now, sir, is a new colonel, just came on,  
12 Campbell James. He's a British Colonel, the deputy C-2 and General  
13 Fast is my senior rater.

14 Q. Up until that time when you reported mid-September, you  
15 were an Individual Augmentee? You were here by yourself?

16 A. Oh yes, sir. Attached to CENTCOM and then further against  
17 a specific paragraph and line number.

18 Q. I understand you're on a special mission, so I'm not going  
19 to dwell on that.

20 A. Sir, I can talk with that, if you like. It's not a great  
21 secret----

22 Q. It's not relevant to this, so I prefer not to so we don't  
23 get lost. Once again, you have no knowledge of or anything that was



1 conveyed to you with regards to detainee abuses that you either  
2 observed or have personal knowledge of?

3 A. No sir, and sir I'm gonna tell ya, I'd like to go back one  
4 other time you had talked about a instance with things with Colonel  
5 Pappas and some of the issues with. Sir, we butted heads but I  
6 executed what he told me to do, I'm a soldier, sir, ya know. And he  
7 did----

8 Q. Did he ever give you specific instructions to convey to the  
9 guards or to the 372<sup>nd</sup> chain of command on-- with specific  
10 instructions on how to set the conditions for the detainees to be  
11 prepared for their interrogation?

12 A. No, sir. But, like I say, there are some times that  
13 Colonel Pappas took a specific interest, one case I know that he took  
14 an E-5 female, Sergeant Adams, and gave her his O-6 regalia. His  
15 Kevlar, his soft cap, his blouse for her to go in and portray from I  
16 guess a psychological standpoint female senior in charge to a male  
17 detainee, or I think there was a couple on the specific group----

18 Q. And it was done?

19 A. Oh, yes, sir.

20 Q. Inside the hard site?

21 A. Oh, yes, sir.

22 Q. Just as a demonstration or something?

1           A.    The fact that he thought it was a technique to possibly get  
2 the detainees----

3           Q.    Intimidate somebody?----

4           A.    ----to, not so much intimidate, but to make them maybe feel  
5 uncomfortable having-- in an Iraqi or Arabic culture, speak with a  
6 female as in charge.-----

7           Q.    Technique-----

8           A.    ----There was a couple times where-- there that I can tell  
9 you that I know General Sanchez was in our knickers-- I'll take a  
10 proverbial our knickers to get more information from the detainees.  
11 He'd come out on a couple of visits and on one visit, sir, first time  
12 I ever briefed General Sanchez, Colonel Pappas had me get up and  
13 brief in my force pro what we had done following the mortar attack to  
14 do that to include I had developed an LSA fire plan, I had rehearsed  
15 troops, sir, there's nothing in my job description as LNO to do that.  
16 But I saw a need, I took it to him, "Sir, would you like me to  
17 develop an LSA fire plan for troops, sandbags, put things here.  
18 Would you like me to rehearse and this is what I'm gonna do."  
19 "Check, say, hey I like this, this is good, go with it." "All right,  
20 sir what do we do with civilians." These kind of issues. And-- and  
21 again, I spent a lot of my time doing those kind of things to make  
22 that happen. The night that Spence and Cruz had that interrogation  
.3 on 15 November, it sticks out because that's the night I moved up to

1 the LSA with the rest of the MI folks that were sharing it with the  
2 680<sup>th</sup> MP Company. And, sir, within 18 hours, I had a female that was  
3 propositioned. An MI specialist propositioned for sexual favors by  
4 an MP NCO. Turns out this MP NCO had provided alcohol to this  
5 soldier and another MI E-4 who had gotten sick and was vomiting in  
6 her room, that's why I got woke up. Went to the Battalion Executive  
7 Officer, Major Sheridan, because Colonel Phillabaum was unavailable.  
8 He was out of country or somewhere. They went to the Magistrate  
9 Cell. They went and did a search of that area. They found alcohol,  
10 sir, there were troops with illegal pets. All these things in  
11 violation of General Order One. Looked like there were apparent  
12 hookers there living with couple of the MPs. There were five Iraqis  
13 that actually hit-- they had brought up with them at Karbala that  
14 were living inside their LSA, like had rooms in the-- in the  
15 barracks. I-- I mean every time I turned left, sir, there was all  
16 this stuff coming up, and, ya know, "Colonel Pappas, you're not going  
17 to believe this, here's another indication of what is going on."  
18 Turned out that the company commander had been suspended, relieved  
19 under belief of possible taking nude pictures of female troops in the  
20 showers and someone came by and handed a note to one of my NCOs there  
21 who said, "Hey if you're looking for alcohol, there's a case of gin  
22 in the company commander's SUV." Now, sir, out in the box, I don't  
23 know too many company commanders who got SUVs. So I found that kind

1 of-- they brought an SUV up with them from Karbala. So, sir, I'm  
2 just telling you, that was that kind of environment there that I was  
3 handling for Colonel Pappas.-----

4 Q. Did-- okay.-----

5 A. -----And I have to say that I didn't get all that much more  
6 interrogation operations cause I was doing more solider, company  
7 commander, first sergeant kind of things.

8 Q. Okay. Did Colonel Phillabaum ever talk to you?

9 A. Sir, he's not very vocacious [sic] I guess is the right  
10 word.

11 Q. Okay, that's good. Captain Reese had mentioned during his  
12 interview that based on-- he said that you were there all the time,  
13 so he saw you all the time inside the hard site. But you said you  
14 had limited access because you had to be authorized access.

15 A. Sir, can I modify that a little bit?

16 Q. Yep.

17 A. I had limited access when it came to interrogations and  
18 monitoring detainees. But I was Colonel Pappas' liaison, Deputy if  
19 want, in this case with OGA there was a 'agreement' between Colonel  
20 Pappas and the OGA folks that ran their detainees----

21 Q. Yeah, but was that agreement conveyed to 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion?

22 A. Yes, sir, and I'll explain the consternation, if you just  
.3 give me a minute. I know we're getting short on time. The deal was

1 that they could bring detainees in, they would not put them in the  
2 regular screening process or the BATS where you get fingerprinted.  
3 Cause once a detainee did that, you're kinda in there three to six to  
4 eight months. The OGA folks wanted to be able to pull somebody in  
5 24, 48, 72 hours if they had to get 'em to GITMO, do what have you.

6 Q. Was that agreement in writing?

7 A. No sir, it wasn't. And again----

8 Q. Boy, isn't that kind of strange?----

9 A. Sir, I asked for an MOU or something like that, because  
10 what I said sir-- sir, I'm telling you, Chief Rivas, Captain Wood,  
11 Chief Graham, everybody that was there initially when this came up,  
12 said, "Sir we need an MOU because even the MPs," Major Dinenna said,  
13 "Hey, we can't be responsible for them if they don't exist." And the  
14 'term' that was used for these kind of detainees was ghost detainees  
15 because they hadn't been brought in. All right, sir. So because of  
16 my clearance level back at Langley and some of the folks that I've  
17 worked with in civilian life. Colonel Pappas said, "I want you to  
18 work with these guys, but here's the rules. They gotta leave  
19 somebody there, they're going to conduct interrogations. If they  
20 want to use linguists, these kind of things,"----

21 Q. So that portends then the thought that Colonel Pappas was  
22 indeed directly involved with detainee operations.

1           A.    Especially when it came to the OGA ones.  That one, sir, I  
2 will say is a true statement.

3           Q.    Okay.

4           A.    On top of that, sir, what happened was we had a detainee  
5 death out there under the OGA.  You may have been aware of it.

6           Q.    Yeah, a little bit.

7           A.    All right, sir.  And, again, I highlighted the fact, sir,  
8 had we had an MOU, we would be protected.  At this Colonel Pappas  
9 said, "Well if I go down, I'm not going down alone.  The guys from  
10 Langley are going with me."

11          Q.    Okay.  I guess that was the process by which MI and MP had  
12 to at least convey some sort of an interaction.  But as you know, MPs  
13 are not skilled in interrogation operations and----

14          A.    Just like MI aren't good in MP operations, sir.-----

15          Q.    But then at the same time.  Okay I think we've got enough--  
16 a portion of it.

17          A.    Sir, can I just add one other thing----

18          Q.    Sure.-----

19          A.    ----you were talking about the focus, and just hit me when  
20 I was sitting out there collecting my thoughts.  General Sanchez had  
21 come through on another one of his things, I'm sure you've probably  
22 dealt with him, sir, and he's probably not the easiest briefer in the  
.3 world.  And he had asked for specific guidance that Colonel Pappas

1 had provided to the JIDIC element, i.e., taken the commander's  
2 intent, putting on paper and saying, "Steve Jordan, Chief Rivas,  
3 Chief Graham, Captain Wood, Major Price, whoever. This is what I  
4 want done." And Colonel Pappas-- and sir, if you ask the folks that  
5 were there at this meeting, General Fast is off to the side, said,  
6 "Well I do these on," I was about ready to say Friday, sir, cause the  
7 intent was you could do them, but we never received one, he said,  
8 "Monday" so I'm glad I didn't offer up anything. General Sanchez  
9 turned and said, "Let me see last weeks guidance." He looked at me  
10 and said, "Steve, can you go get last week's guidance." "Sir, I  
11 can't give you what I don't have." But I didn't say that. So I  
12 looked at Major Price, as I think we most would, sir, "Can you see if  
13 you can pull up last week's guidance." "Sergeant Zambito do you  
14 think," and General Sanchez actually went on the computer and we're  
15 trying to pull up CJ2X guidance which is not Colonel Pappas----

16 Q. So there was no guidance?

17 A. Sir there was no-- sir there was no written guidance ever  
18 on that aspect. Later on, it was forced to come down. But, sir, I  
19 stood there and I don't know if Colonel Pappas was overwhelmed by  
20 stress but I know that at the end of this he took me outside and  
21 says, "It's not good when my senior rater puts his thumb in me and  
22 says we need to correct things and he's not happy with the management  
\_3 out here." I said, "Sir I thought he was very happy with what the

1 soldiers were producing. He's just not happy that we're not  
2 producing what he wanted." And----

3 Q. Okay.-----

4 A. ----at another time in this same meeting General Sanchez  
5 had taken a couple of Tiger Teams apart-- aside and had said, "Hey  
6 have you ever thought about this kind of approach?" So he actually  
7 took an interest. He told me that he read the target folders, that  
8 he had kind of an idea of what-- how that was to be done. And then I  
9 know that he and-- he being General Sanchez and General Karpinski and  
10 Colonel Pappas always had little side sessions out of ear shot of  
11 everybody else. But----

12 Q. Did-- let me ask you one last question.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. You knew Fredrick, and you knew Cathcart and Elliott.

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. As you made your frequent visits that you say.

17 A. Well, sir I'd see them in the gym, I mean----

18 Q. So, they know who you are-----

19 A. Yes, sir.-----

20 Q. Okay. And the fact of the matter is, you were mentioned in  
21 several of their statements, Reese, Cathcart, and some of those other  
22 folks. Did they ever convey to you any of their concerns about other



1 MI people that may be conveying illegal instructions or you conveying  
2 any kind of special instructions on how to handle detainees?

3 A. No, sir. And I'm gonna tell you that, I probably took a  
4 special more interest in Sergeant Elliot cause he's a cop from  
5 southeast D.C., I live in Fredericksburg----

6 Q. You didn't know anybody-- you didn't know the background of  
7 Frederick or Cathcart or those other folks?

8 A. I didn't know Cathcart's. There's an NCO during the day,  
9 Sergeant Joyner, who lives in Maryland----

10 Q. But Frederick, did you know his background?

11 A. He's a corrections officer in Virginia, but I didn't know  
12 it until afterwards.

13 Q. I see. So Elliot is a state trooper?

14 A. He's a Washington cop in southeast D.C., sir. So----

15 Q. So, all right. So you know those, cause I'm referring back  
16 to the statement what I said if you knew any of the guards and it is  
17 coming to some revelation that you were there.

18 A. Yes, sir. I mean-- just basic-- Reservists. Like I knew  
19 some of the guys from the 72<sup>nd</sup> State Troopers.----

20 Q. Sure.-----

21 A. ----Did we associate or hang out? No.-----

1 Q. So there's no trade-- trading of secrets on how to go about  
2 doing detention operations or interrogation operations? They were  
3 not even a bit curious of what comes out of the interrogation?

4 A. Sir, they never asked me.

5 Q. No interest whatsoever?

6 A. No, sir. The only thing that I can tell you that we worked  
7 on a joint venture together----

8 Q. What kind of joint venture?----

9 A. ----was the International Red Cross had come out for a  
10 second visit and there were five or six brand new OGA folks that had  
11 come on board----

12 Q. Right.-----

13 A. ----and had not been processed because they hadn't gone  
14 through the BAT system and the MOU hadn't been set together. And  
15 talked to Colonel Pappas, and he said, "You need to move the OGA  
16 folks out of the isolation arena and put them somewhere else." And I  
17 did come down and I believe Sergeant Frederick and Sergeant Elliott  
18 were on shift and they moved them to another area within the facility  
19 above where the MP operations area was at.

20 Q. Did the MI personnel ever give the MPs any kind of a  
21 specialized training on the handling of detainees?

22 A. Sir, I know for a fact that Captain Wood, Chief Graham,  
23 Chief Rivas would talk at length----

1 Q. Not talk, but instructions. Actual training.-----  
2 A. Exactly, here's what you do,-----  
3 Q. Right-----  
4 A. ----don't do this-----  
5 Q. Right-----  
6 A. ----don't do this-----  
7 Q. Right-----  
8 A. ----don't say this. Don't handle them this way.  
9 Q. Who were they giving instructions to? Just the guards at  
10 Tier 1A and 1B or just the 372<sup>nd</sup> in general?  
11 A. Primarily folks in-- in isolation.  
12 Q. Primarily folks in isolation.  
13 A. Sir, I never saw them give any instruction-----  
14 Q. Isolation means-----  
15 A. Tier 1-- 1 bravo, yes, sir.  
16 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the hole? A cell called the  
17 hole?  
18 A. No, sir, I'm familiar with a darkened room that they--  
19 Sergeant Joyner called the time out room-----  
20 Q. Okay.-----  
21 A. But I've never heard it called the hole.  
22 Q. Were you familiar with the fact that there was a partition  
23 there somewhere-----

1 A. Yes, sir.-----

2 Q. ----why they placed that partition?

3 A. Actually, sir, that was a partition that we provided based  
4 on the MPs request.

5 Q. Based on the MPs request.

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Okay, for what purpose?

8 A. I believe, at the time it had something to do with if they  
9 brought somebody out that was doing a clothing change or they were  
10 taking a garment from or something like that, they didn't want  
11 females walking by observing----

12 Q. A garment change?-----

13 A. ----males. Yes, sir. And were removing-- removing a  
14 clothing for I guess an interrogation technique or whatever the case  
15 may be, but they didn't----

16 Q. Was this common, I mean, it was okay to remove clothing  
17 from people so they can interrogate?

18 A. I think, not having-----

19 Q. Isn't that so?-----

20 A. ----clothing. Sir, I don't think they took clothing and  
21 went and interrogated them. I think the thing was, they removed  
22 their clothing when they put them in the cell and then a reward was  
.3 if you came back later in interrogation, you got-----

1 Q. Was that an approved technique to take clothing off from  
2 some detainees so-- to modify their behavior?----

3 A. ----clothing back or food. Sir, at the initial point, I  
4 was understood that----

5 Q. Who said that? Who gave that approval?----

6 A. ----clothing removed. Sir, that was a Colonel Pappas  
7 approved approach to take clothing off----

8 Q. There's a lot of Colonel Pappas here, Colonel Jordan, did  
9 you ever assume any responsibility in your role as a liaison officer?

10 A. Sir, if I had told somebody, "Hey take their clothing off,"  
11 sir I would have done that. Had I told somebody to beat somebody,  
12 sir, I'd look you in the eye and say, "Hey I said go beat somebody."-  
13 ---

14 Q. Sure. Okay.-----

15 A. ----Sir, I've never done that.

16 Q. I'm a little concerned about your responses, sir.

17 A. Okay, sir.

18 Q. Based on your background and your know-how with INS,  
19 Langley, things of that nature, that it would appear to me that if  
20 there was anything that you would recommend that you were always  
21 confronting with Colonel Pappas, but you never ever say in any of  
22 your remarks that you submitted any of these violations up to your  
23 chain of command, namely, General Fast or even General Sanchez.

1 A. Sir, I had maybe one discussion with General Fast----

2 Q. One discussion over the series of-- I've been interviewing  
3 you now for the last three hours and I'm kind of gathering some of  
4 the remarks you were making on any of the statements and it would  
5 appear to me that you were either not taking on your responsibilities  
6 as liaison officer to convey some of that stuff.

7 A. Sir, I did highlight solider safety issues, sir. I did  
8 highlight my concern with the push for interrogations and wanting to  
9 have quality reporting, not quantity----

10 Q. But typically quality gathering-- gathering quality  
11 information pressures----

12 A. Oh, yes, sir, and one of my big roles was to actually take  
13 the reports at night, screen them, and edit them and those kind of  
14 things as well, sir.

15 Q. All right, well, you're going to be subject to another re-  
16 interview.

17 A. All right, sir.

18 Q. We will notify you, hopefully we can get that done  
19 tomorrow.

20 A. All right, sir.

21 Q. So, I want to schedule you for a re-interview tomorrow.

22 A. Roger that, sir.

1 Q. Because we're not finished. I want to at least pause here  
2 for a moment.

3 A. Roger that, sir.

4 [Witness was duly warned, subject to recall and excused.]

5 [The session recessed at 1831 hours, 21 February 2004.]

6 [The Article 15-6 session was called to order at 1121 hours, 22  
7 February 2004.]

8 [LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEPHEN L. JORDAN, U.S. Army, was recalled as a  
9 witness for the Article 15-6 Investigation, was reminded of his  
10 previous oath, and testified as follows:]

11 A. Sir, sir I provided to Major Jenkins earlier.

12 Q. Okay, you have a question, sir?

13 A. Yes, sir, I do. Retrospect last night after meeting with  
14 you and the board, there are some things I'd like to clear up or  
15 expound on if I'm able to, sir, but I'm not sure if I have that right  
16 to do that, so I----

17 Q. Okay, what is it in reference to?

18 A. Sir, one thing that you had mentioned was how often I'd  
19 seen General Karpinski or any interaction with General Karpinski kind  
20 of. And I said I'd seen her there at the prison probably four or  
21 five times, and that is accurate, sir. On one occasion, she had come  
22 to me and had asked if there was any way that MI folks could do a  
-3 polygraph of unique folks working at the Abu Ghraib facility. One

1 was a linguist she had concerns about on the MP Brigade and another  
2 was a senior medical officer there for the Iraqi detention facility  
3 for medical concerns.

4 Q. Was she asking that because she didn't have the capability  
5 to conduct a polygraph herself?

6 A. Sir, I-- I didn't ask her, I just asked, "Ma'am are you  
7 asking them to be vetted to make sure they're not a security risk?"  
8 And she said, "Yes." I said, "Alright ma'am, I'll take it to Colonel  
9 Pappas," which I did. He said check with OGA, the FBI folks who had  
10 come out there. Both agencies said they could do that, but it would  
11 take some time for the FBI folks to do it. The folks from OGA came  
12 out, coordinated and did a polygraph just for a security type issue  
13 for the doctor at the prison facility and came up a vetting of no  
14 security concerns whatever.

15 Q. What doctor was it? Was it an Iraqi doctor?

16 A. Yes, sir. The senior Iraqi doctor that they had an Iraqi  
17 facility there that provided additional medical care for the folks  
18 from Camp Ganci. The security detainees, not the MI hold folks, so  
19 to speak, unless there was like some significant thing like they  
20 provided dental care because they had a dentist, those kind of  
21 things. So that was done at her behalf, and again with Colonel  
22 Pappas' knowledge saying ask if they can do that, let us know what  
23 comes from that. I don't believe they ever did the CAT1 linguist



1 concerned, and I don't know why, at this point, sir, I don't remember  
2 why that was never followed up on. But that was a case that she had  
3 come to me at one time. Another issue, sir, I want to highlight,  
4 that when the ICRC came out on their first visit, they had asked to  
5 enter the isolation area and the cells in particular were the MI hold  
6 on one end of the facility and the MP hold on the other facility and  
7 Colonel Phillabaum had asked me to accompany the team over there  
8 because he had something else going on I believe. I didn't feel  
9 comfortable with that, due to security concern. Took the senior team  
10 members back over to Colonel Phillabaum and indicated what their  
11 concerns were, what they wanted to do. They did ask Colonel  
12 Phillabaum that they felt they had the need to enter and that they  
13 would take responsibility for their own security. Colonel  
14 Phillabaum----

15 Q. Was that the ICRC folks?----

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Did they know that ICRC has access to all those facilities?

18 A. Oh, yes, sir. Sir, I underscored that to Colonel  
19 Phillabaum.----

20 Q. To include your interrogation sites?

21 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I underscored that for Colonel  
22 Phillabaum because I made sure with the Magistrate Cell. And at that  
\_3 point, Colonel Phillabaum authorized them to go in there and

1 authorized them to go into the detention detainee cell where they  
2 lived to be locked in there with the detainee. And, sir, myself, my  
3 ops officer at the time, Major Mike Thompson, who's a corrections guy  
4 in real life back in Connecticut, sir, had serious misgivings about  
5 that. The next time that the International Red Cross came by and  
6 wanted to do that, I spoke off-line with the senior members and said,  
7 "I've got an action plan here that I think will be more conducive for  
8 safety as if you want to talk to folks if we can get individuals  
9 moved into an open secure, where you're okay, nobody can overhear  
10 conversations, those kind of things. And then if you want to go  
11 separately and take a look at living conditions, you're not in a  
12 confined space and locked behind a door in case somebody does  
13 something." And I understand that there had been shanks, metal  
14 objects filed down, combs filed, toothbrush handles filed down, that  
15 had been found in various searches throughout isolation and other  
16 areas. And my concern was the safety of somebody from the Red Cross.  
17 And they said that was great, they were-- they were good with that.  
18 So, I can tell you sir, I did have serious misgivings about Colonel  
19 Phillabaum authorized and had them put in and he called down and had  
20 the MPs open up the cell door and put them inside, sir.

21 Q. But, yesterday you mentioned that there was-- that was  
22 under the control of the MI Brigade.

1           A.    No, sir.  This was before Colonel Pappas became the FOB  
2  Commander.

3           Q.    Okay.  So this was before the 19<sup>th</sup> of November?

4           A.    Yes, sir.  I don't know----

5           Q.    How many times was the ICRC visited that facility?

6           A.    Sir, that I'm aware of, that I actually talked to ICRC  
7  folks, they had a first visit that was a two day visit, first part of  
8  October, something like that, maybe mid-October.  And then they came  
9  back.  They were going to come back two weeks later, but they came  
10 back a week later.  So, they came back a bit early and I understand  
11 they may have come back another time after that, but I don't remember  
12 being there when they had come back a third time.  So, I was aware of  
13 one two-day visit, one one-day visit.

14          Q.    Well, given the notoriety of the Abu Ghraib Prison complex,  
15 built under Saddam Hussein, and the fact of the matter that we're  
16 occupying that I would that assume ICRC would focus on the conditions  
17 of those facilities, let alone the condition of the detainees and the  
18 treatment by U.S. military forces.

19          A.    Oh, yes, sir.

20          Q.    So, that's a great assumption, given the fact that that's a  
21 very important complex,----

22          A.    Oh, yes, sir.----

1 Q. ----one that would have been perhaps a point of failure for  
2 U.S. military coalition forces?

3 A. Yes, sir, and I was very, like I say, forthcoming with  
4 whoever you want to see, what do you wanna see. Whatever you have,  
5 so to do that. The other thing too, sir, kinda caught my memory when  
6 you were talking with me yesterday and you kept using the word  
7 infrequently and sir, I was out there 24/7, seven days a week, and I-  
8 --

9 Q. Inside the hard site?

10 A. No, sir. Inside Abu Ghraib but basically-- and real quick  
' I just wanna kinda highlight I kinda put down just a normal battle  
12 rhythm for me. Six o'clock PT, what have you, coffee, cereal. Eight  
13 o'clock to nine o'clock we had an ops update in the JIDIC. Also----

14 Q. Who attended those updates?

15 A. Normally the interrogation control element, Captain Wood,  
16 Chief Graham, the ops officer would conduct it, Major Thompson  
17 initially, then Major Price when he replaced him. I would sit in  
18 just to see what was going on as far as information flow, the  
19 screening personnel would come in, the senior screening on how many  
20 folks were coming in, have we seen any trends, things of that nature.  
21 Possibly, if they were available, some of the senior team leaders for  
22 the Tiger Teams and eventually it got expanded to include  
3 representatives from the 322<sup>nd</sup> MP Company to come in in case there had

1 been any issues as far as what was going on as far as detainee hold.  
2 And either Camp Vigilant, Camp Ganci, or in the isolation area, and  
3 the MP representatives normally for that were Captain Brinson,  
4 occasionally Captain Reese. Sometimes Sergeant----

5 Q. Occasionally Captain Brinson, occasionally Captain Reese  
6 you say?

7 A. Normally one or the other would come. Normally it was  
8 Captain Brinson that would attend, but occasionally Captain Reese  
9 would come in his stead if he was----

10 Q. What was discussed, what was the format and what was the  
11 agenda?

12 A. The agenda pretty much, sir, was what was going on as far  
13 as the information flow, what was coming in, the number of detainees  
14 being brought into the prison. Is there anyway that we could  
15 expedite getting some detainees out because there seemed to be an  
16 extended period of time that we had a number of detainees that either  
17 had no additional interrogation value or had no security status to be  
18 there and it was taking an ungodly amount of time to get these folks  
19 out. The procedure initially for a release panel was chaired by  
20 General Karpinski, General Fast, and Colonel Warren. And I believe  
21 it was on Saturdays, I'm guessing on day-- but I believe it was  
22 Saturdays in the afternoon for about two hours. And, sir, I was told  
23 that average-- average maybe 15, 20 file they'd get through. Sir,

1 there were probably two, three thousand folks there that probably  
2 didn't need to be there, and we were very adamant at trying to  
3 getting another expedited type release process in place and we did do  
4 that. But that's why the screening folks would come to say "Hey  
5 we've got some folks that came in that we need to catch now to get  
6 released so they don't get caught into this three month, four month--  
7 --

8 Q. Was Colonel Pappas there after-- even before since he had  
9 command of the elements that were at Abu Ghraib, not necessarily  
10 control of the facility.

11 A. No, sir. I----

12 Q. After he arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, was he there?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. He didn't attend any of that. Who was the senior man?

15 A. I was the senior.

16 Q. You were the senior man.

17 A. Yes, sir. And of course we'd back brief him on anything  
18 that was going on, but normally at eight o'clock he was otherwise  
19 engaged with other brigade activities or whatever he was doing.

20 Q. What reports were you giving CJTF-C-2 in your capacity as  
21 the liaison officer?

22 A. Just occasionally-- normally I would mention to Colonel  
3 Boltz or Colonel Tarrington status on, "Hey we got a lot more

1 detainees coming in." One of the things I had done for Colonel  
2 Pappas based on the screening issues. The number of detainees coming  
3 in was "How many detainees have we recently got from a certain  
4 operation from a certain division that we feel had no reason to even  
5 be sent up to Abu Ghraib and these kind of things." And those were  
6 kinda things I highlighted into the C-2. Like I said, that special  
7 committee came up by Retired Colonel Harrington that highlighted  
8 those as well. And he did a very in-depth study and went and talked  
9 with everybody and provided that back, I never got a copy of his  
10 final report back, but I did get a letter of thanks for him on some  
11 of the other things that we were doing that he thought were in the  
12 right direction. So, after that meeting, then there was the normally  
13 nine o'clock base update. Originally that was chaired by the 320<sup>th</sup> MP  
14 Battalion ----

15 Q. This is before? Please couch before and after.

16 A. Yes, sir, okay, sir. Before 17 November, if that's the  
17 correct date that the FOB stood up under Colonel Pappas, chaired by  
18 the 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion Commander, Colonel Phillabaum. He had all the  
19 units that were available there attend. Initially the 519<sup>th</sup> had a  
20 representative who was the interrogation control officer, their  
21 Captain Wood. Eventually she asked me, "Sir, do you mind attending  
22 these, because there's other stuff involved as far as engineering  
23 support, life sustainment issues, all I really provide is a headcount

1 of MI soldiers here so they know how many MKT meals to get those  
2 kinda things. So, basically provided the headcount----

3 Q. You were doing that?----

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. So, again, you had liaison duties, but since you're the  
6 senior man on the spot, you're also doing admin/logistical duties?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. So, with that couched, would it be fair to day that the word  
9 Deputy would have fitted the description of some of the things that  
10 you're mentioning today?

11 A. Sir, my whole thing on that, and I talked to Colonel Pappas  
12 at great length because initially he called me the JIDIC Commander.  
13 I said, "Sir, I can't be a commander, I'm not even in your Brigade."  
14 He said, "Okay, we'll change it to chief of the JIDIC." So, sir, the  
15 first time I ever heard the term deputy is when you used it  
16 yesterday. So, I never ever heard that term before, but again, it  
17 was providing information that we knew to the base ops. I'd take  
18 back any tasking issues that the MPs would have for like base support  
19 or what have you, to Colonel Pappas. Eventually I wanna say late  
20 October to maybe the first part of November, he interjected the 323  
21 MI Battalion there at BIAP to kind of be the bridge between the  
22 brigade and the JIDIC staff that was out there. However, I only saw  
23 the battalion commander or sergeant major out there probably two



1 times. And I had the feeling that before that when the 519<sup>th</sup> was  
2 there that the ALPHA Company element plus was providing all that kind  
3 of support that Colonel Pappas had removed. The 519<sup>th</sup> element--  
4 command and control element, the first sergeant, company commander,  
5 sergeant major, battalion commander, out of that area. So, there was  
6 just a void at that time for somebody to make sure that troops were  
7 taken care of.

8 Q. All right. What else were on the schedule?

9 A. Then we had a 1600 afternoon would be a base force pro  
10 meeting for QRF missions or the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Company that was there  
11 if they were going to be going out. Kinda the areas that they were  
12 going to be looking at----

13 Q. Based on base force plan, was there a QRF, an IRF, or both?

14 A. Yes, sir. There was a QRF involved, there was----

15 Q. Who was the QRF?

16 A. It was an MP element under the 320<sup>th</sup> that they had pulled  
17 together. There was a Lieutenant Colonel Cantwell, was an MP----

18 Q. He was the major.----

19 A. Say again sir?

20 Q. He was used as a major. He came down----

21 A. Sir, I was told he came down to be the force protection  
22 officer----

23 Q. Before?----

1 A. Before 17 November, yes, sir.

2 Q. Right, okay.-----

3 A. There was a RAYCO person there, an engineer, a lieutenant  
4 colonel-----

5 Q. Rear area guy?-----

6 A. Yes, sir. Who was supposedly doing force pro in concert  
7 with Lieutenant Colonel Cantwell and these kind of things, and  
8 somewhere in there QRF either responded to him or battalion commander  
9 or the battalion three for the 320<sup>th</sup>, I'm not really sure.

10 Q. Okay, all right.

11 A. After 17 November, they still had a QRF capability. They  
12 still had-- and I believe that RAYCO was Lieutenant Colonel Hammond  
13 or something like that, responded to them, but normally at these  
14 meetings, at this point, Lieutenant Colonel Walters, the 165<sup>th</sup>  
15 Battalion Commander kind of chaired him on behalf of Colonel Pappas.  
16 So same kind of format, they didn't even ever really change the  
17 format of what was reported, or how it was report. The medical staff  
18 would report issues if there is anything that came up for the good of  
19 the order, engineer where we stood on force pro barriers, were we  
20 getting trailer showers, air conditioning, heating issues, all those  
21 kind of things earlier in the day. But the force pro thing would  
22 kind of tie some of that thing together. Part of that force pro

1 issue was a badging systems and how are we gonna do this, and things-

2 ---

3 Q. Okay. That's fine.

4 A. All right, sir. Then that would probably end about 1700.

5 Normally would meet if the colonel happened to be out there before 17

6 November, and he'd average maybe three nights a week out in Abu

7 Ghraib around 1730 if it was any night other than Tuesday, Thursday

8 or Sunday because he did his Brigade update during that timeframe.

9 So then, normally after that he would meet with his ops guy, either

10 Major Thompson or later on Major Price, sometimes Chief Rivas. And

11 then we would get together after that if there was any outstanding

12 issues that I felt he needed to be aware of, or that he was going to

13 give me guidance on. "Hey, I want trailers or whatever." And that

14 might end at 2000, 2030, 2100 what have you. Then I'd normally wind

15 up the evening by going through reviewing reports for the day for the

16 analytical content, make any notes, give it back to the ops, say "Hey

17 you may wanna go back try to get more information on this

18 organization, this person, here are some key things you want to take

19 a look at. May want to do some link analysis," things like that.

20 And normally call it a night, midnight, 01, whatever the case may be.

21 Q. In your role as an LNO, because you have multiple roles

22 then. LNO, you were a deputy or whatever you want to call it, you

23 were coordinating for base ops support, that sort of thing. Looking



1 had not committed the crime and we were trying to hope to get her  
2 released. She later approached Major Thompson----

3 Q. She was a detainee----

4 A. Yes, sir.-----

5 Q. ----by U.S. military forces, not a criminal held by the  
6 Iraqi police?

7 A. No, she was a criminal held by the Iraqi police.

8 Q. But, she was already----

9 A. She was awaiting prosecution, sir.

10 Q. Awaiting prosecution.

11 A. Yes, sir. And what happened was----

12 Q. But for some reason, U.S. Military Intelligence folks were  
13 interested on this particular prisoner, she was a prisoner.

14 A. Yes, sir. After she had gone to Colonel Cox and the  
15 Ministry of Justice folks to say she was----

16 Q. Was she already a convicted criminal?

17 A. No, sir. She was awaiting prosecution.

18 Q. Okay. But she is not part of the detainee-- she is not a  
19 person holding an ISN number?

20 A. No, sir. Not-- not to my recollection.

21 Q. How did this information come about?

22 A. She approached Colonel Cox.-----

23 Q. Who's Colonel Cox?-----

1           A.    He was the folks from the Ministry of Justice who handled  
2 issues for juvenile and females for incarceration.

3           Q.    Okay.

4           A.    Colonel Cox had approached initially Major Thompson and  
5 just said, "Hey----

6           Q.    Please be brief on this----

7           A.    Okay, sir.  Anyways, long story short sir, she came up with  
8 information that [REDACTED] ties, connection  
9 knowledge of Black List One and where he was, and again sir, I don't  
10 got the right dates on this, but I wanna say it was late September,  
11 early October, she told Major Thompson and one of the interrogators  
12 through translator some things, went back, had him ask some  
13 additional questions on this, she came up with it.  He had a big  
14 white beard that he was basically living in a hole that he was  
15 driving a taxi and kind of gave a general location.  And, sir, when  
16 Saddam was taken down, he had a big white beard, he was living in a  
17 hole, and he had a taxi about a hundred meters from where he was at.  
18 And I understand that he would drive that taxi solo, which she told  
19 me, told us, and quite frankly sir, I thought that was the most  
20 lunatic thing I ever heard of in my life, but sir, we reported it,  
21 put it in the system and you know what, there were some other  
22 ticklers that came in from somewhere else, they consolidated that and  
23 that's what they used to do that.  So, based on that belief that she

1 was trying to be truthful and stuff and that she hadn't committed the  
2 murder and these kind of things, we worked hard with the Magistrate  
3 Cell and the Ministry of Justice of getting her a pardon or parole as  
4 the case could be. And, sir, I got to know her family [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] we would  
6 make sure that she was taken from the facility in a separate area to  
7 meet with [REDACTED] so they would not see  
8 her in a prison environment, these kind of things. So just-- none of  
9 my real duties sir, they asked me, "Hey could you help us out with  
10 getting some jobs or something." I got one [REDACTED] a job as  
11 [REDACTED] at Abu Ghraib once he was vetted and he could work on  
12 the facility. So, sir, I'm just saying-- and it really doesn't go to  
13 these kind of things, but I just want to tell you that I thought we  
14 tried to do the right thing when we had the information flow  
15 available and ready on us, sir. Back to these morning meetings, I  
16 want to highlight again, I talked about doc Anderson on the medical  
17 staff and he and I both, and I mentioned that I'd seen naked  
18 prisoners there in the-- in the MP wing and there were two in  
19 particular. Both had some sort of mental issues, both would tear off  
20 clothing, one in particular would throw feces or blood at folks.----

21 Q. We already know those.----

22 A. All right sir. ----One refused to eat and would have to be  
.3 taken to-- I guess given intravenous. I saw him a couple times in

1 there with the medical folks were doing that. He was-- he had a  
2 blanket, he was covered, but coming in and out of the cell he  
3 wouldn't keep his clothes on, whatever the case may be.----

4 Q. All right.----

5 A. ----But, again I racked my brain sir, I never ever remember  
6 seeing any naked female detainees on any given time. And those two  
7 that I saw was always in the presence of medical folks or other----

8 Q. Or male detainees----

9 A. Say again, sir?

10 Q. Or male detainees.

11 A. They were male detainees, those two, sir. And, I believe  
12 both of the were on an MP hold and they were trying-- I know we  
13 mentioned, doc Anderson and myself in particular to Colonel  
14 Phillabaum, "Sir you gotta do something to get these folks outta  
15 there because they're mentally unstable." So----

16 Q. We'll get to that because there were statements made that  
17 some of the interrogators were complicit to some of that treatment.

18 A. To those two people?

19 Q. Not to those two people, but to other detainees who were  
20 stripped of their clothing. And you had firsthand knowledge about  
21 Luciana Spencer doing that sort of thing.

22 A. Sir, I had knowledge after the fact that she did that.



1 Q. Well, at least knowledge that the interrogators were doing  
2 that sort of thing.

3 A. Sir, that was, again the only time I had heard that  
4 clothing had been----

5 Q. Well, it's not how you had heard, it was actual fact. On  
6 which you said you took action, or recommended to take action.

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. That was indeed happening, not just with the MPs but with  
9 the interrogators as well.

10 A. In that one instance that I was aware of? Yes, sir.

11 Q. Did you report that as part of your report to CJTF-7 C-2?

12 A. Sir, I may have mentioned that to Colonel Tarrington, yes,  
13 sir.

14 Q. What about to General Fast? That there were things unusual  
15 that were occurring between interrogators and MPs. And if you think  
16 that that was unusual, Colonel Jordan, then in your capacity, because  
17 you're telling me that you've been going to the Magistrate to what is  
18 the left and right limits with regards to treatment of detainees,  
19 then it would have been your moral responsibility as an officer in  
20 the United States Army. But your telling me that your right and  
21 wrong that you should have reported that?

22 A. Sir, I did take it to the brigade commander immediately  
23 when I was made aware of it, so, I did mention it to Colonel

1 Tarrington somewhere along the lines, again I didn't see Colonel  
2 Tarrington every day face to face unless I made a trip into----

3 Q. Well I've got statements here, sir, that indicates that  
4 there were some folks that were just doing the wrong thing, which  
5 kind of leads me to believe that even though there were constant  
6 reminders and notification, the brigade commander interrogators were  
7 on their own, especially the ones who were either contractors or  
8 whatever have you. That would lead me to believe that between MPs  
9 and MI, folks were doing their own thing. And leaders were either  
10 present when the suspicion was going on or even rumors were going on.

1 A. Well, sir, I never had any rumors, I never had any  
12 suspicions of any civilian contract employees doing anything wrong.

13 Q. Now, do you know one of your contractor linguist, anybody  
14 check on their security, their background checks?

15 A. Yes, sir, the CAT2 linguists are screened for security  
16 reasons and given a Secret clearance access.

17 Q. Are you absolutely sure?

18 A. Sir, I'm told that every----

19 Q. Are you 100% sure?----

20 A. That every linguist has gone through the INSCOM screening  
21 and been----

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. Sir, since I don't do that, sir I couldn't tell you.

1 Q. But they're dealing with interrogators with sensitive  
2 information whether they're translating or not, I mean, these are  
3 intelligent people.

4 A. Oh, yes, sir.

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. But we have verifiable that they do have Secret security  
7 clearances----

8 Q. I will tell you that you have at least one there today that  
9 do not have a security clearance.

10 A. A CAT2 linguist?

11 Q. I don't care what CAT he is, he's in there.

12 A. Okay, sir.

13 Q. And he's doing interrogation of Tier 1 and Tier B, 1B  
14 detainees.

15 A. Okay, sir.

16 Q. And doing a special mission that you are probably involved  
17 in. I have not notified anybody yet, but I will certainly do. And  
18 some of these contractors, to include the ones with military  
19 experience, sir, don't even know the friggin' Geneva Convention and  
20 how would it affects them as a status should they be captured by  
21 anti-coalition forces. All right. So you have some shortcomings in  
22 even your system.

1           A.    Okay, sir. All I'm going to tell you sir, as far as CAT2  
2 linguists, I know that CAT2 linguists require a secret security  
3 clearance to come in and that the----

4           Q.    Well I would think that just about every linguist that is  
5 working with the JIDIC since they are working in the JIDIC.

6           A.    Sir, as far as I'm aware of, there has never been a non-  
7 cleared linguist working.

8           Q.    There is one.

9           A.    Okay, sir. I'm-- I'm not aware of that, sir, this is the  
10 first news I've heard that we have a non-cleared linguist.

11          Q.    That's what I'm saying, it's the first time you've heard.  
12 Somebody should be checking on these people.

13          A.    Yes, sir.

14          Q.    Okay.

15          A.    And, sir, I agree with that. And again, sir, I'm not an  
16 interrogator. I don't do interrogations. I was never authorized to  
17 do interrogations.

18          Q.    But you're involved with interrogation operations, sir.

19          A.    Sir, I'm involved with taking the information from  
20 interrogation operations and answering----

21          Q.    Colonel Jordan, you are involved, you don't specifically  
22 interrogate, but you are involved with interrogation operations.

1           A.    No, sir, I'm not.  I am specifically taking the information  
2 that comes in from the interrogation operations as we would from  
3 signals intelligence, imagery intelligence, putting it together and  
4 making it actionable intelligence to support the coalition forces,  
5 JSOTIF what have you.

6           Q.    All right.

7           A.    Okay, sir.

8           Q.    Anything else you want to add before we proceed?

9           A.    Just sir, like I said-- talked about what my initial focus  
10 was there.  And eventually that focus expanded based on Colonel  
11 Pappas from just reporting, proper formatting, developing ad hoc  
12 report connections, link analysis, those kind of things.  Creating  
13 target folders, worked with Colonel Pappas and his team to set up the  
14 interrogation plans, those ten scripted issues of all those kind of  
15 things that would go on.  And I'll go on record to say, sir, that I  
16 also did observe screening processes and things coming in.  I  
17 observed the MPs on how they did their in processing and things like  
18 that.  But I never did screenings, I never did MP processing, but I  
19 was aware where they were doing that or what their mission was.  And  
20 one of the things I'd like to add on that screening MP processing,  
21 sir, day two, day three, when I was getting a tour of the layout of  
22 the facility, I walked in and passed where the MP elements at, they  
\_3 had these sandbags up that looked like they were being used for

1 hooded security on detainees and there were signs on them that said  
2 things like, 'kick me', 'I'm stupid', 'I don't play well with  
3 others.' And sir, I took offense at that and went and mentioned it  
4 to the Battalion three and the next----

5 Q. It appears that you're all over the place, Colonel Jordan,  
6 except the Battalion Commander, the Brigade Commander, the S-3, who  
7 seems to be seeing the same thing, or at least if were seeing the  
8 same thing, were not taking corrective action. But you're all aware  
9 of all this stuff.

10 A. Sir, what I'm saying is I mentioned it to them to have them  
11 taken down and the next day----

12 Q. What would you have done, I mean, you knew it was wrong.----  
13 -

14 A. Sir, I don't know if it was wrong, it just didn't look  
15 right.-----

16 Q. Okay, well if it didn't look right, if it didn't look  
17 right, Colonel Jordan, then it ain't right. I mean, you're an  
18 educated person.-----

19 A. Yes, sir.-----

20 Q. ----You know about the Army values.-----

21 A. Sir, I know about the Army values.-----

22 Q. ----You know about the Geneva Convention.-----

23 A. I know about the Geneva Convention.-----

1 Q. If it didn't look right, then it ain't right.

2 A. Sir, I'm just telling you; I saw something when I came in  
3 the first couple of days I was there, mentioned it, the next day I  
4 went by, or next two days, they were down, sir. So, again, I didn't  
5 think it was a on-the-spot correction Colonel Jordan had to make and  
6 maybe in retrospect I should have, sir.

7 Q. Well, you've been a company commander.

8 A. Roger that, sir, four times, yes sir.

9 Q. Four times, well daggonit, well, you know if it ain't  
10 right, you correct it on the spot, sir.

11 A. All right, sir.

12 Q. Couple of statements.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Do you know a Toren Nelson?

15 A. Can you give me a unit sir, and that might--

16 Q. Contractor.

17 A. Doesn't ring a bell, sir.

18 Q. Do you know a D [REDACTED] or J [REDACTED]?

19 A. I know Sergeant First Class J [REDACTED] who's the ICE ops NCOIC  
20 during the day shift.

21 Q. Okay. Do you know of an incident where both or either one  
22 of them were involved with a detainee named A [REDACTED]-M [REDACTED] who was  
23 supposedly thrown out of a vehicle while he was handcuffed?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. So you have no knowledge of that?

3 A. Sir, no sir, I do not.

4 Q. All right. Do you know an Adele Nocklay?

5 A. Translator?

6 Q. I would imagine so, yes.

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Okay. Do you know that he was involved in some of the  
9 allegations?

10 A. Sir, I've been told that, yes, sir.

11 Q. You've been told? Given that he was involved, do you know  
12 that there were any corrective actions done by the brigade to train,  
13 retrain all these translators that their responsibility limits them  
14 to translating and not being involved with handling or treatment or  
15 even showing up at the access, or not have access-- limited access to  
16 Tier 1-- 1B unless they are specifically directed to?

17 A. Sir, yes sir. And I specifically, specifically, with CW2  
18 Rummager and with Major Mike Thompson, took all, all the translators  
19 from TITAN and numerous occasions when I first came on board said,  
20 "You're not authorized to be down in that facility--" where they were  
21 getting very chummy, let's call it, with the corrections personnel.  
22 Smoking, joking, whatever, understand a few of them initially before  
.3 I even got there had spent the night. I said, "You're not authorized



1 to do that." And my concern was not only OPSEC but later on the FBI  
2 came and said that one of the TITAN CAT2 linguists, and they didn't  
3 know where in the country, or maybe two, was possibly providing  
4 information leading to possible anti-coalition force type attacks.  
5 So we kept a very tight hold, matter of fact Major Thompson, I  
6 believe, briefed them one point that if they were seen in that area  
7 unauthorized, that he would contact TITAN and have them removed if  
8 not possibly fired. Additionally, there were female soldiers that'd  
9 come up to say, "Hey I feel uncomfortable around this one or two  
10 individuals. They're very friendly, hasn't gotten to sexual  
11 harassment, but it's gotten to a point of I don't feel comfortable."  
12 Again, I called them all in, I said, "Let me look you in the eye and  
13 tell you, that if you want to touch somebody or if you want to say  
14 something to somebody, pretend you're saying it or touching me and  
15 how I would react, or more so how you would want somebody to touch or  
16 say something to a female relative." And I also expanded that to  
17 say, sir, on alcohol. I understand that CAT1 linguists over in the  
18 MP site possibly were supplying the alcohol to the MPs.

19 Q. So there were linguists from the MPs and linguists with the  
20 MI?

21 A. Oh, yes, sir.

22 Q. How many linguists were, that you know of since you're--  
\_3 seem to know or have familiarity, more than a familiarity up there?

1           A.    Sir, TITAN at one point when I was there I think the max we  
2 had were 21 linguists that were CAT2----

3           Q.    For?----

4           A.    ----for MI. I believe the MPs had four or five. But the  
5 MP ones, with the exception of one or two were all CAT1s, i.e., they  
6 don't have the Secret security clearance, they're not quite screened  
7 and what have you. So you always had to be careful of what kind of  
8 information was shared. In fact, I had asked the TITAN  
9 representatives specifically what the rules were because the  
10 linguists were always asking Chief Rummager, coming to me, going to  
11 other folks, saying, "Hey we'd like to go visit our relatives in  
12 Baghdad. We'd like to go here, we'd like to go there." They brought  
13 a statement to work and said they were not authorized any  
14 unauthorized trips out, these kind of things. Matter of fact, we  
15 were advised one day that there were four linguists that had gone  
16 outside the wire. Colonel Pappas directed myself and Lieutenant  
17 Colonel Walters to wait for them because supposedly they had gone out  
18 the north area. My concern, sir, was not so much they'd gone out,  
19 but if they'd gone out and got back in and were unseen getting back  
20 in, that meant that we were vulnerable to enemy penetration. Turns  
21 out that they'd rode out, I guess, with a contractor through the MP  
22 gate, flashed their white DOD ID cards and came back in and nobody  
\_3 thought to ask what they were doing.

1 Q. So, again, in that particular instance was Battalion  
2 Commander-- MP Battalion Commander notified about that particular  
3 incident?

4 A. Of the linguists going out the gate?

5 Q. Right.

6 A. Oh, yes, sir. And matter of fact, Colonel Pappas directed  
7 that we contact TITAN, we contacted the CJTF-7 linguist manager,  
8 Major Harris. They pulled them back in, mentioned it into General  
9 Fast, she called them in and there was a concern that we were so  
10 short CAT2 linguists cleared that they would give them letters of  
11 reprimand instead of removing them, sending them back home and  
12 sending them out to other areas, such a Fallujah and Ramadi or give  
13 them the opportunity to go home.

14 Q. Okay. Do you know a detainee by the name of A [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]-  
15 S [REDACTED]?

16 A. Sir, I believe A [REDACTED]-S [REDACTED] the individual who tried to shoot  
17 me on the night of 24----

18 Q. Tried to shoot you or shot you?

19 A. Tried to shoot me, sir. He didn't shoot me, knock on wood,  
20 sir, cause I didn't have plates on. I'm very glad he didn't shoot  
21 me, sir.

22 Q. Okay. Who is an interrogator by the name of Steve?

1           A.    Sir, I would need to know more last names because I believe  
2 there were two Steve-- civilians, if you're saying civilians not  
3 military, that were there.

4           Q.    Which-- describe those two individuals please.

5           A.    One Steve's Hawaiian guy from Honolulu area, Japanese-  
6 American looking individual. Another one's a white Caucasian,  
7 probably 6-5, 275, bearded.

8           Q.    Who would have responsibility for this guy named A [REDACTED] S [REDACTED]  
9 A [REDACTED]-S [REDACTED]? Since you know of him.

10          A.    Well, sir, I believe he was obviously an MI hold because he  
11 was part of that Syrian team that came in----

12          Q.    Which one of those Steves was involved with his  
13 interrogation?

14          A.    Sir, I-- I don't know because I didn't direct the  
15 interrogations, I'd have to ask Captain Wood, Chief Graham or one of  
16 the team leaders----

17          Q.    Do you have any knowledge of Steve or his partner taking  
18 him near the prison complex and putting a pistol to A [REDACTED]-S [REDACTED] head  
19 and threatening to kill him?

20          A.    No, sir, not at all. Sir, the other question I would like  
21 asked is how did a civilian interrogator get a weapon?

22          Q.    I'm just asking?

1           A.    Sir, I'm-- I'm telling you, those guys repeatedly were  
2 seeking weapons. They actually had a meeting one day where they felt  
3 that they were going to have to quit and they were kind of hold up--  
4 I called it extortion to Colonel Pappas-- trying to hold him up to  
5 say, "We fear for our lives here, we need to be armed, and--" they  
6 had a couple people quit.

7           Q.    Why would they fear for their lives when they are  
8 surrounded by security people?

9           A.    Sir, I asked them that. They just felt that they needed to  
10 be armed within the compound----

11          Q.    Were they armed?

12          A.    No, sir, not at all. And, sir, I'll tell you this, if I  
13 saw them with weapons or anything like that, I'd have confiscated the  
14 weapon and would have reported it. Now Colonel Pappas says put in a  
15 request, I believe through General Sanchez to General Abazaaid for  
16 side arms for them to be authorized through their contract or what  
17 have you, I don't know what the status of that memo is, but I do know  
18 that he was going to submit that memo to see if that could be  
19 supported.

20          Q.    How many weapons did you have on you the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>  
21 of November?

22          A.    Sir, I had two: an M-16 and my 9mm.

23          Q.    Were you authorized two or did you just like to carry two?

1           A.    Sir, I normally carried-- I signed for a 9mm when I came  
2 over, sir, and when we had excess weapons available and I had an  
3 opportunity to carry an M-16, I always carried an M-16, yes, sir.

4           Q.    So, when you entered after Sergeant Frederick asked for  
5 your assistance or your help to go search a cell that was suspected  
6 to have weapons in there, you had those two with you at the outer  
7 entrance,-----

8           A.    Yes, sir.-----

9           Q.    -----not the inner entrance and you carried those two with  
10 you?

11          A.    Yes, sir, I asked permission to enter with my weapons, yes,  
12 sir.

13          Q.    What was the SOP upon, not during that time, not during the  
14 shooting, what is typically the SOP when you did access the Tier 1,  
15 Tier 1B complex?

16          A.    At the time, if you had weapons, you checked your weapons,  
17 there was a weapons holding area, the MPs would take your weapon and  
18 secure it in there. After 24 September, what have you, they started  
19 even sandbagging inside the Sally Port, everybody going in had to  
20 have plates, Kevlars, things of that nature. Before that timeframe,  
21 when you entered, there was no requirement for vests and if you had  
22 plates, plates and/or Kevlar. And the unique thing about this Mr.

23 A [REDACTED] was that he was scheduled to have an interrogation that

1 evening at 2300 hours and I believe-- I believe Steve was one of the  
2 MI folks that would have been scheduled to do that interrogation, I  
3 believe, sir, I don't know-- I don't remember.

4 Q. Which Steve would that have been, the short guy or the tall  
5 guy?

6 A. The tall guy.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. And I'll tell you, sir, I think had A-S incident not  
9 happened, he'd have pulled that Chinese 9mm and killed the MP and the  
10 two or three MI folks that were on the deck, had the keys, and would  
11 have released everybody else that he had access to on the cell block.  
12 And, sir, I don't know what the outcome would have been-- it wouldn't  
13 have been nice. But--

14 Q. You mentioned that you and Colonel Pappas did not always  
15 see eye-to-eye. When did you depart your duty at Abu Ghraib?

16 A. 21, 22 December.

17 Q. 21, 22 December, let's just say 22 December.

18 A. Okay, sir.

19 Q. Then you got there the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, thereabouts.

20 A. Roger that, sir. Afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

21 Q. Okay. What was the reason why you were reassigned?

22 A. Got a note from Lieutenant Colonel Brady who had said----

23 Q. Who's Brady?----

1           A.     Brady was a C-2 personnel guy for General Fast. ----Said  
2     General Fast wants you to come in handle party of five issues.  If  
3     you'd like to stay at Abu, she understands, please respond, let me  
4     know what you'd like to do.  Sir, as I said before, probably two,  
5     three weeks before that I had gone to General Fast and say, "Ma'am,  
6     Lieutenant Colonel Walters and the 165<sup>th</sup> is coming in.  I see no need  
7     for me to assist the brigade with force pro issues, engineering,  
8     they've got a whole battalion of bodies here that they didn't have  
9     before.  Again Ma'am, I'm not in the brigade, I'm on the outside  
10    looking out.  I don't get the same connectivity, I don't get the same  
11    email, I-- you know everything-- a lot of times I have to find out  
12    second hand.  I have to be more reactive than proactive and it's hard  
13    to support the brigade commander at times."  And I said, "Ma'am, I  
14    understand OGA has come to you and asked for me to be possibly their  
15    military liaison officer pending my extension in Iraq."  And she  
16    said, "Well, it's not quite true."  She said, "I told them I'd  
17    consider it based on your extension.  I think I have a couple of  
18    other things for you to do."  A few days after that, Colonel Boltz  
19    had called me and said, "Hey, just give you heads up, we're looking  
20    to set up this Iraqi Military Intelligence battalion and we may be  
21    looking at having you come in and make that happen."  Turns out that  
22    that party of five is a baseline or template to get that going sir  
23    and that's what that's related to.



1 Q. Okay. Who did you-- who was your-- who is now your  
2 supervisor at CPA?

3 A. Colonel Campbell James. British colonel just came on  
4 board.

5 Q. Do you work directly for him?

6 A. I work directly, sir, I'm gonna tell you, on paper I work  
7 directly for him. But between you, me and the fencepost I work  
8 directly for General Fast and keep Colonel James informed because  
9 British versus American pecking order, LNO, whatever

10 Q. I got it. I understand. Would you-- how would you  
11 characterize your relationship with Colonel Pappas, notwithstanding  
12 that there were some disagreements between you and he on occasion?

13 A. Sir, sir, I'm-- our relationship, sir; he's my senior I'm  
14 subordinate. He wears an eagle I don't. I call him sir, even when I  
15 disagree, "Sir I disagree with you and here's the reasons why." Lay  
16 out courses of action. Certain things that we disagreed about, sir,  
17 would be admin kinda, law kinda things, or awards or things of this  
18 natures. But, sir, I don't think he's a individual who would cover  
19 up anything. I don't think he's an individual that would authorize  
20 illegal activities. I know that he's very, very career driven. He's  
21 a below-the-zone selectee, I believe, for both O-4 and O-5. I know,  
22 sir that he and his staff have talked very much that he's looking  
23 forward to possibly getting his star. One of the biggest things he

1 talked about was commanding the largest MI brigade ever assembled in  
2 a combat zone, these kind of things. I do know, sir that he tried to  
3 buffer anything of any embarrassment, to include the incident of the  
4 fake shake at Abu G, which I'm sure, is not full knowledge yet to  
5 everybody. A few other things, but criminally wrong, morally wrong,  
6 I don't think he would support anything sir. I don't dislike Colonel  
7 Pappas, I just don't think we ever hit our stride sir, but  
8 professionally, sir, I think he's a good officer. And actually  
9 called me and gave me a brigade coin so I thought that was nice of  
10 him. And again, sir, when you told me yesterday that he called me  
11 his deputy, sir, I never thought I had that much trust, confidence  
12 from him or even support. I just-- you know, he never been in there.  
13 But I-- he has a fairly good sense of humor, he's not troop oriented.  
14 You know he doesn't focus on troop issues, just make sure troops are  
15 taken care of and those kind of things. I think he took it very  
16 hard, sir. when Specialist Brown was killed. Specialist Brown was  
17 his driver and I believe you know a driver and commander get very  
18 close and I know he took it hard. So, I guess that's my relationship  
19 with him sir.

20 Q. Did you ever see or attend any meetings between he and  
21 General Karpinski relative to detainee operations or conditions of  
22 the Abu Ghraib complex?

1           A.    No, sir, but he told me what he had discussed with General  
2 Karpinski, but basically that's hearsay, I never heard him tell her  
3 directly.

4           Q.    Did he ever discuss with you that he had specifically  
5 requested to General Karpinski, not to anybody else, that he should  
6 have control of Tier 1A and 1B, notwithstanding the fact that based  
7 on your explanation that that was already covered on his  
8 responsibility as the FOB commander?

9           A.    Sir, I know he had asked for that. I know he had asked for  
10 additional MPs and other things from General Karpinski based on his  
11 assessment, sir, and don't take this flippant, but Ray Charles, being  
12 blind, could see there were not enough MPs out there around Ganci or  
13 Vigilant if everybody decided to come out at the wire all at one time  
14 and do something. It was going to be a major, major problem. And,  
15 sir, I know that Colonel Pappas through me to Colonel Phillabaum  
16 addressed issues like cold weather clothing for the detainees, you  
17 know, figuring out some way to sandbag up part of the tents and still  
18 provide heating and if it was an OPSEC things with the flaps down to  
19 make sure that they could see that there were like, not sexual rapes  
20 going on between detainees on detainees or any of this kind of thing.  
21 I know that he was in Colonel Phillabaum's knickers about the food  
22 contract for the detainees and things of this nature.

1 Q. Who's responsible for the mess hall out there after the 19<sup>th</sup>  
2 of November?

3 A. Well, sir, I'm going to tell you we didn't even have a mess  
4 hall "a DFAC" until the very last day or two in November. We  
5 basically, we the MI contingency ate off an MKT that the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP  
6 Company did and when they left, the joint LSA with the 680<sup>th</sup> MPs and  
7 us, we had cooks assigned and we did MKT. When the DFAC came in,  
8 that was under the FOB commander, obviously Colonel Pappas, but it  
9 was ran by Major Shopshire, the 320<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion S-4.

10 Q. Okay. You had mentioned that you know of Frederick,  
11 Elliott, Cathcart based on your visits there at the hard site, Tier  
12 1A and 1B. Do you know a Corporal Grainer?

13 A. Sir, I'm sure I've heard the name and I'm sure if you  
14 showed me a picture, I'd probably say yes I've seen that individual,  
15 but I can't----

16 Q. Do you know a Specialist Ambule?

17 A. I know Specialist Ambule, yes, sir.

18 Q. Okay. Do you know a Specialist Harmon?

19 A. Can't say I do, sir, I'm sure if you showed me a picture---

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21 Q. Do you know a Private England?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Do you know a Staff Sergeant Davis?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Do you know a Staff Sergeant Joyner, or Sergeant Joyner?

3 A. I know Sergeant Joyner, yes, sir.

4 Q. Do you know a Sergeant First Class Snyder?

5 A. I know a Sergeant First Class Snyder, yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay. Obviously you know Captain Brittain.

7 A. Brinson, yes, sir.

8 Q. Brinson. And you know Captain Reese?

9 A. Yes, sir. I also know the First Sergeant there.

10 Q. All right. Now based on your frequent visit to the hard  
11 site, whether you're observing or conducting a special mission for  
12 Colonel Pappas and those are numerous times between the 17<sup>th</sup> of  
13 September to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December----

14 A. Yes, sir.----

15 Q. ----Has any of those NCOs: Frederick, Elliott, Cathcart,  
16 Davis, or whoever else that you had a conversation with, ever  
17 confided in you on whether they were doing the right things or not or  
18 whether they were following the instructions of MI interrogators with  
19 respect to setting up the conditions for their interrogation either  
20 that day or the following day?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Not at all?

23 A. No, sir.

1 Q. Did they ever confide in your that perhaps there were some  
2 questionable things that a Steve or the other Steve or Adele or  
3 anything of-- any interrogators, whether they were questioning or  
4 not?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Had they ever asked you whether they should be receiving  
7 any training of sorts that could be additional or additive to their  
8 duties as guard or even assisting the interrogators?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Have you provided any comments to them, or any corrective  
11 action that you saw, that you thought were questionable or not right?

12 A. No, sir. And had I had corrective action, advised whoever  
13 they belonged to chain of command-wise to do that.

14 Q. Do you see anything wrong with regard to the way detainees  
15 were being detained in their cell or any SOPs that might have been  
16 absent in their little guard shack there in the second floor or  
17 third, or anything of that nature that could have been cleaned up  
18 because it didn't look right, given the fact that you understood that  
19 that was already under MI control?

20 A. Sir, there were issues with the specifically two mentally-  
21 ill individuals were-- they would throw feces and things like that  
22 out----

23 Q. The one that----

1           A.     ----and, sir, the place stank. Sergeant Joyner said, "Hey  
2 sir, can you do me a favor? You got access to supply stuff, can you  
3 get us some disinfectant, can you get us some Lysol spray, these kind  
4 of things?" I said, "Well CPA is supposed to be providing that, I  
5 thought through Ministry of Justice." I said, "Let me see what I can  
6 do." And, sir, I went out on my own pocket cause I make a little  
7 more money than an E-5 does and I bought things at the exchange or  
8 had somebody pick them up bring them out and provided them in to the  
9 folks in there to do that. But, sir, I'm telling you, had I known,  
10 and here you give me names and questions I'm assuming those are folks  
11 that are probably under accusation for doing negative actions. I do  
12 know that Colonel Pappas had even mentioned to me, due to the night  
13 of the 24<sup>th</sup>, based on General Karpinski coming in and saying, "Hey  
14 thanks very much for being there for the soldiers, whatever happened,  
15 glad nobody was killed," things of that nature. Colonel Pappas said,  
16 "You know Steve, I can approve ARCOMs with V devices." I said,  
17 "Well, sir you asking me to submit these soldiers for ARCOMs with--"

18           Q.     This is Pappas?----

19           A.     Yes, sir. ----and I said, "Well, okay sir, let me think  
20 about it." I did go talk to the Battalion Commander, Colonel  
21 Phillabaum, and said, "Sir, you know the majority of the people that  
22 were there obviously were MPs, I don't know what the procedures are,  
23 I'm not one to give awards easily," and these kind of things, and

1 Colonel Phillabaum said, "It's your call if you want to write it up,  
2 submit it or give it to me to give to General Karpinski." And, sir,  
3 I just kinda felt like we were doing our duty, nothing special above,  
4 beyond, you know we didn't pull anybody out of a burning tank or, you  
5 know, give somebody mouth-to-mouth, or nobody lost a life or  
6 something like that. And, sir, I never submitted anybody for those  
7 awards.

8 Q. Okay. The reason why I ask those questions, Colonel  
9 Jordan, was on the statements that I've read so far, is that they--  
10 because of your presence they didn't see Walters in there, commander  
11 of 165<sup>th</sup>, they hardly saw Colonel Phillabaum in there. Seldom saw  
12 Colonel Pappas, but because your presence there, they regarded you as  
13 a battalion commander. They regarded you as a commander, so if you  
14 did not explain to them your role, they were looking at you as the  
15 senior officer present predominantly most of the time, asking were  
16 these being present there that they looked upon you as the commander  
17 of sorts, battalion commander or whatever, and that the absence of  
18 their own chain of command would have lead them to that conclusion.  
19 And I'm not sure you explained yourself to them in terms of what your  
20 role was as a liaison officer, as whatever, to those MPs that you  
21 always seem to see there all the time. Thereby, if your presence was  
22 there and by all means things that they may do or may not do were  
23 then either approved by you or you had knowledge of that. I mention



1 that to you based on the interviews and the statements that we have  
2 received to date.

3 A. Sir, I'm gonna tell you. I have no knowledge of any  
4 maltreatment of anybody, whether it's detainees or soldiers. I would  
5 never authorize that, I never----

6 Q. You have no firsthand knowledge, but you did have knowledge  
7 that some of the interrogators were indeed involved because there are  
8 three Article 15's that were given by Colonel Pappas. And there was  
9 at least one reprimand that you know of. So, that's knowledge.

10 Q. Sir, two incidents and when the information was provided to  
11 me by the MP chain of command-- from the 72<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, so it was  
12 the first company there, within a few days of my arrival. Sir, the  
13 first person I called on the phone was the brigade commander. And  
14 then we went to CID the whole route. So, sir when it was made aware,  
15 action was taken I think-- I don't think enough action was taken, I  
16 really think those folks were setting----

17 Q. Was there a 325<sup>th</sup> MI battalion assigned to that brigade?

18 A. To the brigade, yes, sir.

19 Q. Were they there at Abu Ghraib?

20 A. A slice from one company.

21 Q. Okay. Would it surprise you that two members of that  
22 battalion or a slice of that battalion are also, are suspects in  
\_3 detainee abuses?

1 A. Yes, sir, it would.

2 Q. Okay. Well, I don't have any more questions to ask of you  
3 at this time. We're going to do a verbatim transcription of your  
4 statement.

5 A. All right, sir.

6 [Witness was duly warned, subject to recall and excused.]

7 [The session ended at 1310 hours, 22 February 2004.]

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SECTION I - IDENTIFICATION DATA							SECTION II - CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT DATA (Continued)												
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							5M		Electronics Warfare			820930							
							35B		Strategic Intel			880909							
							(FA) 41A		Pers Programs Mgmt										
							35C		Imagery Exploitation			840723							
							(P) 38A		Civil Affairs Off. Advance Course			930806							
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PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION RECORD - PART II

SECTION II - CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT DATA (Continued)					SECTION III - SERVICE, TRAINING AND OTHER DATES				
13. PILOT RATINGS					18. APPOINTMENTS AND REDUCTIONS <input type="checkbox"/> CONT				
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14. FLYING STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> CONT					1LT	RA	821010		Geneva-Hague Conventions
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17. CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND MILITARY SCHOOLS <input type="checkbox"/> CONT					SECTION IV - PERSONAL AND FAMILY DATA				
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USAICS	Intel Analyst	8 wks	Yes	80	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	GLASSES	SELF <u>South Dakota</u> U.S.	
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US Army Inf Sch	OCS	14 wks	Yes	81	26. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION				
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USAICS	MTOAC	9 wks	Yes	87					
JFKSWC School	CA OFF ADV CRS	R/NRES	Yes	93					
USCGSC	CGSC	3 yrs	Yes	95					
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## SECTION VII - CURRENT AND PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

35. RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS							CONT
EFFECTIVE DATE	DUTY MOSC	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR OVERSEA COUNTRY	NON-DUTY DAYS	NON-RATED DAYS	TYPE REPORT	
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810410		Com Military Intelligence Branch USAR	(OCS)				
810410		Casual	Enroute to Ft. Huachuca, AZ				
810428	00A00	Duty Unassigned	Atch to Co G USAICS Ft. Huachuca AZ	00	00	NONE	
810527	00E35	Student Officer (MIOBC 81-8)	Atch to Co G USAICS Ft. Huachuca AZ	00	00	ACAD	
810801	00E35	Student Officer (TIOC 81-9)	Atch to Co G USAICS Ft. Huachuca AZ	00	00	ACAD	
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811228	35A37	Project Officer	CoC USAICS Ft. Huachuca AZ	00	00	67-8	
820919	35A37	Project Officer	CoC USAICS Ft. Huachuca AZ	00	00	67-8	
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830314	35A5M00	S-2	HHD 728th MP Bn, Korea	00	00	67-8	
830613	35A5M00	S-2	HHD 728th MP Bn, Korea	00	00	67-8	
840224	00A00	Casual	Enroute to CONUS	00	00	NONE	
840224	00A00	Duty Unassigned	7thAGReplDet7thInfDivFtOrdCA	00	00	NONE	
840224	00A00	Duty Unassigned	HHC7thInfDivFtOrdCA	01	00	NONE	
840225	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Ft. Huachuca				
840226	00E00	Stu Off Imagery Exploitation Off Crs	Co G USAICS Ft Huchuca AZ			ACAD	
840724	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Ft Ord GA, A				
840225	35A00	G2 Operations Officer	HHC7thInf Light Ft Ord CA			CD	
850402	35A00	Divarty S2	HHB 7th Divarty Light Ft Ord CA			67-8	
860402	13A00	Battery Commander	HHB 7th Divarty Light Ft Ord CA			SR_OPT	
860905	13A00	Battery Commander	HHB 7th Divarty Light Ft Ord CA			CR	
870918	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Ft Huchuca AZ				
870917	00E00	Stu Off MI OAC	F Co USAICS Ft Huchuca AZ			ACAD	
871203	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Washington DC				
871203	00E00	Stu Off Pos Grad Intel Program (35B)	Defense Intel College			ACAD	
880909	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Ft Leavenworth KS				
880911	00E00	Stu Off CAS-3	Ft Leavenworth KS			ACAD	
881231	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Korea				
890101	35G00	Deputy Chief Casic	A Co 532nd MI Bn			CR	
890621	35G00	Deputy Chief Casic	A Co 532nd MI Bn			67-8	
900201	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Hawaii				
900201	35B00	Strat Intel Analyst	USAE IPAC Camp Smith HI			67-8	
910201	35B00	Chief Special Oper/Lic Branch	USAE IPAC Camp Smith HI			CR	
910703	35B00	Strat Intel Analyst	USAE JICPAC Pearl Harbor HI			CR	
911016	35G00	Co Commander	B Co 732nd MI Bn Sch Bks			REFRAD	
920828	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Co A 368th MI Bn			NONE	
920828	35G00	Team Leader (USAR Ready)	Co A 368th MI Bn			NONE	
921217	38A00	Asst/Pub Safety Officer	322nd Civil Affairs Brigade			67-8	
930606	38A00	Asst/Pub Safety Leader	322nd Civil Affairs Brigade			67-8	
940430	00A00	Casual	Enroute to Pennsylvania				

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