

1 ARTICLE 15-6 INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW

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3 At Camp Doha, Kuwait, on 15 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 BRIGADIER GENERAL JANIS L. KARPINSKI, U.S. Army, was sworn, and  
10 interviewed as follows:

11 Q. Has anybody mentioned to you the context of the  
12 investigation, or scope of anything in that nature?

13 A. No. As a matter of fact I was kind of frustrated because I  
14 tried to get something from General Diamond and General Kratzer, and  
15 nobody would tell me.

16 Q. Okay. Well, rightly so, I think because of the sensitivity  
17 of the investigation----

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. ----and based on some allegations that were made, but let  
20 me go ahead then and start off and go to the proceedings here, some  
21 administrative requirements. I'm Major General Taguba. I'm The  
22 Deputy Commanding General of the Coalition Land Forces Component  
23 Command, as you know headquartered here at Camp Doha. The Commanding

1 General, Lieutenant General David McKiernan, has appointed me as the  
2 Investigating Officer under the provisions of AR 15-6. Also, at the  
3 direction of General John Abizaid who is the Commander of CENTCOM.  
4 Our investigation is to gather all facts-- relevant facts and  
5 circumstances surrounding recent allegations of maltreatment of  
6 detainees at the Abu Ghraib Prison also known as the Baghdad Central  
7 Confinement [sic] Facility. As well as detainee escapes and  
8 accountability lapses as reported by CJTF-7. Our investigation is to  
9 further look into the training, the standards, employment, command  
10 policies, and internal policies concerning the detainees held at the  
11 Abu Ghraib Prison. And finally, we were directed to assess the  
12 command climate, the supervisory presence of the 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police  
13 Brigade chain of command. That includes everybody that's organic to  
14 you, to your unit, and those that were tasked organized to you-- your  
15 Brigade during the period of time when you were in command. You've  
16 already met the members of the investigation team. I want to advise  
17 you that you have been sworn in by Lieutenant Colonel Kluka. All of  
18 our comments and your responses will be recorded for accuracy. Of  
19 course you'll get a chance to look at them before once again that you  
20 sign any of the statements. So before we begin I ask you if you have  
21 any questions on the scope or nature of this inquiry?

22 A. An aggressive undertaking and-- but I don't have any  
23 questions, sir.

1 Q. Okay, wonderful. For the record would you please state  
2 your name, your rank, social security number, and duty position?

3 A. My name is Janis Lee Karpinski. I'm a Brigadier General,  
4 and the Commander of the 800<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade, and my social security  
5 number is: [REDACTED]

6 Q. Thank you. And you're currently the Commanding General of  
7 the 800<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Okay, good. The allegations were-- related to events that  
10 happened roughly between October, December timeframe, since that's  
11 still under investigation by the CID, when would-- when were you  
12 first made aware of those circumstances and the events that happened  
13 there at Tier 1A at the hard site at Abu Ghraib?

14 A. I was up at Ashraf at the MEK compound and I received an  
15 email from Colonel Marcello the commander of the CID, and he said, "I  
16 just want you to be aware I'm getting ready to go in and brief  
17 General Sanchez. I want you to be aware that there have been-- that  
18 we're doing an investigation at Abu Ghraib Prison for detainee abuse  
19 involved," uh-- I don't even remember if there was two or three  
20 sentences. And that was about January 24<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>----

21 Q. Thereabouts?

22 A. Thereabouts.

1 Q. What action did you take after that, upon that  
2 notification?

3 A. I sent an email back to him, I said, "I don't know what to  
4 say." There wasn't enough specifics in that statement. I called  
5 him. I left a message for him. I was down in-- the next morning I  
6 was down in-- at Victory, and two days later Colonel Marcello came  
7 over to see me, and told me that he was briefing General Wojdakowski  
8 in an-- I think it was an interim briefing, and he wanted me to see  
9 what they had accumulated thus far.

10 Q. Sure.

11 A. Showed me some of the pictures.

12 Q. Sure.

13 Q. And I still didn't know what to say to him. It was I  
14 called out to-- it was worse than I had-- could ever imagine. It's  
15 still too difficult for me to think that soldiers would have done  
16 some of things that were photographed.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I called out to Colonel Phillabaum. He'd been over the  
19 same day that I got the email from Colonel Marcello. Colonel  
20 Maddocks called me up at Ashraf and he said----

21 Q. Your XO?

22 A. My XO. And he said, "I have Colonel Phillabaum and Colonel  
23 O'Hare in the office, I'm afraid this isn't good news. There's been

