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Subject: Statement

Sir, here is the information that you wanted me to get for you. I did not find any email that was sent to me from the OIC or AOIC. But I'm still looking for you.

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STGC (b)(3):10 USC Statement

Place: Camp America, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Date: 14 August 2006

I, (b)(3):10 USC, make the following free and voluntary statement to Col (b)(3) (b)(3):10 USC whom I know to be appointed by RADM Harry B. Harris, Jr., to conduct an informal investigation into whether (1) the Camp Delta SOP was followed by relevant Joint Detention Group personnel during the overnight hours of 9-10 June 2006; and, (2) if the SOP was not followed, whether this failure contributed to the ability of the detainees to commit suicide on that night. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees in Alpha Block.

(b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

My assignment at JTF-GTMO is Platoon Leader for the Camp 1 Detention Facility. The Camp 1 Detention Facility includes Blocks (b)(2)

(b)(2) My duties include Good order and discipline, and fair firm and impartial treatment of the detainees. My chain of command on the night of 9-10 June 2006, beginning with (b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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**When did you arrive at Camp 1 and what were your billets there?**

Arrived 20 Sept 2005. Had left seat/right seat training for 4 days, was on blocks in late September early October. Billet as a Platoon Leader for Camp 1.

**What sort of guidance were you given by your chain of command regarding enforcement of rules and command philosophy?**

Fair firm and impartial treatment of the detainee's, follow the SOP. Learn to say yes, this is for the sailors. But that was not so! We could not say yes because it was all about the Detainees not the sailors. We were catering to the detainees because we could not do our job. What I mean is that the upper change of command was suppose to walk the blocks everyday and they would answer question that the detainees would ask them. And guards would tell them one thing and the upper chain of command would tell them it was ok.

**Why is Camp 1 called compliant? It doesn't sound compliant.**

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What were the procedures for chain of command to pass word about new policy?

Change was a common thing for camp 1. The SOP was a living document that was changing all the time. I remember at one of the Battle Update Brief (BUB) that the COL (b)(3):10 said that the SOP was a guideline to follow. (b)(3):10 was not there was not in the BUB that day. So when she had the BUB and the COL was not there she said that we would follow the SOP to the letter, the SOP was law.

What are some examples of things that were against the SOP that detainees kept pushing for and eventually received?

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What are some things done in Camp 1 that weren't really to SOP?

Usually, they would tell us to give detainees something and later it would be follow up in a guard mount massage later on. (b)(2)

(b)(2) It was getting harder for the guards to keep track of all of the things that the detainees could have in their cells and above their cell too.

Did anyone in your chain of command ever direct you to do something not in SOP?

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What are the procedures for a random headcount?

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Did guards have to sight (b)(2) in random headcounts?

(b)(2) We did not harass them. At night, I would walk the block; I would wait to see (b)(2) If I couldn't (b)(2) I would ask the guard a few questions regarding the detainee

in question then I would call out his ISN out. They would tell me to come back and see them later on and they will talk to me.

**Have you heard of gun-decking the random headcounts?**

Yes, I enforced visual inspection during random headcounts by going into tower, (b)(2) on some blocks, you could see almost the entire tier. If guards didn't walk tier, check each cell, he would confront Block NCO. By calling him out to see me or go on the block and take him in the guardhouse.

**What were the major issues affecting guard morale in Camp 1?**

The biggest problem for morale was the constant change of procedures. I remember one (b)(2) detainees wanted some too. Another problem was that detainees would get something from their interrogators and it would not be in DIMS so the guard would take it away from him. The next day or a few days later the detainee would have it back. If an NCO would make a call and say that the detainee could not talk to the SOG, PL or OIC for something they could handle by themselves, then when the OIC came on the block the detainee would talk to OIC or AOIC to get what they wanted.

**Have you worked with the guard team on A Block?** Yes, they have all worked for me.

**What is your assessment of** (b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

They are all good workers. I did not have any problems from them as far as I remember.