

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Major General Donald J. Ryder Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Command 6010 6th Street Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5506

Re: Suspected Mistreatment of Detainces

Dear General Ryder:

I appreciate the opportunity I had to meet with you last week. As part of a follow up on our discussion on detained treatment, I would like to alert you to three situations observed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of highly aggressive interrogation techniques being used against detainees in Guantanamo (GTMO). I refer them to you for appropriate action.

1. During late 2002, FBI Special Agent James Clemente was present in an observation room at GTMO and observed Sergeant (first name unknown) Lacey conducting an interrogation of an unknown detainee. (SA Clemente was present to observe the interrogation occurring in a different interrogation room.) Sgt. Lacey entered the observation room and complained that curtain movement at the observation window was distracting the detainee, although no movement of the curtain had occurred. She directed a marine to duct tape a curtain over the two-way mirror between the interrogation room and the observation room. SA Clemente characterized this action as an attempt to prohibit those in the observation room from witnessing her interaction with the detainee. Through the surveillance camera monitor, SA Clemente then observed Sgt. Lacey position herself between the detainee and the surveillance camera. The detainee was shackled and his hands were cuffed to his waist. SA Clemente observed Sgt. Lacey apparently whispering in the detainee's ear, and caressing and applying lotion to his arms (this was during Ramadan when physical contact with a woman would have been particularly offensive to a Moslem male). On more than one occasion the detainer appeared to be grimacing in pain, and Sgt. Lacey's hands appeared to be making some contact with the detaince. Although SA Clemente could not see her hands at all times, he saw them moving towards the detainee's lap. He also observed the detainee pulling away and against the restraints. Subsequently, the marine who had previously taped the curtain and had been in the interrogation room with Sgt. Lacey during the interrogation re-entered the observation room.

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SA Clemente asked what had happened to cause the detainee to grimace in pain. The marine said Sgt. Lacey had grabbed the detainee's thumbs and bent them backwards and indicated that she also grabbed his genitals. The marine also implied that her treatment of that detainee was less harsh than her treatment of others by indicating that he had seen her treatment of other detainees result in detainees curling into a fetal position on the floor and crying in pain.

- 2. Also in October 2002, FBI Special Agent Robert Morton was observing the interrogation of a detainee when Dave Becker, a civilian contractor, came into the observation room and asked SA Morton to come see something. SA Morton then saw an unknown bearded, long-haired detainee in another interrogation room. The detainee had been gagged with duct tape that covered much of his head. SA Morton asked Mr. Becker whether the detainee had spit at the interrogators. Mr. Becker laughed and stated that the detainee had been chanting the Koran and would not stop. Mr. Becker did not answer when SA Morton asked how the duct tape would be removed from the detainee.
- 3. In September or October of 2002 FBI agents observed that a canine was used in an aggressive manner to intimidate detainee #63 and, in November 2002, FBI agents observed Detainee #63 after be had been subjected to intense isolation for over three months. During that time period, #63 was totally isolated (with the exception of occasional interrogations) in a cell that was always flooded with light. By late November, the detained was evidencing behavior consistent with extreme psychological trauma (talking to non-existent people, reporting hearing voices, crouching in a corner of the cell covered with a sheet for hours on end). It is unknown to the FBI whether such extended isolation was approved by appropriate DoD authorities.

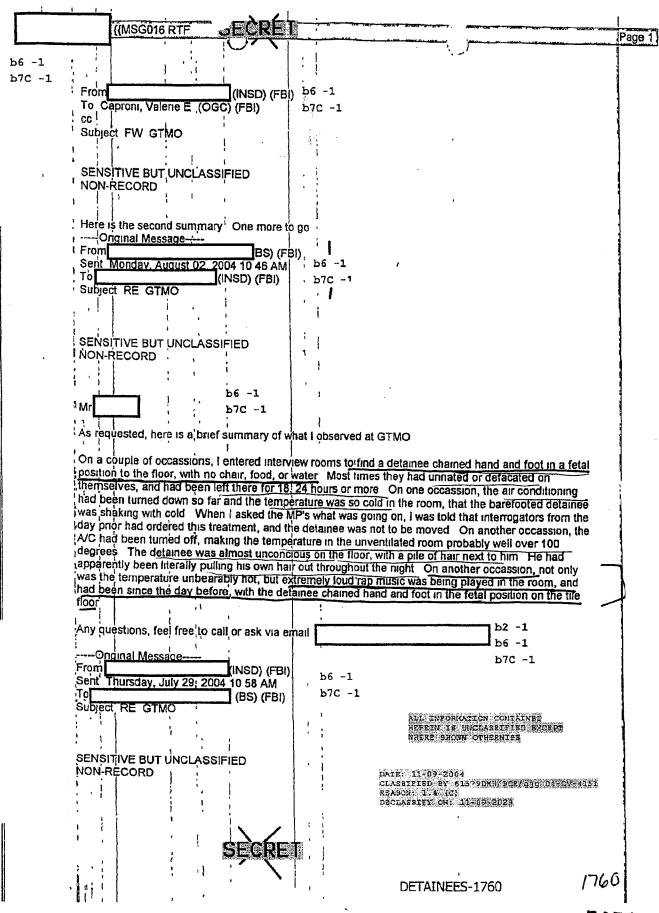
These situations were referenced in a May 30, 2003 electronic communication (EC) from the Behavioral Analysis Unit of the FBI to FBI Headquarters. That EC attached, among other documents, a draft Memorandum for the Record dated 15 January 2003 from Capt. Mark E. McCary (USAFR), that refers to the first two events among others in a time line of events related to discussions concerning the use of aggressive interrogation techniques. Marion Bowman of the FBI's Office of General Counsel discussed the contents of those communications with Mr. Dietz, Deputy General Counsel (Intelligence) and Mr. Del'Orto, Deputy General Counsel of DoD, around the time the EC was received. Although he was assured that the general concerns expressed, and the debate between the FBI and DoD regarding the treatment of detainees was known to officials in the Fentagon, I have no record that our specific concerns regarding these three situations were communicated to DoD for appropriate action.

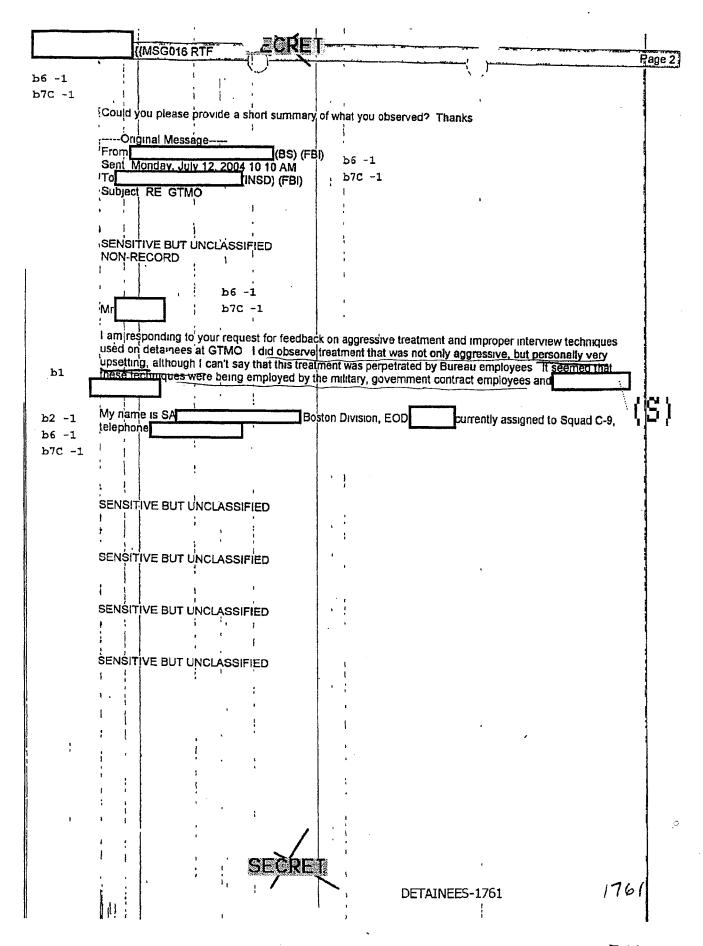
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If I can provide any further information to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

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	I am forwarding this EC up the CTD chain of command. MLDU requested this information be documented to protect the FBI. MLDU has had a long standing and documented position against use of some of DOD's interrogation practices, however, we were not aware of these latest techniques until recently.	
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	If this detainee is ever released or his story made public in any way, DOD interrogators will not be held accountable because these torture techniques were done the "FBI" interrogators. The FBI will left holding the bag before the public.	
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