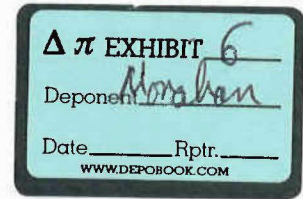


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To: ajensen@caci.com  
cc: mdermes@caci.com  
Subject: Update from Rich Arant



Amy,

I assume Dan Porvaznik has been in contact with you regarding my separation from employment.

I arrived in Kuwait late during the evening after my departure from Baghdad. The following morning I outprocessed from Camp Doha, and purchased my commercial air ticket from Kuwait City International Airport to Louisville, KY. I arrived home last night. Since I had no official orders or fund cite for return travel, Camp Doha in Kuwait was not authorized to book me out of country to Fort Bliss or any other destination, and the SATO office advised me to purchase commercial tickets through them on the same flight that emergency leave personnel were departing through Amsterdam on to Detroit. This is just as well, since my resignation obligates me to reimburse all CACI expenses for travel anyway. Within the next 48 hours I will contact the CRC at Fort Bliss to schedule myself for outprocessing there to return my field equipment and ID card. I may decide to drive to Fort Bliss instead of flying commercial depending on the costs and how quickly I recover from the 60 hour return trip here.

No need for CACI to get into any salary calculations for the brief time I was under your employ. After I complete the processing at Fort Bliss and your are advised of the cost of earlier transportation which I am also obligated to reimburse, bill me at will. Should you need copies of my return tickets and my credit card payments for same to insure that travel was not billed to CACI, please advise.

Dan will, I'm sure, be advising you as to what reasons were given to the client to explain my departure from station. I had suggested to Dan that my concerns regarding the handling of prisoners and interrogation methods used should be kept in house for now. You probably are aware by now of an ongoing investigation regarding allegations that male interrogators conducted an unauthorized interrogation of a female inmate held in an isolation facility at Abu Ghurayd prison. This does not involve anything which I or any other CACI employee witnessed or reported, but it does confirm my assessment that the situation I observed may not be an isolated instance. Dan was alert to such possible circumstances even before CACI personnel arrived on station and was firm from the beginning that CACI personnel not put themselves in compromising positions which might result in any allegations of wrongdoing. Until interrogations are conducted in an environment monitored by officer personnel, violations of the well-written "rules of engagement" will likely continue to occur. Junior enlisted personnel are not competent to conduct interrogation operations in an unsupervised mode, and signed paperwork by interrogators acknowledging those rules is not sufficient to protect the chain of command from its legal responsibilities.

In summary, the CACI personnel with whom I had contact, especially Dan Porvaznik and Steve Stevanowicz, have my highest admiration and respect. I am making no charges regarding the troubling acts I witnessed, acts conducted by junior active duty military personnel. Had I been there as an active duty military officer, I would have had no choice but to immediately stop the activities I saw and demand an investigation. Instead, I turned my head, walked away, and tried to work out a reason for departure which would have the minimum impact on CACI relations with the client. I could not allow myself to remain in a situation in which I might have to do the same a second time. This is the best I could do under the

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circumstances. Let me say that in the course of my career I have never used methods which were not totally in line with the ideals of this country, and I have always acted as if the American people were observing my every move toward any subject whom I interviewed. I am open to the concept that I have grown softhearted and naive, but am remain very inflexible as to what I will tolerate in my presence.

I apologize to CACI for separating so quickly. I am certain that Dan Porvaznik is totally honest and straightforward and competent, and will insure that CACI is able to honorably support the client. I am equally certain that the other interrogator on station, Steve, would never dream of violating the dignity of any detainee under his control. I was proud to know the members of the team who traveled to Abu Ghurayb with me. They were among the best I have seen in my career.

Rich Arant

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