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Subject: Talking points on Bible burning (UNCLASSIFIED) Auto forwarded by a Rule

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These are the talking points we released last month. This is the only thing we have released on the subject.

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Sir,

Here is what my response would be pertaining to the FOIA request on the "Confiscation and Destruction of the Bibles."

Here is the CJTF - 82 Chaplain Office responses to the request for information regarding the Confiscation and Destruction of the Bibles. The Chaplain's office has little to report since there are no stored memo, emails or other types of documents providing details to this event. The information that was passed on to us pertaining to this event was that the event took place during a regular occurring Bible Study that a 101st Airborne Division, Battalion Chaplain was leading. The Bibles that I presume you are referring to were brought to the Bible study by a Soldier in his unit.

These bibles that were written in Pashatu were sent to the Solder from his Church back in the States. The church back in the States and also the Soldier that had brought the Bibles to the study that night, were not aware of the Title 10 regulations. Which forbids any individuals from the Federal Government to proselytizing to local nationals within theatre?

The Battalion Chaplain immediately informed that Soldier and also shared with the group that giving these Bibles to local nations against Title 10 regulations. The Chaplain immediately

handed off the Bibles to his 1SG and the 1SG disposed of them in the trash. Later on that week, the items that were in that trash were burned in the burn barrel.

The thought in the request that these Bibles were American Soldiers Bibles was an incorrect assumption. No Bibles owned by Soldiers or by the Chapel, have been confiscated and destroyed here at Bagram Airfield.

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