

25 February 2012, 1605 hrs

Interview of

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

[At 1605 hrs, BG Watson conducted an interview of (b)(6), (b)(7)c

I work with an outside team, not for CI. I was not present during the first two days of the library search.

At 0630 hours the morning of day three, I woke up, took a shower, went to the chow hall for breakfast, and then came to work. I worked on translating documents until about noon and proceeded to the chow hall with my colleagues for lunch. On my way back from the chow hall, someone from my office called me. They informed me they needed some help from an interpreter. I notified my POC [point of contact] and then proceeded to the library about 1400 hours. I was not sure where the library was, so I asked someone to show me where it was located. I departed the office by myself and headed to the library. When I arrived at the library, there were a few people there. I'm not sure, but there were two interpreters and the rest were Americans. There were about seven or eight people including the interpreters. I can't give you an accurate number. I asked how I could help. They wanted me to look at the books and show them any suspicious writing.

When I arrived the library was in good shape. They marked the shelves that they had removed books from with a water bottle. There was one shelf left to clear, which is why I was called to help. I did not notice where they were putting the books, but I did notice they were taking out the notes and other things from the books.

When I entered the library, there were books on the floor. They wanted me to get with one of the Soldiers to look at the books. These were school books. The soldier and I put on our gloves and I examined the books for writings. While I examined the books, I was also taking pictures of the writings. Once I was done with one book, I returned it to the Soldier. The books with a small amount of writing they placed back on the shelves and the others with lots of writing were segregated with the rest of the books on the floor. I worked in the library until 1600 hours and returned to my office. I did not hear what happened to the segregated books nor did I ask. I didn't know any of the people and they did not know me. We have never worked with each other before. At 1600 hours, I returned back to my office and talked to my POC. I informed him my job was complete and I left for the day.

I did not see any Qurans, Holy Books, on the floor only on the shelf. I'm not sure how many books were on the floor when I arrived or when I departed. I only recall there were two small piles, one of books and the other of papers. No one asked me to examine any Qurans. I only examined school books and novels.

When they need a translator, they call my POC and he calls us. Someone from inside called my POC, the sergeant for the entire linguist, and told him they needed assistance. They usually call two hours prior to needing a translator. If there is a translator with nothing to do they will send

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that translator over there. I have been working here for two months. I do not work inside the Detention Center; it is a separate branch.

The next day when I came into the office I checked the news on the internet about 1000 hours and that is when I found out about the incident. First I read it on the internet, and then my colleagues told me about the Qurans being burned. Then I heard the locals working in the area did not allow them to burn all of the religious books.

I was only in the library for two hours. They only told me I was going to examine writings in some books and take pictures of the writings. My job was only to examine the books for any suspicious writings nothing else. There were ISBN numbers in the books that I examined. It did appear that the books were being used for communications between detainees.

[Interview terminated at 1641 hours.]