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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION: Detention Facility in Parwan (DFIP)
2. DATE: 2012/02/22
4. FILE NUMBER: 0053-12-CID369-
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
6. SSN: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(3) (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 18 February 2012 at approximately 0920, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c; (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c; and myself entered the DFIP library. We began going through each book page by page looking for witting, hidden messages, or contraband items. We brought two interpreters with us, (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c. If we came across a book that (b)(6), (b)(7)c or (b)(6), (b)(7)c identified as extremist we set them aside and planned to ask for further guidance concerning those books at a later time from (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. We left at approximately 1900. On 20 February 2012, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and myself entered the DFIP library and began going through each book page by page. A short time afterwards, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c came in to assist and informed us that we would be getting assistance from other personnel in order to expedite the operation and finish the same day. I had to leave the library at approximately 1100 to sign for my key at the mayor cell and move a bed into my permanent living area. I returned at approximately 1630, at this time, I learned that we were setting aside books that were inappropriate to be removed from the DFIP library. I continued going through books page by page, at approximately 1800 I heard (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c tell (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and himself had some concerns over the transportation of the books. Since some of them were religious books, they needed to be moved in a respectful manner. I was then instructed to place books with duct tape holding them together into the pile of books that would be removed from the library. I overheard another agent being told that we would take pictures of all writing in the books as opposed to ripping out pages because if it was a Quran, it is inappropriate to rip the pages of the book, (b)(6), (b)(7)c then asked if any Quran's were being destroyed, and (b)(6), (b)(7)c was told that if they were destroyed it would be given to their own people and they would do it. At approximately 1830, we finished going through the books and began moving all the books to the front of the room next to the door. We stacked them in an orderly manner, so that we were being respectful. At approximately 1900, I left to move my personal belongings into my permanent living area.

Q. (b)(6), (b)(7)c
A. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
Q. Did you type the above narrative?
A. Yes.
Q. When you left the DFIP library, had any of the books been removed?
A. No. They were all still in the library. I wasn't part of the removal process, just the identification of books to be removed.
Q. Can you describe what the parameters were that were used to identify the books for removal?
A. Books with extremist messages and books deemed inappropriate for the detainees to read. I didn't come across any of those books as far as inappropriate, but I did come across some extremist books as well as books that were bound by duct tape or were not together anymore.
Q. Who identified the books as extremist or inappropriate?
A. (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c would relate to the agent that the books were inappropriate or contained extremist material through their expertise and the agent would set it aside for clarification. Then on the final day the books which were deemed inappropriate were stacked next to the door, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

10. EXHIBIT
11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TAKEN AT \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_
THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE INDICATED.

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q. Who was the (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c expressed their concerns over transportation of the books to?  
 A. I can't remember his name, but he was the only one in there.

Q. What was the outcome of that conversation?  
 A. I don't know, we were all located in different areas throughout the library and I did not hear the (b)(6), (b)(7)c response.

Q. Did you know what was to happen to the books after they were identified for removal?  
 A. I didn't know what was going to happen to them. I assumed they were going to be stored.

Q. You mentioned pictures were to be taken of the books with writing other than ripping pages out. What would be the reasoning behind such?  
 A. (b)(6), (b)(7)c and we dont speak the language, we cannot identify which books were Qur'ans and which werent. So we treated all of the books respectfully and (b)(6), (b)(7)c even made sure we held the books in the correct manner as to not be disrespectful. Also, photos could be taken to later exploit information that was written in the books.

Q. Did you observe any pictures being taken?  
 A. I took a lot of pictures and saw a lot of pictures being taken.

Q. Where are those photos now?  
 A. They are on our cameras and we sent them to DOMEX.

Q. What is DOMEX?  
 A. Document exploitation.

Q. Did anyone ever mention the books were going to be disposed of?  
 A. No, not that I heard.

Q. Do you have anything additional to add to this statement?  
 A. No.///END OF STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

AFFIDAVIT

I, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1. AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT, -

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c  
 (Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 22nd day of February, 2012 at TIG-CI, DEIP, CSH, (b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c  
 (b)(6), (b)(7)c (Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c  
 (Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

10 USC 936  
 (Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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Interview of

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

[At 0848 hours, BG Watson advised (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c of her UCMJ, Article 31 rights for possible violations of UCMJ Article 92, dereliction of duty. At 0849 hours, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c waived her to counsel and agreed to make a statement.]

[At 0851 hours, BG Watson administered the oath to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c ]

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

**U.S. Army, first being duly sworn, did testify in substance as follows:**

I am (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I am assigned to (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c I am a (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c with TIG [Theatre Intelligence Group] CI [Counter Intelligence]. I have worked in that position for approximately (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I arrived in Afghanistan around (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and prior to that I worked with the (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c

I believe it was approximately 3-4 weeks prior to us searching the library, around the 3rd or 4th week in January, that we were looking into the (b)(6), (b)(7)c and that we would be doing a search of the library to look for contraband and messages that were being passed between the detainees. I was not part of the planning phase, but as a team, we were cc'd on everything. I know there was reconnaissance done, and I believe it was done by (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that is, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. Previously, when we were attempting to conduct operations involving the (b)(6), (b)(7)c, there were significant changes in the (b)(6), (b)(7)c patterns of life. He would always take the day off when we were planning the search, so the day he did go into the library, it was short notice. We were already on a standby status because of the pattern of life change. I believe the original date was to be on a Friday about two weeks before the actual search took place. We were going to go in and go through the books page-by-page, which we expected would take a long time. We would have about three cameras for the search. If something was found, we would run it past an interpreter if one was available. If the item was of value, it would be photographed. If there was no interpreter, we would photograph every item. We were going to wear gloves just because the books are dirty and dusty, and if the books were going to be Qurans, we wouldn't want to do anything to them. We didn't know what kind of books would be in the library, and we didn't have any specific discussion about Qurans. We would have (b)(6), (b)(7)c make sure we handled Qurans properly, such as not holding them upside down, but that was brought up when the team was already in the library.

I participated in the search all day on Friday with exception to a small lunch break. I was in-and-out of the library all day long on the last day. I was at the library when they began the search on the third day, departed and came back around 1600 hours, then departed at night around 1800 hours.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c has worked with the team since I arrived in (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I had done screening and tasks with him in the past a couple times and he seemed like a pretty squared away interpreter. I

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believe I met [REDACTED] a couple weeks before the library search. I have never worked with him one-on-one. I thought he might have an issue working with women, but I hadn't developed any other impressions of him before the library search.

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c were the primary planners for the search of the library. I feel as though the team knew what to look for, but I'm not 100% sure on how the linguists were briefed. We were looking for messages that were being passed between detainees or from detainees to the outside. Also, we were looking for things that were inside of the books to be snuck into the cells.

On the first day, we started at the first bookcase and went through each book page-by-page looking for writing in the book or damaged bindings where things could be snuck in, as well as notes that might be inside the books. We found a couple of books that might be extremist-themed, so we set those ones aside. If the note was on the page, we took a picture of it. If it was on a piece of paper we put it in a burn bag when we were done with it.

When you walk into the library, we stared on the first book shelf on the left. I think [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c and [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c started on the other side, but I can't be sure. I'm not sure, but if I had to guess, I would say probably about 50% of the books had writing in them. After we took the picture, we put the book back on the shelves. We probably didn't put them back in exactly the same order, but we stacked them the same way. Initially, when the search was planned, we wanted the [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c to be unwitting to what we were doing, but then things changed and when the search started, we wanted him to know the search was being conducted.

There were books that were segregated. If the context of the books were extremist-themed and identified by the linguist, we set it aside to ask [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c what he wanted to do with them. That criterion was applied the first day of the search when one of the linguists came up to us with a concern about the type of one particular book that he had found. We set that book aside for clarification purposes. A lot of the other books had handwriting in them that could have been poems or messages to other detainees, but we returned those to the shelves. I think that both linguists had a lot of involvement in making determinations on which books should be set aside; I don't know which interpreter had more involvement.

[REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c were in the library on the first day of the search; they were there all day. [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c came in at the end of the day with another individual that I didn't meet. [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c wasn't there at all on the first day of the search. We all left during lunch time. I'm not sure if [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c went at lunch, but he did leave around the same time. [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c took a lunch break as well. On the first day, I think we stopped searching around 1900 hours. At that time, there were not that many books set aside and categorized as extremist; maybe 30 books were set aside. I was not part of the library search on the second day. I took part in a night mission. [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c mentioned that they found a lot that was described as books that were being used to smuggle contraband into cells. I was under the impression that they were finding a lot of stuff in the library. On the third day of the search, I was present when they started in the morning. I don't remember what time we started, but we did start a little later because people had things going on. [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was not present; I'm not sure what time [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c got to the library that day, but [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c was there when I got back to the library at 1600 hours. [REDACTED] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c took us into the library and I

asked him to show me where [redacted] left off searching the night before. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was also present when we started the search in the morning. There were no linguists present in the morning, so we just took pictures and set things aside. I don't remember what time the linguists came in. I left the library that day around 1100 hours. I could tell that more books had been segregated on the second day, but not a lot more, maybe double the amount, 40 books or so.

When I got back at 1600 hours, there were significantly more books segregated. There were a lot of people in the library, almost to the point where it was crowded. There were a lot of books stacked up all over the place. I just checked back in, sat down next to my partner, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and asked [redacted] (b)(6) what was going on. [redacted] (b)(6) said now that they had more people helping with the search, it was going a lot quicker and [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c wanted to get the search done that day. Most people were not going through the books as meticulously as when the search first started, and they were not searching page-by-page. I resumed my normal search process. We were taking pictures the entire time, and I took a lot from 1600 hours on that day. When I came in, it looked like most of the activity was happening at the opposite end of the library to the far right; it involved [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. Both [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c and [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c were in the library, but I don't recall which linguist was with them. I can't recall if any other linguists were with them. I remember they were calling for the linguists quite a bit, but I don't know if they called for one particular linguist more than another. It did not appear that any books were being removed from the left side of the library, where we had already conducted our search. Everybody was focused but you could tell they had been working in there all day, there was dust in the air and they were pretty tired. There was joking around, but they were still getting things done. I think [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c was pretty good about making sure we were handling the Qurans properly. [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c made sure I was holding it correctly and that I set it down correctly. I'm not sure if [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c did that with anyone else, but [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c was pretty vigilant about it. [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c never said any particular book was a Quran, but I assumed the books [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c was correcting me about holding were probably Qurans. I would assume that everyone else knew there were Qurans in the library, but I don't know if they knew what books were Qurans in particular.

At the end of the day, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c mentioned something to the [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c to make sure the books were transported properly because there were Qurans in there. I overheard that conversation, but I don't remember anyone else particularly speaking about Qurans. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c mentioned that [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c brought up some concerns to [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c and it sounded like [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was giving [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c guidance; it focused on the care that had to be taken to physically transport the books. At the end of the last day, it did not seem like the books were being treated as carefully or with as much respect as they were the first day. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c said if a book was falling apart or unusable, to set them aside in the pile. I wasn't sure what types of books were being segregated by the third day. Some of the books were being held together by duct tape and some of the books set aside had water damage. The books on and near the table were stacked with care, even the books on the floor. There was another pile of books near that back of the library that didn't seem to be stacked as carefully as the others, but I assumed that [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)c told them that none of those books were Qurans.

I thought that the books were going to be transported to a storage facility because we were going through the books for CI interest. I assumed they would keep them in case we had to reference

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them later, and I didn't think they would destroy evidence. I did not hear any discussion about books going to the burn pit.

I don't think the ANA saw what we were doing at all but there was no discussion about trying to hide what we were doing from the ANA. I think I heard [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c say something about what we were doing possibly being offensive to the ANA, but I can't recall what conversation I heard that in. There was no discussion about not taking the books to the burn pit so the local nationals wouldn't see them. There were a lot of books set aside, stacked on the table and on the floor next to the door. I saw some books in the stacks that looked very damaged and looked kind of fancy, and I guessed that those particular books might be Qurans. I only put a couple of books on the pile that had duct tape on them and had some kind of wetness that made all the pages stick together; I really don't think those books were Qurans, but I can't be sure.

I had been cautioned before the search not to rip pages out of the books. On the third day, [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c ripped a page out of the book, and we scolded him and told him that he couldn't do that because some of the books might be Qurans. That is the only time I know that a page was ripped out of a book.

I'm not sure if [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c left the library or if [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was in the library at the end of the day.

On the first day, I don't recall any [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c stopping by. I don't know who [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c is, but when provided his description by MG Watson, I don't recall anyone of that description stopping by. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c did stop by, but [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c did not. I didn't hear any discussion about the books going to the burn pit. My partner and I were having a private conversation and it was pretty loud in the library.

[Interview terminated at 0951 hours.]