

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.
ROUTINE USES: Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary.

1. LOCATION: Detainee Internment Facility of Parwan (DIFP)
2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2012/02/22
3. TIME: 1724
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: BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN

9. I, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:
On the 20 February 2012 at approximately 1345, (b)(6), (b)(7)c our civilian Counterintelligence Linguist assigned to DFIP and I arrived at the DFIP library to help assist the TIG CI team. Upon my arrival, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c informed me to look through the books and search for any drawn pictures, writings, loose notebook paper or objects that were in the books. After we would identify the materials, I was notified to have (b)(6), (b)(7)c to analyze the material and determine if it was extremist, Jihadist, or questionable information that could oppose a threat to our security. As soon as those items were identified the loose notebook paper, scrap paper and anything that was not adjoined to any of the books were placed in one of the two brown shred bags. The loose papers that had nothing pertinent on it would be placed in the brown shred bag marked "trash". The pertinent items would be placed in the second shred bag in the library for DOMEX to exploit. Anything that was written in the books would be digitally photo shot by one of our three assigned CI cameras. After the books were digitally photo shot they would be placed in an organized pile by the front door. The library only had one door and approximately 40 percent of the books were placed by it. At approximately 1930, I was told by (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c to take the three cameras and the brown bag that had the pertinent items and walked out the front door. As I stood there by the front door, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c assigned to the TIG CI asked (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c if he needed any help with the books that were stacked near the door. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c that he had plenty of help and that he would handle it from here. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c and I left the area and walked directly to the TIG CI office. At approximately 1940 we arrived at the CI TIG office and dropped off the brown bag and the cameras.

Q. (b)(6), (b)(7)c
A. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c
Q. Did you type the above narrative?
A. Yes.
Q. Who made the determination that the books were inappropriate?
A. The linguists. We would identify books that had writing in the margins, etc, and pass it off to the linguists who would determine if such was inappropriate to be in the detention facility library.
Q. Once the books were identified as inappropriate, what would happen to the books?
A. All the books identified as inappropriate or extremist were placed/stacked by the door.
Q. Did anyone from the TIG-CI remove any of the books?
A. The linguists identified the books and we placed them by the door in an organized fashion. (b)(6), (b)(7)c CI were not part of the removal of the books.
Q. Did you know that any of the books were Qur'ans?
A. I didn't, all I knew is that some were religious books, but I didn't know that they were Qur'ans.
Q. What was your thoughts as to what was going to happen to the books?
A. They were going to be placed into a storage unit.
Q. Did you know that any of the books were going to be destroyed?
A. No.
Q. Do you have any further information you wish to add to this statement?
A. No. ///END OF STATEMENT (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 BE INDICATED.

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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

FIG-CI, DFIP, CSH, BAF

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

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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 1113 hours, BG Watson advised (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c of his UCMJ, Article 31 rights for possible violations of the UCMJ, Article 92, dereliction of duty. At 1115 hours, (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c waived his right to counsel and agreed to make a statement.]

[At 1116 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 (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c battalion as a (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I have worked in that position since (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c. I've been a (b)(6), (b)(7)c since I've been in the military, but I haven't been doing my actual duties. I arrived in Afghanistan in (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c.

Before I came into theatre, I did not receive any cultural training on religious materials. We received basic cultural training on the country and the people. I have never had to handle religious materials for my job or as part of any training.

I am familiar with the search of the library, but my mission was primarily to conduct screenings. I was not in the library during the search on the first day. The only day I went to the library was on the third day of the search, at approximately 1345 hours, on Monday. It was pretty scattered because the search is not my primary mission, but I did hear pieces and parts about what was going on during the search. There was no intent that I was ever going to be part of the search from the start; I was called in at the last minute. I knew the search SOP [standard operating procedure] just from being part of the team. I was not part of the night mission search, nor did the team ever discuss how the search was going. They did bring a burn bag of papers back to the office, so I knew they were finding things. They did not say what they were finding and since the writings were in a different language, I didn't know what anything was. I only knew there were religious materials in the library because the (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c was putting it together. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c would talk about the search in the library and did say that there was extremist material in the library. Collectively, they were saying a lot of the material was radical and extremist in nature. I don't have an opinion on what percentage of the books were being identified as radical or extremist. (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c did say there was a bulk amount of the books, about 20%, that may be books of that nature.

On the third day, I helped with the search and went into the library with (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c went to randomly go through books (b)(6), (b)(7)c I received guidance from my (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c told me to go through the books and pick out materials and show it to the interpreters so they could tell what it was. (b)(6), (b)(7)c was to my right at the table, and (b)(6), (b)(7)c was also going through a stack of books. To my understanding, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was looking for intelligence materials in the books. (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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was all over the library, and predominantly gave an opinion on both the intel value of materials and the radical nature of the books. [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c] didn't give his recommendation for removal of books to anyone in particular; he would just talk out loud. Whenever there was intel, [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c] would take it out and have us take pictures. If the book was extremist, it would go on the table at that time. At 1345 hours, I went in with the intent to just collect intel. The whole separating the books concept came at a later time. I left the library that night around 1930 hours, with the rest of the [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] team. I would say about 1730 hours, the focus shifted from the intel value of the books to the radical nature of the books. I was following what everyone else was doing, so if someone told me to put a book in the stack because it was radical in nature, then I did it. I was just following orders. The focus just became separating the extremist material getting it out of the library. That focus came from the leadership: [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c], [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c] and my first line supervisor, [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c]. I thought that separating the books was part of the plan and that the procedure was already in place when I arrived at the library.

At one point, I did cut a piece of evidence out of a book. [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] chastised me for doing that and corrected me. That's when I came to a direct understanding that a lot of the materials were serious, and we should be careful in handling them.

None of the linguists were visibly upset by the way we were handling the books. There was mention about the fact that some of the books we were handling were religious books. There was a general discussion about where the books would go and that they were putting the books into a storage container. There could have been some discussion about the books going to the burn pit, but the only thing I know for sure that was going to be burned were the items that were specifically placed into burn bags. In my mind, I had high confidence that the books were going to be put into the storage container. There was no reason that we would burn those books. I had no reasonable doubt that the books would ever be burned. They're books; you don't burn books. I don't recall any conversation between [redacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c], [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] or [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] about burning the books; [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] did hand over the keys to [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] who told [redacted (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c] that they had it from here. When I left the library, I had no concern about where the books were going. My only concern was getting the intel material back to the office. At no time was there a concern that the local nationals might see the books being removed from the library.

[Interview terminated at 1142 hours.]