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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2012, 02, 22
3. TIME: 1629
4. FILE NUMBER: 0053-12-CID369-
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c
6. SSN: (b)(6), (b)(7)c
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: 14th Military Intelligence Battalion, Theater Intelligence Group, Combined Joint Inter Agency Task Force 435

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

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 20 February 2012, I participated in a book screening process at the detainee library in the Detention Facility In Parwan which lasted from approximately 1020 to 1930. The purpose of screening the books was to identify and remove radical or extremist propaganda and to search for messages written within the books which may indicate any of the following: Communication between detainee cells; communication from outside the detention facility to detainees; communication from detainees to the outside the detention facility. The books were screened by personnel taking a stack of books from a shelf, flipping through the pages of each book, then returning the books to the same shelf they came from. If writing was found in the book, it was brought to a linguist to translate the writing. If the message written in the book was significant, a picture was taken of the writing and the book was returned to the shelf. If the linguist deemed the message to be of particular importance, the book was set aside in a separate pile for further guidance. If a separate piece of paper containing writing was found in the book, it was taken to a linguist for translation. Any piece of paper with writing was removed from the book and either placed into a burn bag for disposal or into a bag to be further examined by the Document Exploitation team. During the morning, one of the linguists participating the screening process, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c began pointing out books to (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c which were radical versions of the Koran or which advocated Anti-American sentiments. The books that were identified with the above criteria were placed in a pile on the floor. Toward the end of the day, the pile had grown to multiple piles in different locations on the floor and included books that were in the pile to be removed because they were old. There were many very used books which were duct taped together and had a multitude of brand new identical copies. Many of the worn out books were placed in the pile on the floor to be removed regardless of what they contained. I heard (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c speaking to (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c mentioning the books would be gotten rid of. I could not identify which books were Korans or otherwise, but I was aware that Korans which were deemed to be radical were among the books in the piles to be gotten rid of. I did not have an understanding of where the books were to go once they were removed from the library. When the screening process was complete, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c said he would take care of the books that were in the piles on the floor and assured (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c it would be taken care of.

Q. (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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

Q. Did you type the above narrative?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you remove any of the books from the library?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone from TIG-CI remove any of the books?

A. No, we were to identify the books in which were to be removed but we were not part of the removal process. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

10. EXHIBIT
11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c
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Who determined the books were inappropriate?

A. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c the linguist. We would identify books with writing in them and have the linguists look at them and they would determine if they were inappropriate. There were also other books that did not contain writing but were determined by (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c as being radical books.

Q. Why was (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c making this determination?

A. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c asked him to identify which books were radical Islam and (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c had the more cultural knowledge of the books and teachings.

Q. What was your opinion as to what was supposed to happen to the books?

A. I actually had no idea. I didn't know if they were to be stored or gotten rid of. I just know that they were to be taken away from the library so the detainees could not read them.

Q. Were you aware that some of the books were Qur'ans?

A. Yes. I didn't recognize them, but (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c had shown me a radical version of the Qur'an, so I knew some of the books were religious material.

Q. Did you hear any mention of what was going to happen to the books?

A. I heard the word "storage" said, but other than that I have no idea.

Q. Do you have anything further to add to this statement?

A. No. ///END OF STATEMENT///

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AFFIDAVIT

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

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

(Signature)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 2012 at 716-C1 RAE

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

(Signature)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

6443

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

10 USC 936

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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

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4 March 2012, 1235 hours

Interview of

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

[At 1237 hours, BG Watson advised (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c of her UCMJ, Article 31 rights for possible violations of the UCMJ, Article 92, dereliction of duty. At 1239 hours, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c waived her right to counsel and agreed to make a statement.]

[At 1240 hrs, BG Watson administered the oath to (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c]

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

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

I am (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c. I am assigned to the 14th MI [Military Intelligence] battalion, Task Force Viper. I am a counterintelligence special agent, and I have worked in that position for the past six months. I deployed to Afghanistan on 22 October 2011. I work as part of the Theatre Intelligence Group on (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c team.

Prior to deploying, I did not receive any training about how to handle Afghan religious materials. I learned everything I know from linguists here and from other sources since I arrived in theater.

I'm not certain when I was initially told that we would search the library. We had thrown around the idea of searching the Mullah's library for several weeks. We had suspicions about the librarian by the end of January. We read a few spot reports and also hear from different members of the guard force and linguists that the Mullah was not a good guy and may be passing notes to the detainees and outside the detention facility. We knew it would be difficult to search the library because we knew we couldn't touch his books. I had never been in the library, but I heard that maybe the guard force had done a search of the library before I arrived in theater. The search was scheduled at one time, but it was cancelled because we were trying to work around the Mullah's schedule so he wouldn't know we had conducted the search. He changed his schedule on a couple of occasions, and he came into work, so we ended up not conducting the search at those times. I'm not sure when the date of the search was actually decided because I was not part of the planning for the search. I knew that the plan had changed to make the search more overt and not try to hide it from the Mullah. I was not part of any discussion or the rehearsals as they prepared the op[eration]. On the last day, they decided they really needed to get things done, and they turned to a surge type of thing. They decided they needed more people, so they ended up briefing me up real quick on what they were looking for and that's how I ended up searching the library on Monday.

I did not participate in the search of the library on Saturday, 18 February.

Sunday was my down day, so I didn't really hear about anything happening.

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In the office, there wasn't really any talk about how the search was going, but I did hear a conversation in the office about how slow the search went on the first day and that they were only able to search a couple of shelves.

I wasn't there when they opened up the library on Monday. I arrived at about 1015 hours, and there were already people in there to include (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c a linguist named (b)(6), (b)(7)c and that's all I remember being there in the morning. I can confirm that (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c came into the library right behind me. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c arrived later in the morning after I was already there. Yousafi was not there when I arrived in the morning. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c arrived at the library sometime after 1300 hours.

When I arrived, I was told where they left off the previous day. Take a stack of books down and look for writing. If there was writing in the books, take a picture of it and show it to the linguist. If I found any notes, I should also bring them to the linguist. There were two bags, one for trash and one to keep for intel. We were told which bag to put the item in. If there was a lot of writing in the books, I should set it aside for a linguist to go through page-by-page and determine what to do with it.

I left around 1200 hours for lunch and when I came back, (b)(6), (b)(7)c and another linguist, (b)(6), (b)(7)c were there. Pretty much the whole CI [counter intelligence] team was in there to include (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c and some Task Force Tarheel people. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c came in and out, and there were also some people there that I was not familiar with. At that time, we were still going through books and some books were still being set aside to determine what should be done with them. (b)(6), (b)(7)c was giving them guidance on which books were not appropriate for detainees. When I asked for clarification, he said some of the books were radical and preached jihad, some had been re-written by the Taliban, and some were not appropriate for detainees.

The books were about half-searched by then and most people were still conducting the search and taking photos. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c were on their own to pull out books that were radical or inappropriate. The other two linguists, (b)(6), (b)(7)c were still interpreting notes that the rest of us were finding in books, and we were finding a lot of notes at that point.

(b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c then started at the beginning of the library books and went to the books that had already been searched to pull them out and determine if they were radical and should be removed. (b)(6), (b)(7)c were mostly interpreting the notes that we would find in the books. (b)(6), (b)(7)c at this point is really separating the books for removal, but I don't know what his criteria were to remove the books.

I did not notice any of the linguists getting upset or emotional about the books being removed from the shelves. At one point, (b)(6), (b)(7)c did ask (b)(6), (b)(7)c why certain books were being removed, but (b)(6), (b)(7)c explained why and that was the end of the discussion. Everyone was just pretty much continuing to work and search. I didn't seem like people were worn out, but people were complaining about how dusty the air in the room was, so they would step outside for some fresh air. Everyone just seemed like they had a job to do, and we were there doing it. By the late

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afternoon, I would estimate that at least 100-200 books were stacked in the front and back of the room.

There were books on the floor that I know were going to be disposed of because they were old and falling apart. A lot of those ended up on the floor to be gotten rid of, but I don't remember any discussion about how they would be disposed of. Books that were separated in an intel pile, I understood were going to be kept for exploitation at a later date. I did not hear anything about the books going to the burn pit. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c did tell (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c that the books needed to go into storage, and (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c told him that it would be taken care of. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c said he would get hand carts to move the books. Before (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c left, he told (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c to get the books into storage and gave a key to (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c. The books were being placed on a cart as we were leaving the library. It didn't seem like (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c had a plan on what he was going to do with the books, he just kept saying, "we got it, we'll take care of it" and it seemed like he was telling (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c not worry about it qbe that he would take care of it. He didn't really say exactly was going to happen to the books. I left the library sometime after 1900 hours.

I believe that pretty much everyone in the room should have known that there were, at the very least, Qurans in there. I wasn't privy to any conversation from the linguists about how we should handle the books. I remember someone saying that we should be careful because there were ANA [Afghanistan National Army] standing outside. We believed that the ANA were supporters of the Mullah, and they would likely tell the Mullah what was happening.

To summarize, there were suspicions about the librarian facilitating communication between detainees inside and outside the DFIP. Initially, I was not tasked as part of the search team for the library. The purpose of the search was to find communications between detainees inside and outside of the detention facility. The original intent of the search was not to segregate and remove books from the library. The original intent of the search was not to remove radical material. I was not present in the library on the first or second day of the search. Of the three linguists present on the third day of the search, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was focused on intel collection from the books, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was not focused on whether or not books were radical. Early in the afternoon, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was evenly focused on intel collection from the books and characterizing the books as radical. In the afternoon, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was mostly focused on the characterizing the books, (b)(6), (b)(7)c was mostly focused on the intel value of the books. The decision to focus on the radical nature of the books came from (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c for the most part. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c reviewed books that were already searched for the purpose of pulling books that were radical or extremist. The belief of the team was that the books were going to go into storage. The belief of the team was not that books were going to be destroyed by burning. A reasonable person conducting a search in that library would have known there were religious books. The team believed that one of the reasons the books were being used to facilitate communication was because they were religious in nature and not normally searchable by non-Muslims. I knew of no plan to expedite the books to the burn pit. There was no attempt to hide this operation from the ANA.

[Interview terminated at 1322 hours.]